



**City of Tacoma**  
**Transportation Commission**

June 26, 2023

U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave SE, W84-322  
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Tacoma, WA Safe Streets for All Grant Letter of Support

Dear Safe Streets for All Program Staff:

We are writing on behalf of the City's Transportation Commission to express our strong support for Tacoma's Safe Streets for All grant proposal. The Transportation Commission was actively involved in the creation of the Vision Zero Action Plan and is the oversight body for its implementation until the reformation of the Vision Zero Task Force. We believe that this grant proposal will improve safety and mobility for all travel modes and is in direct alignment with the goals of Tacoma's Vision Zero Action Plan and with Tacoma's overall goal of prioritizing investment based on safety and equity.

As Co-Chairs of the Transportation Commission, we recognize the crucial role that transportation plays in shaping the livability and well-being of our community. It is imperative to prioritize the safety of all individuals on our city's streets, regardless of their chosen mode of transportation. By investing in initiatives such as Vision Zero, we can proactively address the challenges faced by pedestrians, cyclists, transit riders, and motorists alike, fostering a more inclusive and accessible urban environment.

The proposed grant will enable the implementation of a comprehensive range of measures aimed at enhancing safety and mobility for all travel modes. These measures include focused improvements at signalized and unsignalized intersections along with protected bike lanes, all of which are located on the high-risk network. Improved safety measures will not only protect the lives and well-being of our residents but also encourage more people to embrace sustainable modes of transportation. By improving important intersections near transit stops and at school crossings and installing protected bike lanes, Tacoma will be supporting the investment in alternative transportation options. That will lead to reduced traffic congestion, lower carbon emissions, and healthier, more vibrant city.

On behalf of the Transportation Commission, we urge you to consider this letter as a formal expression of our full support for Tacoma's Safe Streets for All grant proposal. We believe that this initiative aligns with our city's vision and values and will play a vital role in creating a safer, more accessible, and sustainable transportation system. Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to witnessing the positive changes that will result from the implementation of the Safe Streets for All grant.

Respectfully,

Matt Stevens, Co-Chair

Bruce Morris, Co-Chair