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City of Sarasota
Attn: Alvimarie Corales
Public Works Department
1761 12th Street
Sarasota, FL 34236

RE: Letter of Support for the City of Sarasota’s SS4A Grant Application – Downtown Connections: Future-Proofing Safety with Technology Project

Dear Project Team,

On behalf of the Sarasota Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (representing 36 city neighborhoods with over 22,000 households), we are proud to offer our full support for the City of Sarasota’s Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant application for the **Downtown Connections: Future-Proofing Safety with Technology Project**. This initiative is a vital step toward making our community’s streets safer, more accessible, and better connected for everyone including residents, visitors, and businesses alike.

As a community committed to enhancing the quality of life in our neighborhood, we have long recognized the urgent need for improved pedestrian, bicycle, and traffic safety infrastructures downtown. Main Street, and its connecting corridors, serve as a hub of local activity, but they also present real safety challenges for those who walk, bike, take transit, or drive. We are especially encouraged to see that this project prioritizes proven safety countermeasures like enhanced crosswalks, curb extensions, pedestrian-scale lighting, and smart technologies that reduce risk and promote safe access.

In particular, we appreciate that this project takes a complete streets approach, one that recognizes that streets are not just for cars, but for people. By making safety improvements on Main Street and leveraging Connected and Automated Vehicle (CAV) infrastructure, this project offers a thoughtful and forward-looking investment in the heart of our city.

We are especially heartened to see that this project focuses on areas identified within the city’s **High Injury Network** and builds on existing planning efforts like *Sarasota in Motion* and the regional *Destination Zero* safety plan. The combination of strategic technology and physical safety improvements will create a safer, more connected, and more inclusive downtown Sarasota.

The Downtown Connections Project has our strongest endorsement, and we urge the U.S. Department of Transportation to support this transformative investment through the SS4A program. Our association stands ready to collaborate with the City to engage community members, share project updates, and ensure local voices are heard as the project advances.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to safer streets for all.

Sincerely,

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