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January 16, 2026

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Keith R. Sydnor
Council President Bencis D. Smith
Laurel City Councilmembers

FROM: Timothy H. Miller, Director, Department of Public Works

SUBJ: Approval Request – City of Laurel Comprehensive Safety Action Plan through SS4A (Safe Streets for All) Federal Grant Program

The City of Laurel has executed a \$451,200.00 Federal Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant agreement to develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, a critical milestone in its commitment to the Vision Zero initiative. This data-driven roadmap shifts the city's focus toward a "Safe System Approach", which proactively designs streets to account for human error and protect vulnerable road users like pedestrians and cyclists. By using these funds to identify high-injury corridors and engage the community in safety planning, Laurel is not only working to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries but also fulfilling the federal requirement to unlock much larger "Implementation Grants" for future physical infrastructure upgrades.

Project Scope:

The City of Laurel will develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan focused on conducting detailed safety assessments and providing actionable recommendations for seven key roadways to eliminate serious injuries and fatalities. Managed by a dedicated Action Plan Committee, this initiative will integrate rigorous safety analyses and Road Safety Audits incorporating data on traffic patterns, infrastructure conditions, and multi-modal operations with robust stakeholder and public engagement. The project encompasses a thorough review of existing policy frameworks, the development of strategic safety concepts, and a comprehensive Equity Impact Assessment to ensure recommendations align with local demographics and development trends. Ultimately, the process will conclude in a finalized Action Plan featuring prioritized project schedules, cost estimates for implementation and monitoring, and a formal presentation of findings to City leadership.

The Department of Public Works has requested a formal pricing proposal from Century Engineering LLC, an on-call consulting firm for the City. The scope of work



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involves developing a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan focused on seven major corridors: Main Street, Cherry Lane, 8th Street, 4th Street, Ashford Boulevard, Prince George Street, and Van Dusen Road. This project will be executed in accordance with the specifications of the awarded grant.

Bidding Results:

The Engineering bidding result that City received is as follows:

Century Engineering, LLC.	\$563,915.00
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Recommendation:

It is recommended that the project be awarded to **Century Engineering, LLC.**, for the total amount of **\$563,915.00**. This recommendation is based on the strength of their proposal and their proven track record with the City. Century Engineering, LLC, has successfully delivered multiple similar Traffic Study Tasks for the City in the past, consistently meeting performance standards and completing work at no additional charge.

Funding:

Funding for this project is available through the amended FY2026 Capital Improvement Program – Safety Action Plan: Federal SS4A Grant (\$451,200.00), and City's grant match funding (\$112,800.00).

Should you have any questions or desire further information, please contact Timothy H. Miller at (301) 725-0088, Extension 3206.

Reviewed:

Michele Saylor

S. Michele Saylor, Director
Department of Budget and Personnel Services

1/20/2026

Date

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