WHEELER ROAD SE SAFETY PROJECT

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, DC: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

CAPITAL

URBAN

AREA OF PERSISTENT POVERTY

RAISE GRANT FUNDING: $20,000,000

Project Description: The project will fund design and construction activities for vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure improvements on approximately one mile along Wheeler Road from Alabama Avenue to Southern Avenue. The project includes medians, sidewalk widening, ADA improvements, turning lanes, shared-use path, pedestrian islands, curb extensions, bus stop relocation, bicycle lanes, signage and pavement markings, high visibility crosswalks, and traffic signal upgrades.

Project Benefits: The project is strong in safety. This project will incorporate several strategies to improve safety that are consistent with DOT's Safe Systems Approach to reduce injuries and fatalities. Traffic calming measures will improve the safety around schools along the roadway, as well as improve school drop-off and pick-up circulation.

MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, MD: MARYLAND

CAPITAL

URBAN

RAISE GRANT FUNDING: $25,000,000

Project Description: The project will fund the rehabilitation and construction of six multi-use paths to fill gaps in the bicycle and pedestrian network in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. The multi-use path improvements include approximately seven miles of new construction, approximately eight miles of trail rehabilitation, and safety improvements at intersections and at-grade crossings.

Project Benefits: The project is strong in safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, and partnership and collaboration. Safety will be addressed through protected paths that separate bicyclists and pedestrians from high traffic arterials, improvements to at-grade crossings, installation of high visibility crosswalks at intersections, and modern safety countermeasure. Environmental sustainability will be addressed by creating a modal shift away from vehicles and towards biking, walking, and mass transit. This project aligns with the Maryland and Washington D.C. emission reduction and clean energy plans. The project also implements stormwater management best practices which will help the Chesapeake Bay's ecosystem. Quality of life is addressed by improving access to daily destinations like jobs, stores, and recreation. The application estimates that once the Capital Trails Network is completed it will help approximately 540,000 working age adults get to their destinations in an affordable and healthier way. Partnership and collaboration is addressed through extensive community outreach and partnerships with several community organizations.

TOWN OF HERNDON

TOWN OF HERNDON, VA: VIRGINIA

PLANNING

URBAN

RAISE GRANT FUNDING: $720,000

Project Description: The project will develop a plan to redevelop the town's land use and development policies, transportation network parity and enhancement, and economic and housing development policies.

Project Benefits: The project is strong in environmental sustainability, quality of life, mobility and community connectivity, economic competitiveness, partnership and collaboration, and innovation. The project will develop goals and metrics related to reducing vehicle emissions, improving air quality, reducing energy consumption, implementing stormwater management best practices, and improving resiliency. The project will prioritize incorporating or enhancing active transportation modes, as well as coordinating transportation and housing decisions. This plan will also focus on job diversification and inclusive economic development opportunities for sustainable, long-term growth that will support local underserved communities. The project intends to incorporate strategies included in DOT's Promising Practices for Meaningful Public Involvement in Transportation Decision-Making for robust collaboration with community members and project partners.