

## Staff Report

**Subject:** Approval of Grant Support Letter – Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant

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**Department:** Procurement, Engineering

**Meeting Date:** May 5, 2026

**Item Description:** Consideration to approve a Letter of Support for Effingham County's application to the U.S. Department of Transportation Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant Program.

**Summary Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of the Grant Support Letter for submission with Effingham County's SS4A Implementation Grant application.

### **Executive Summary / Background:**

Effingham County is preparing an application for the U.S. Department of Transportation Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant Program. This grant funding would support the advancement of safety improvement projects along the Blue Jay Road/Blandford Road corridor.

The Blue Jay Road/Blandford Road corridor was identified as a priority location in the County's Safety Action Plan, which was adopted by the Board of Commissioners on August 6, 2024. The plan identified multiple high-priority corridors and intersections requiring safety improvements, with this corridor recognized as part of the County's High Injury Network due to a history of severe crashes.

The proposed project includes multimodal safety improvements designed to address traffic congestion, reduce crash rates, and improve conditions for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists.

Approval of this support letter demonstrates the County's commitment to improving roadway safety and strengthens the overall grant application.

### **Alternatives for Commission to Consider:**

1. Approve the Grant Support Letter
2. Do not approve
3. Provide staff with direction

**Recommended Alternative:** 1

**Other Alternatives:** 2, 3

**Department Review:** Procurement, Engineering

**Funding Source:** N/A

**Attachments:** SS4A Grant Support Letter