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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington DC, 20590

RE: MetroPlan Flagstaff Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Action Planning Grant

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The City of Flagstaff would like to offer strong support for the Vulnerable Roadway Users Safety Action Plan. This planning project will address our most vulnerable road users and will result in both future infrastructure projects and programs that can reduce or eliminate serious injuries and fatalities in our region and within the City of Flagstaff.

This planning project will address matters for all road users and will result in both future infrastructure projects and programs that can improve safety in our region and within the City of Flagstaff.

MetroPlan and its partner agencies are in a strong position to lead in both safety and equity. The data shows that we need to do more for all road users, particularly, our pedestrians and bicyclists who generally have a significantly higher rate of exposure to safety issues on roadways. Additionally, this planning project addresses equity issues by providing a foundation for prioritizing pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements for our most vulnerable and underserved community members.

We support MetroPlan's SS4A application as it will enhance and benefit our community by enacting policies and standards that ensure safe and adequate accommodations for all road users. This plan also compliments the City of Flagstaff's Regional Strategic Transportation Safety Plan, Carbon Neutrality Plan, and our Active Transportation Plan. This is a win win situation for us all if the application was to be approved.

Please note that the MetroPlan region is a significant recreational and tourism community that sees nearly 5.5 million visitors annually. The safety and equity benefits of this planning project will be far-reaching beyond our community. The City of Flagstaff sincerely hopes you see the multiple benefits of providing federal funding for this planning project. Thank you for your time, attention, and consideration.

Sincerely,

Greg Clifton
City Manager