

## FLORIDA'S SPACE COAST

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MEMORANDUM

- TO: Frank Abbate, County Manager
- RE: Item J.1., Letter of Support City of Palm Bay's Application for the Safe Streets and Roads for all (SS4A) Implementation Grant

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on April 23, 2024, authorized the Chair to execute a Letter of support to the Office of the Secretary of Transportation for City of Palm Bay's application for the SS4A Implementation Grant for the Emerson Drive Sidewalk and Lightning Improvement Project being a crucial initiative that aligns with our shared commitment to ensuring the safety of all road users in Brevard County. Enclosed is a copy of the Letter.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RACHEL M. SADOFF. CLERK

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cc: Each Commissioner

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April 23, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Office of the Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am pleased to express my full support for the City of Palm Bay's application for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant. The Emerson Drive Sidewalk and Lighting Improvement Project is a crucial initiative that aligns with our shared commitment to ensuring the safety of all road users in Brevard County.

The need for such enhancements along Emerson Drive cannot be overstated. With a reported 174 crashes, including eight resulting in serious injury, it is evident that decisive action is necessary to prevent further damage and tragedy from impacting those traveling along this corridor.

I commend the City of Palm Bay for their proactive approach in seeking funding for this vital project. By installing concrete sidewalks, improving lighting, implementing speed management techniques, and enhancing transit stops, we are taking significant strides towards creating safer roadways for all Brevard County road users, whether in cars, on motorcycles, or biking and walking.

As your District 5 County Commissioner and Chair, I am proud to stand alongside the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization and the City of Palm Bay as partners in advancing this critical safety initiative. Together, we are working tirelessly to improve the lives of our constituents and ensure that every journey along our roadways is a safe one.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration for the Emerson Drive Project

Respectfully,

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Jason Steele, Chair Brevard County Board of County Commissioners