

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY SAFE STREETS AND ROADS

FOR ALL (SS4A) SAFETY ACTION PLAN

Resolution# 024-026

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation, United States Department of Transportation, is authorized to make grants for transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, also referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, authorized and appropriated \$1 billion to be awarded by the United States Department of Transportation for federal fiscal year 2022 for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program with funds granted to the Effingham for the development of its first Comprehensive Safety Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, funds for the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program were awarded for development of a Comprehensive Action Plan to support planning, infrastructure, behavioral, and operational initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets involving all roadway users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and commercial vehicle operators; and

WHEREAS, traffic crashes on the roads in the Effingham County cause tremendous pain and suffering for crash victims, for their families, friends, and colleagues, and for the emergency services personnel who respond to crashes; and

WHEREAS, traffic crashes also carry massive economic and social impacts beyond the traumatic initial events; and

WHEREAS, crashes resulting in death or serious injury are not a foregone conclusion, and by understanding, how, why, where, and to whom they happen the region can make design and policy decisions that help drive down the numbers of these terrible events; and

WHEREAS, Georgia's Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) is a data-driven, performance-based document provides direction and focus to the programs and projects that will provide a transportation system for residents and visitors to arrive safely at their destinations; and

WHEREAS, the GDOT SHSP's is supported on the national level by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO), Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA), and other national organizations; and

WHEREAS, the GDOT SHSP's mission will be fulfilled through a collaborative, data-driven, multimodal and Safe System approach that incorporates actions from the four Es of road safety—Enforcement, Education, Engineering, and Emergency Response and Medical Services to achieve safe travel for Everyone; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Effingham County Board of Commissioners as follows:

That it hereby adopts the Effingham County Safety Action Plan as attached and recommends consideration of funding applications to the US Department of Transportation and Georgia

Department of Transportation for the jurisdictional and regional implementation of the recommended improvements.

That the County Manager is authorized to transmit the plan to the Federal Highway Administration.

RESOLVED, this _____ day of August, 2024.



Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia

By: _____

Wesley M. Corbitt
Its: Chairman at Large

ATTEST:

Stephanie Johnson

County

Clerk