

***THIS IS A PROPOSED DRAFT AND WILL BE REPLACED BY THE FINAL, SIGNED
ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL***

AN ORDINANCE

**AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A \$20,000,000.00 UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (USDOT) SAFE STREETS FOR
ALL (SS4A) GRANT TO DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT A COMPLETE
STREET CORRIDOR BETWEEN MALONE AVENUE. AND
CULBERSON AVENUE, REQUIRING A CITY MATCH OF 20% OR
\$4,000,000.00. FUNDING FOR THE LOCAL MATCH IS AVAILABLE IN
THE RESILIENCY, ENERGY, EFFICIENCY, AND SUSTAINABILITY
FUND FY 2023 ADOPTED BUDGET**

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WHEREAS, Safe Streets for All (SS4A) is a competitive, discretionary grant program open to Metropolitan Planning Organizations, counties, cities, towns, and other special districts that are subdivisions of State or federally recognized Tribal governments, to improve roadway safety for all users. The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) was released on March 30, 2023, and applications are due by July 10, 2023. Funding will be sent directly to the awarded recipients. This program will support the USDOT's National Roadway Safety Strategy vision toward zero deaths and serious injuries initiative; and

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2022, as part of the Transportation Department's Vision Zero Action Plan and Severe Pedestrian/Bicycle Injury (SPIA/SBIA) reports, staff identified several corridors where high volumes of crashes have occurred, and safety measures are needed. One of these corridors is Zarzamora. On February 1, 2023, the City of San Antonio received \$4.4 Million to fund the design and construction of eight (8) Vision Zero mid-block crossings along this street and launch an education and safety campaign for the area. To continue with the implementation of safety improvements along this corridor, the Office of Sustainability and the Parks and Recreation Department have collaborated to submit a grant application for a critical segment on this corridor that has seen in the past three years at least 47 recorded crashes per the Texas Department of Transportation Crash Report Information System (CRIS), between Malone and Culberson Ave. These safety improvements will encourage cyclists and pedestrians to access public spaces such as the Normoyle Park and its amenities. The requested funding is for \$20 million with a 20% match from the recipient; and

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WHEREAS, the cost estimate for these safety improvements is \$20 million of which the grant recipient will have to contribute 20% of the funding, \$4 million. The Office of Sustainability and the Parks and Recreation Department will utilize an on-call consultant to perform services required for a successful grant application. If funding is awarded the Public Works Department will be the lead in designing and constructing the proposed improvements; and

WHEREAS, the first program is an Airport Energy Master Plan for the San Antonio International Airport that will provide a roadmap for efficient, low carbon, and resilient energy use and that will be critical for future Airport Master Plans. The second program is a Multi-Family EV Charging Incentive Program where incentives will be provided to owners of multi-family housing to install publicly accessible charging infrastructure for their tenants. Most EV owners charge overnight and providing access to EV charging is a critical step to ensure that residents of multi-family residences aren't left out of the EV transition due to a lack of a garage or the ability to install a personal charger. Finally, the third program is a Low-Income E-bike Rebate Pilot Program that is modeled after Denver's successful E-Bike Rebate Program. In collaboration with local bike shops, this program will provide an incentive to income qualified residents to purchase an E-bike that will not only support carbon free mobility, but also provide support to low-income residents who may not have access to a vehicle. This is particularly important as based on a 2019 CoSA Status of Poverty Report, while 9.1% of all residents in San Antonio do not have a vehicle, that figure rises to 10.2% for Hispanics and 16.6% for black or African American; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance authorizes the Office of Sustainability to submit, and if granted accept, a \$20,000,000 United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant to design and construct a complete street corridor between Malone Avenue. and Culberson Avenue. The proposed project requires a \$4,000,000.00 local match to secure \$20,000,000.00 in grant funding. Funding for the local match is available in the Resiliency, Energy, Efficiency, and Sustainability Fund FY 2023 Adopted Budget; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Manager or designee, or the Director of the Office of Sustainability or designee is hereby authorized to apply for and accept grant funds upon award in the amount up to \$20,000,000.00 from the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant to design and construct a complete street corridor between Malone Avenue and Culberson Avenue, and authorizing a Resiliency, Energy, Efficiency, and Sustainability (REES) Fund contribution of 20% or \$4,000,000.00 for the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

SECTION 2. The City Manager or designee, or the Director of the Office of Sustainability or designee, or the Director of Public Works or designee, or the Director of Parks and Recreation or

designee is further authorized to execute any and all necessary documents to effectuate said application and acceptance.

SECTION 3. Upon acceptance of this award, a new fund and internal order number will be created, upon which the award amount up to \$20,000,000.00 will be appropriated from the USDOT, is hereby authorized. The proposed budget, including a REES Fund cash matching contribution of 20% or \$4,000,000.00 is approved and attached hereto as **Attachment I**. A formal budget will be submitted by the department upon receipt.

SECTION 4. The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, City of San Antonio. The Deputy Chief Financial Officer may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific SAP Fund Numbers, SAP Project Definitions, SAP WBS Elements, SAP Internal Orders, SAP Fund Centers, SAP Cost Centers, SAP Functional Areas, SAP Funds Reservation Document Numbers, and SAP GL Accounts as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage by eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it shall be effective on the tenth day after passage hereof.

PASSED and APPROVED this 22nd day of June 2023.

M A Y O R
RON NIRENBERG

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney