

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-R26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOERNE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A) FY 2026 IMPLEMENTATION GRANT; AFFIRMING THAT THE COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN ADOPTED THIS DATE CONSTITUTES THE CITY'S QUALIFYING ACTION PLAN; COMMITTING THE REQUIRED NON-FEDERAL LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, the City of Boerne, Texas (the "City") is committed to the safety of all persons traveling on the City's roadways, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and users of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, the City formally adopted a Vision Zero commitment pursuant to Resolution No. 2022-R52, adopted on August 23, 2022, affirming that traffic deaths and serious injuries on City-maintained streets are preventable and unacceptable, and establishing a Goal Zero target to eliminate roadway fatalities and serious injuries within twenty (20) years; and

WHEREAS, the City adopted the City of Boerne Mobility Master Plan in April 2023, which includes a Safety Action Plan appendix identifying priority transportation safety projects, a High Injury Network analysis, and a prioritized capital improvement program, and which constitutes one of the qualifying planning documents for the SS4A grant program; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2026, the City Council adopted the City of Boerne Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP), which reaffirms the City's Goal Zero commitment to achieve zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries by the year 2046, establishes a data-driven roadmap for eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries through the Safe System Approach, and identifies the prioritized infrastructure projects and planning activities that form the basis of this grant application; and

WHEREAS, the CSAP was developed through a multidisciplinary Safety Task Force process involving City staff and elected officials, Kendall County elected officials, the Texas Department of Transportation, Boerne Independent School District, Boerne Police Department, Boerne Fire Department, the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, local businesses, and community residents, with more than 1,100 mobility-focused community responses incorporated into the plan; and

WHEREAS, the CSAP identified a High Injury Network (HIN) representing approximately 15% of City roadway mileage while capturing 72% of all fatal and serious injury crashes and 87.5% of all pedestrian and bicycle crashes, and identified a five-year crash record (2020–2024) of 2,342 crashes, with 48% occurring at intersections and pedestrian crashes resulting in serious injury or fatality 52% of the time; and

WHEREAS, the City will complete prior to application submission the SS4A Self-Certification Eligibility Worksheet demonstrating that the CSAP and Mobility Master Plan, taken together, satisfy all Action Plan components required under Table 1 of the SS4A FY 2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO); and

WHEREAS, two of the proposed project corridors — South Main Street (Business US 87) and River Road (SH 46) — are maintained by the Texas Department of Transportation, and the City is coordinating with TxDOT's Kerrville District and will obtain a signed letter, MOU, or other written documentation from TxDOT prior to application submission, consistent with the Implementation Grant eligibility requirements of Section C.1 of the SS4A FY 2026 NOFO; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation has issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) FY 2026 Implementation Grant program (Funding Opportunity Number DOT-SS4A-FY26-01), which provides competitive federal funding of up to 80% of eligible project costs to implement projects and strategies identified in a qualifying safety action plan; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to submit an application for an SS4A FY 2026 Implementation Grant to fund the following activities identified in the CSAP and Mobility Master Plan:

1. Pedestrian safety improvements on South Main Street (Business US 87) from East San Antonio Avenue to East Theissen Street, including enhanced pedestrian refuge islands, Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB), ADA-compliant curb ramp upgrades, curb extensions, and directionalized pedestrian ramps (projected 89% crash reduction; B/C Ratio: 98.96; no utility relocation or ROW acquisition anticipated);
2. Pedestrian safety improvements on River Road (SH 46) from Pecan Street to Mesquite Street, including an enhanced pedestrian refuge island, RRFB, ADA-compliant curb ramp upgrades, and enhanced high-visibility crosswalk pavement markings (projected 83% crash reduction; B/C Ratio: 183.72; no utility relocation or ROW acquisition anticipated);
3. Pedestrian connectivity and intersection safety improvements on West San Antonio Avenue and the West Blanco Road Main Plaza corridor, including sidewalk gap closure on a 500-foot segment of West San Antonio Avenue from South Main Street to West Blanco Road, a partial one-way street conversion on West Blanco Road, a single-lane roundabout at the West San Antonio Avenue & West Blanco Road intersection, enhanced crosswalk treatments, and pavement markings (projected 72% crash reduction on West Blanco Road corridor; B/C Ratio: 5.69; no ROW acquisition required); and
4. Supplemental planning and demonstration to develop a Safe Routes to School Plan and school circulation plans for Boerne Independent School District (BISD) campuses within the City limits, evaluating walking and bicycling conditions in surrounding neighborhoods and on campus circulation, and producing a project ready action plan with prioritized safety recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the SS4A program requires that federal grant funds not exceed 80% of total eligible project costs and that the applicant contribute a local matching share of no less than 20% of total eligible project costs from non-federal sources, consistent with 2 CFR § 200.306; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the submission of this grant application and the commitment of the required local match is in the best interests of the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of Boerne;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOERNE, TEXAS:

Section 1. *Qualifying Action Plan.* The City Council affirms that the City of Boerne Comprehensive Safety Action Plan adopted by this Council on May 12, 2026, together with the City of Boerne Mobility Master Plan adopted in April 2023, constitutes the City's qualifying Action Plan for purposes of the SS4A FY 2026 Implementation Grant application, and satisfies the Leadership Commitment and Goal Setting component of the Action Plan requirements of the SS4A FY 2026 NOFO, including the City's Goal Zero commitment to achieve zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries by the year 2046. The City Manager is directed to ensure the CSAP is posted and publicly available on the City's website prior to submission of the SS4A grant application.

Section 2. *Authorization of Application.* The City Council hereby authorizes and directs the submission of an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) FY 2026 Implementation Grant (Funding Opportunity Number DOT-SS4A-FY26-01) for the project described in the recitals of this Resolution as "Boerne Safe Streets — Downtown Corridors and Safe Routes to Schools."

Section 3. *Authorization of Officials.* The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute and submit the grant application and all related documents, forms, certifications, assurances, and eligibility worksheets required by the U.S. Department of Transportation, including but not limited to the Standard Form SF-424, the SS4A Self-Certification Eligibility Worksheet, and all required federal certifications, and to take all actions necessary to complete the application process and, if awarded, to accept and administer the grant in accordance with all applicable federal requirements, laws, regulations, and executive orders as conditions of grant receipt.

Section 4. *Commitment of Local Match.* The City Council hereby commits that the City of Boerne will provide a non-federal local matching contribution of not less than 20% of total eligible SS4A project costs, as required under the SS4A grant program and 2 CFR § 200.306. All local matching contributions shall be from non-federal sources. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to identify and program sufficient City capital improvement funds or other eligible non-federal funding sources to satisfy the local match requirement. Any appropriation of local match funds not included in the current adopted City budget shall be brought before the City Council for approval consistent with applicable law and in a timeframe that supports execution of the grant agreement.

Section 5. Federal Compliance. The City Council acknowledges that, as a condition of any SS4A grant award, the City will be required to comply with all applicable federal laws, regulations, and executive orders, including but not limited to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Executive Order 14173 (Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity). The City Manager is authorized to execute all required federal certifications and assurances on behalf of the City.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council.

PASSED and APPROVED on this the ___ day of _____, 2026

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Secretary