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To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Acceptance of a Grant from the New York State Department of Transportation for the Monroe County Safe Routes to School Project

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the New York State Department of Transportation in the amount of \$679,511 for the Monroe County Safe Routes to School Project.

This project will create an interactive mobile village for engaging K-12 education about traffic safety and maximizing the impact by providing school incentives for collaboration on Safe Routes to Schools. When set up from a portable storage trailer, this mobile traffic safety village will be a miniature replication of a city and include features such as miniature roadway traffic signs, miniature working traffic lights, marked roadways, and playhouse sized community buildings. Children will be able to explore this city as pedestrians and/or drivers using peddle karts, trikes, and bikes. Outside of schools, funding will advance remote monitoring of school flashers, create training for crossing guards, develop an interactive map of crossing guard locations, and implement high visibility engagement campaigns to highlight this work and contributing factors for hindering student safety. All project work is being completed in collaboration with the Monroe County Department of Public Safety, Monroe County Department of Transportation, and the Monroe County Department of Planning and Development. The current total project estimate is \$849,389.

This grant provides 80% reimbursement for eligible expenses in support of the project. This is the first year the County has received this grant.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$679,511 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Department of Transportation for the Monroe County Safe Routes to School Project.
2. Amend the 2024 operating budget of the Department of Public Safety by appropriating the sum of \$679,511, into general fund 9300, funds center 2405101000, School Bus Safety.

3. Authorize the County Executive to appropriate any subsequent years of the grant award in accordance with the grant terms, to reappropriate any unencumbered balances during the grant period according to the grantor requirements, to make any necessary funding modifications within the grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments, and to enter into any amendments to extend the time period of the grant.
4. Should funding of this program be modified or terminated for any reason, the County Executive is hereby authorized to terminate or modify the program and, where applicable, to terminate or abolish some or all positions funded under such program. Any termination or abolishment of positions shall be in accordance with New York State Civil Service Law and, when applicable, the terms of any labor agreement affecting such positions

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(31) ("purchase or sale of furnishings, equipment or supplies, including surplus government property, other than the following: land, radioactive material, pesticides, herbicides, or other hazardous materials") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

This grant requires a 20% local match. Partial match funding is included in the 2024 operating budget of the Department of Public Safety, general fund 9001, funds center 2405101000, School Bus Safety. The remaining match will be met through in-kind services from the Departments of Planning & Development, Public Safety, and Transportation. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,


Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive