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**Subject:** Letter of Support – Effingham County SS4A Implementation Grant Application

The Honorable Secretary of Transportation Sean Duffy  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
W84-22  
Washington, DC 20590

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Dear Secretary,

I encourage full and fair consideration of the application submitted by Effingham County, Georgia for the US Department of Transportation Safe Streets and Roads for All Implementation Grants. This funding opportunity will allow for the advancement of safety countermeasure projects along the Blue Jay Road/Blandford Road corridor, that was identified by the Safety Action Plan adopted by the Effingham County Board of Commissioners on August 6, 2024. The Safety Action Plan identified 11 priority corridors and six priority intersections with multiple projects on each aimed at addressing some of the most dangerous roadways in our community. Among these corridors, Blue Jay Road/Blandford Road stands out as a critical focus area due to its high incidence of severe crashes and designation as a High Injury Network. The County is applying for an Implementation Grant to advance multiple projects along the Blue Jay Road/Blandford Road corridor that address safety through infrastructural and operational strategies.

As the Chairman for Effingham County, I have witnessed firsthand the growing safety concerns along the Blue Jay Road/Blandford Road corridor, including limited pedestrian and bicycle access, traffic congestion, and accident rates that far exceed acceptable levels. The proposed multimodal improvements will not only enhance safety for all users, but also support responsible growth and improve overall mobility in our area. I see firsthand how these projects will allow Effingham County to achieve their commitment to substantially reducing fatal and serious injury crashes in the county.

Therefore, I humbly ask you to favorably consider Effingham County's request.

With deepest respect,

Damon Rahn  
Chairman, Effingham County  
Board of Commissioners