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**MAIN
STREETS**
to
**SAFE
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Appendix K: Letters of Commitment and Support

Submitted by
Indian Nations Council of Governments
in partnership with the Oklahoma cities of
Bixby, Bristow, Claremore, Collinsville, Sapulpa, and Skiatook



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June 23, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Re: Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant application for INCOG- From Main Streets to Safe Streets

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Indian Nations Council of Governments (INCOG), the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Tulsa area, is pleased to submit this application for the multi-jurisdictional Safe Streets for All grant: **From Main Streets to Safe Streets**. The INCOG Local Road Safety Action Plan determined that creating safe streets involves systemwide implementation of appropriate bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, ADA ramps, and continental crosswalks to fully protect our region's non-motorized road users. The wide stakeholder involvement and the cooperation from the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and technical resources of the Federal Highway Administration reinforced the methodology as the effective means to achieve the targets adopted by INCOG.

INCOG Board has set the target to reduce fatalities and serious injuries by 25% within the region by the year 2030, while recognizing the need for a Vision Zero for serious injuries and fatalities. This application is a step towards assisting rural and suburban communities to implement a comprehensive, coordinated approach to mitigate vulnerable road user crashes with a thorough data driven strategy.

INCOG, as the MPO leading the application for the implementation grant, has partnered with the Cities of Bixby, Bristow, Claremore, Collinsville, Sapulpa, and Skiatook for a combined investment of \$15 million, with \$12 million in Safe Streets for All funds plus the required 20% non-federal funds of \$3 million. Such a regional approach allows for rural and suburban communities that have never been able to apply for a USDOT discretionary grant in the past due to a lack of resources the opportunity to create long-term successful transportation projects for their residents.

Implementing our regional safety plan is a high priority for INCOG, and the project is ready for implementation based on utilizing wide ranging and long-standing MUTCD approved measures as well as FHWA developed crash reduction strategies. The federal support for this multi-jurisdictional project of local and regional significance will affirm a shared commitment to raising safety benchmarks for all communities through partnerships. We believe the project application makes a strong case for

improving safety for all with inclusive measures to provide equity, sustainable, and affordable active transportation options for all users. INCOG is also committed to include the project within the FFY 2024-27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) when funding is secured.

We appreciate your consideration of INCOG's ***From Main Streets to Safe Streets*** SS4A grant application. Should you have questions regarding this project, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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Rich Brierre

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June 30, 2023

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RE: Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Application for INCOG -
"From Main Streets to Safe Streets" Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

As the City Manager of the City of Bixby, OK, with a population of 28,609, it is disheartening to learn of crashes that occur on our city streets, resulting in numerous injuries and fatalities. Over the five-year period 2017-2021, there were a total of 1,659 crashes within the City of Bixby. Of those, 7 of the crashes involved people walking and riding bicycles.

The City of Bixby has implemented walkable community principles along our Main Street and has converted an old automobile bridge across the Arkansas River into a pedestrian and bicycle only bridge. While these efforts contribute to reducing crashes, the overall task of reducing fatalities and serious injuries remains a tall order. Hence the City of Bixby partnered with the Indian Nations Council of Governments (INCOG), the regional metropolitan planning organization, to make a difference by implementing high impact crash reduction measures such as pedestrian hybrid beacons, 8' sidepaths, signage, and crosswalks.

The City of Bixby has a leadership role with INCOG and advocates for a regional vision with regards to creating a transportation system that is safe for all modes of transportation. Bixby is a member of INCOG's Board of Directors, and last year, we voted to approve the Regional Local and Rural Road Safety Plan (LRSP) that included all of Tulsa County, where Bixby is located. The LRSP document identified strategies that are based on Crash Reduction Factors and pinpointed several types of treatments to reduce injuries and fatalities.

Bixby will commit to providing \$500,000 in local matching funds to implement countermeasures to decrease crashes and fatalities of vulnerable road users and retrofit a public right-of-way that is meant for all ages and abilities.



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We look forward to partnering with USDOT on this project of local and regional significance.

Best regards,

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Jared Cottle

City Manager, City of Bixby, OK

June 14, 2023

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RE: Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant application for INCOG – From Main Streets to Safe Streets

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

When I was elected Mayor of Bristow, Oklahoma this past February, my goal was to continue leading transformative community projects as I previously accomplished as a City Councilor. The Safe Streets for All- From Main Streets to Safe Streets application is just such a project.

We are excited to join the Indian Nations Council of Governments (INCOG), which serves as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Tulsa urban area, as a regional partner. Bristow is a small town in rural Creek County with a population of 4,248. Like many rural communities, we do not have the resources to prepare a USDOT grant nor the ability to administer the grant. Creek County partnered with INCOG to create the Regional Local and Rural Road Safety Plan (LRSP) that was developed based on crash data for the years 2010-2020 and refined for the years 2016-20 that analyzed crashes involving fatalities and serious injuries. The document's heat map for KABC crashes in Creek County shows Bristow is the city within Creek County with the second most crashes.

The City of Bristow would like to create safe routes for vulnerable road users by constructing a sidewalk with ADA ramps that connect our downtown on Historic Route 66 to our hospital, our three schools, and athletic facilities. We are particularly excited about joining other communities round the country in making Historic Route 66 bicycle friendly. Currently, most of Bristow consists of sidewalk gaps or broken non-ADA sidewalks, crosswalks, and signage. The City of Bristow will provide \$500,000 in local matching funds for this essential safety project.

We look forward to partnering with USDOT and INCOG on this project of local and regional significance.

Best regards,


Kris Wyatt
City of Bristow, Mayor



July 7, 2023

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RE: Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant application for INCOG - "From Main Streets to Safe Streets" Safety Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

In 2019, the Claremore City Council unanimously approved a Complete Streets Resolution. In fact, we are one of the few jurisdictions within the Tulsa TMA that has adopted a Complete Streets policy. It was and still is important to our city to ensure that everyone, no matter their mode of transportation, be able to arrive back home safely to their families.

Our Claremore 2040 plan, adopted the same year as the Complete Streets Resolution, emphasizes the implementation of sidewalks and ongoing filling in of sidewalk gaps for areas with the most significant pedestrian activity. Despite these improvements to our transportation system, there are still crashes and fatalities for both vulnerable road users and people in automobiles. Even one loss of life on our public streets is unacceptable. This is why we are fully committed to implementing our common vision, the Indian Nations Council of Governments (INCOG) adopted Local Road Safety Plan.

The City of Claremore will commit to a local match of **\$500,000** to the SS4A grant to implement the plan. FHWA countermeasures we intend to employ include sidepaths, sidewalks, bike lanes, and updated continental crosswalks to help people with disabilities navigate safely across our streets.

Please accept this letter of support and financial commitment from the City of Claremore. As mayor, I look forward to collaborating with INCOG and our regional neighbors to implement From Main Streets to Safe Streets.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John W. Feary".

John Feary
City Manager
City of Claremore, OK

Collinsville

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June 27, 2023

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RE: Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Application for INCOG - "From Main Streets to Safe Streets" Safety Project

Dear Secretary, Buttigieg:

The City of Collinsville is pleased to be a partner with the Indian Nations Council of Governments (INCOG) for the SS4A **From Main Streets to Safe Streets** safety project. Our city is close to adopting an updated comprehensive plan. We had much input from the public and engaged targeted groups such as school-age residents. There was much public support to make Collinsville safer for modes of transportation other than single-occupancy vehicles. Our plan highlights that Collinsville is a part of INCOG's GO Plan, the Tulsa Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, and we are committed to creating safe streets for all.

Between 2017-2021, there were a total of 398 crashes. This number may seem low, but we are a rural city with a population of 7,881. Collinsville takes these crashes seriously, and we have already made improvements within our downtown by upgrading sidewalks with ADA ramps from our middle school to the library and Main Street.

The City of Collinsville proposes using SS4A funds to continue the work we have started for the safety of vulnerable road users by filling in sidewalk gaps and widening existing sidewalks that will make walking and riding a bicycle more comfortable and safer throughout the city. We will commit **\$500,000** in local funds to INCOG's From Main Streets to Safe Streets safety project.

We urge USDOT to partner with INCOG and help create safer roads for our rural community.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Shafer, Mayor



City of Collinsville, OK



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RE: Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant application for INCOG - "From Main Streets to Safe Streets" Safety Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The City of Sapulpa is undergoing a renaissance in our great city. Specifically, our Main Street hosted a "Christmas Chute" this past holiday season and brought in thousands of regional, national, and international visitors that were traveling along Historic Route 66. The Christmas Chute turned our Main Street into a pedestrian only area and proved that when public right-of-way is created for pedestrians, it can create better connectivity, safety, and economic development.

With this momentum, Sapulpa has gathered public support to design safer connections for vulnerable road users from neighborhoods to schools, parks, and our Downtown by implementing safe system elements as described in the Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP). These elements include implementing sidewalks, lighting infrastructure improvements, ADA ramps, and improved road geometry. We are particularly excited about building on previous successes by reimagining four alleys in our downtown by converting them from spaces for utilities and trash to places for people that will make it more convenient for people to move between apartments, shops, and off-street parking.

Recognizing the need for systemwide implementation, **the City of Sapulpa commits to providing \$500,000 in local matching funds.** Our city is the County Seat of Creek County, and our County Board of Commissioners were involved with the LRSP. We will work with both the county and INCOG to ensure the SS4A safety projects are implemented in a methodical manner to ensure the highest crash and fatality reduction for vulnerable road users.

The City of Sapulpa appreciates the opportunity to partner with INCOG and five other regional cities to submit "From Main Streets to Safe Streets" SS4A grant application.

Respectfully,

Craig Henderson
Mayor, City of Sapulpa





June 27, 2023

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RE: Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Application for INCOG - "From Main Streets to Safe Streets"
Safety Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The City of Skiatook straddles both Osage and Tulsa Counties. When reviewing the results of the KABC relative crash density map for Osage County, as part of INCOG's LRSP plan, it was not surprising to see Skiatook's Main Street and surrounding neighborhoods as one of the densest locations in Osage County.

We appreciate INCOG's leadership for both the LRSP and the SS4A grant **From Main Streets to Safe Streets**. We have contracted with ODOT in the past on small Transportation Alternative projects, but because we are a small town, our resources are not as expansive as bigger cities. Thus, we are thrilled to be a part of this USDOT discretionary grant.

Knowing that 33% of our residents live in either a zero or one car household, and most residents live within a mile from parks, schools, libraries, and our Main Street, **the City of Skiatook commits to provide \$500,000 in local matching funds to build 6-foot sidewalks, provide Safe Routes to Schools and Parks, implement Complete Streets, ADA ramps, and signage.** These countermeasures will increase the safety of vulnerable road users and will reduce fatalities and serious injuries by 25% within the region by 2030 as detailed in the LRSP.

Thank you for your consideration of the application.

Brad White
City Manager
City of Skiatook, OK.



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July 5, 2023

Honorable Pete Buttigieg
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) is pleased to send this letter in support of the application by the Indian Nations Council of Governments (INCOG) for the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) project: **From Main Streets to Safe Streets**. We are confident INCOG has the capacity and foresight to manage this project from beginning to end in a timely and efficient manner.

The core focus of this project is to reduce vulnerable road user crashes on and near Main Streets. INCOG's focus is to implement methodical applications of systemwide improvements that include sidewalks, bike lanes, traffic signals, ADA ramps, and continental crosswalks.

The INCOG - Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) identified areas within Creek, Tulsa, and Rogers Counties that are high crash locations located in both rural settings and smaller cities of INCOG's Transportation Management Area. This implementation project specifically targets the most vulnerable road users of our systems. The exciting part of this application is that six municipalities that have active Main Streets are participating in this.

ODOT with its experience related to environmental reviews and traffic systems implementation, will commit to provide support in the form of completing the environmental review for the project to enable INCOG and its partners to complete the project in a timely manner. ODOT fully supports the cities of Collinsville and Sapulpa for implementation of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure on State Hwy 20 and Historic Route 66 respectively.

We look forward to supporting INCOG and USDOT on this SS4A grant implementation. Should you have any questions regarding this letter of support, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Tim J. Gatz
Secretary of Transportation
Executive Director



July 5, 2023

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**RE: Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Application for INCOG
“From Main Streets to Safe Streets” Project**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The City of Tulsa is in support of the referenced application by the City of Bixby.

We understand the City of Bixby has an opportunity to gain financial assistance for high impact, crash reduction measures such as pedestrian hybrid beacons, 8' sidepath(s), signage, and crosswalks. A project component in their application includes multi-modal transportation improvements to connect to existing multi-modal trail in the City of Tulsa. This sidepath corridor will link together a regional trail system that serves the region.

While the City of Bixby is providing the matching funds for this project, the City of Tulsa is committed to work in cooperation with the City of Bixby.

Best regards:

CITY OF TULSA

Paul D. Zachary, PE
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CREEK COUNTY

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Re: Support for Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

Secretary Buttigieg:

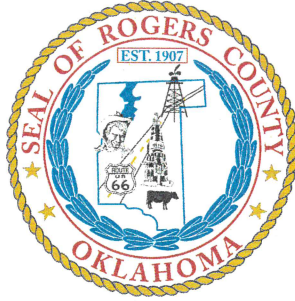
Creek County is a member of INCOG, and we share the regional goal to reduce serious injuries and fatalities in Creek County by 25% by the year 2030. This is why we agreed to be a part of INCOG's Regional Local Road Safety Plan. Sadly, the LRSP shows fatal and serious injury crashes in Creek County trending up since 2015.

Even though the Board of County Commissioners is responsible for the county roads, we support the safety of all roads within Creek County, even those under the jurisdiction of local governments. Keeping all roads safe is a shared responsibility, especially for vulnerable road users. This is why we fully support Bristow and Sapulpa, two communities in Creek County, to partner with INCOG for the **From Main Streets to Safe Streets** SS4A grant opportunity. We recognize the systemic impact of implementing infrastructure for increased safety of vulnerable road users. In both Bristow and Sapulpa, there is no fixed transit route, thus our residents who live in zero or one car households rely on active transportation to arrive safely to their destinations. The sidewalk project in Bristow and the sidewalks and road diet projects in Sapulpa will make our public right-of-way safer for these residents. It goes without saying this SS4A implementation grant is an opportunity for smaller communities to take advantage of this discretionary grant program as it can be a hardship for smaller cities and towns to apply and manage USDOT grants.

I hope USDOT partners with INCOG to move this project forward for our smaller cities.

Respectfully,

Newt Stephens, Chair
Creek County



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June 22, 2023

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Re: Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant application for INCOG –
From Main Streets to Safe Streets

Secretary Buttigieg,

The Rogers County Board of Commissioners supports INCOG's SS4A safety project that focuses on people on bicycles and wheelchairs, pedestrians, and other vulnerable road users. The City of Claremore is the county seat for Rogers County, with a population of 19,580. Historical Route 66 goes right through the heart of Claremore, and their Main Streets is active with local businesses, events, and much pedestrian activity.

When INCOG asked if Rogers County would like to be a partner of the Local Road Safety Plan in 2021, we enthusiastically agreed because the safety plan would cover the entirety of the roadways within our County, not just county-maintained roads. We are pleased that the City of Claremore has taken the opportunity to join five other cities within the region to be a part of the *From Main Streets to Safe Streets* project. Claremore's project to completely separate pedestrians from fast moving vehicles will create safer public right-of-way for all residents and greatly decrease crashes and fatalities of vulnerable road users.

On behalf of the Rogers County Board of Commissioners, I urge USDOT to support this SS4A project for implementation.

Respectfully,

Ron Burrows
Chair, Rogers County Board of Commissioners



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RE: Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant application for INCOG – From Main Streets to Safe Streets

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners for the Tulsa County that is responsible for rural and local roadways, condition, and safety, we are excited to support our local governments, Skiatook, Collinsville, and Bixby with INCOG as a partners for the grant ***From Main Streets to Safe Streets***.

Tulsa County has partnered with INCOG in developing the Regional Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) that was developed based on crash data for the years 2010-2020 and refined for the years 2016-20 that analyzed crashes involving fatalities and serious injuries. The LRSP document identified strategies for vulnerable road users that are based on Crash Reduction Factors and identified numerous locations and high impact treatments to reduce injuries and fatalities.

Tulsa County actively participates on the INCOG Board of Directors that is a signatory to the regional vision to reduce serious injuries and fatalities by 25% by the year 2030. It goes without saying, this grant is very timely and exciting to make a difference with saving lives as a result of reducing crashes in our suburban and rural cities for all ages and all abilities of the public right-of-way. We recognize the systemwide impacts of implementing crash reduction measures, as travelers do not distinguish political subdivisions while traveling between or among these local public jurisdictions.

Tulsa County requests USDOT award the ***From Main Streets to Safe Streets*** project to help create safe connections from neighborhoods to parks, downtowns, and schools in Tulsa County for our smaller suburban and rural communities.

Best regards,

Stan Sallee,
Board of County Commissioners
Tulsa County