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**River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (TPO)
Awarded Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant for Comprehensive Safety Action Plan**

On February 1, 2023, U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg announced \$800 million in grant awards for communities through the first round of funding for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program, part of President Biden’s 2021 Infrastructure Law which provides \$5 billion over five years.

The River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is excited to announce that the TPO, in partnership with Volusia and Flagler Counties as joint applicants, is a recipient of this federal SS4A grant of \$320,000 to develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) which will identify implementable strategies aimed at eliminating fatalities and serious injuries on our roadways.

The purpose of the SS4A grant program is to improve roadway safety by significantly reducing or eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries through safety action plan development and implementation focused on all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, motorists, personal conveyance, and micro-mobility users, and commercial vehicle operators.

“While we continue to make our roads safer through education, project prioritization, and programming, we must take further action and work collectively with our member governments, agency partners, community stakeholders, and the public to develop an inclusive safe system approach to roadway safety,” said Ms. Colleen Nicoulin, River to Sea TPO Executive Director. “This grant provides the TPO with the opportunity to take the next step by developing a Vision Zero Action Plan for our communities that will serve as a roadmap in leading us to an ultimate vision of zero fatalities and serious injuries on our transportation system.”

The CSAP will be developed through a collaborative effort and include a community outreach campaign that involves the public and community stakeholders throughout the process to collect diverse input and ensure equitable representation across the two-county region.

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About the River to Sea TPO: The River to Sea TPO is the agency responsible for carrying out the urban transportation planning and programming process for the designated Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA). The TPO’s MPA includes all of Volusia County and the developed areas of eastern Flagler County, including Beverly Beach and Flagler Beach, as well as portions of the cities of Palm Coast and Bunnell.

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