METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by the City of Council Bluffs regarding the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (MAPA) Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) and the commitment to jurisdiction-level actions to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries to zero by the year 2040.

One death on our streets is one too many; between 2018 and 2022, there were 268 traffic fatalities and 2,266 serious injuries in the MAPA region. This MOU aims to inform communities within the MAPA region of resources available to them through the development of the CSAP and ensure commitment by The City of Council Bluffs to the priorities of the CSAP.

The CSAP is a comprehensive, data-driven document that states the aforementioned overarching goal for the region, informs about the U.S. DOT's Safe System Approach, emphasizes the current state of safety through regional trends, safety focus areas, and the High Priority Network, and provides a Vision Zero Toolbox, prioritized safety projects, recommendations, and safety metrics that communities can measure their progress in achieving the goal of zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2040.

Through the Safe System Approach and the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, communities within the MAPA region can create safer streets and roads for all; for this reason, this MOU states that:

The City of Council Bluffs should incorporate the Safe System Approach into a comprehensive and holistic approach to eliminating traffic fatalities and severe injuries and should use the Safe System Approach when evaluating projects, conducting traffic studies, and implementing transportation improvements. Additionally, recommendations and goals from the CSAP should be acknowledged in comprehensive and master plans in support of regional safety efforts.

The City of Council Bluffs should coordinate with MAPA and the Iowa Department of Transportation to share relevant transportation and safety data.

The City of Council Bluffs should use the High Priority Network tool (MAPA SS4A App) in assessing safety concerns.

The City of Council Bluffs should utilize the Vision Zero Toolbox, which is contained within the CSAP, to implement vetted infrastructure, behavioral, and enforcement countermeasures to create safer roads for all users.

The City of Council Bluffs should work to align funding and prioritize projects identified in the CSAP to improve systemic safety concerns, such as within their Capital Improvements Program.

The City of Council Bluffs should work to adopt and implement, where feasible, applicable recommendations defined within the CSAP.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Printed: Matthew J. Walsh, Mayor