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LOCAL TRANSPORTATION BUREAU MEMORANDUM 2021-07

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FROM: 
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RE: FY 2022 Local Roads Safety Initiative Call for Applications

The purpose of the memorandum is to announce that the High Risk Rural Roads (HRRR) Special Rule has not been triggered for FY 2022. Despite this rule not being placed in effect for the State of Alabama for FY2022, ALDOT has decided to allocate the same amount of federal funds (\$4.124 million) towards safety improvement projects for local agencies. This program will be called the Local Roads Safety Initiative (LRSI).

A determination has been made that for FY2022 the LRSI will be open to cities and counties for both rural and urban non-State maintained roadways with significant safety risks. Applications submitted through this initiative must be in accordance with the most recent Alabama Strategic Highway Safety Plan and applicable Local Road Safety Plan if one has been developed by the county that the location falls within.

The FY 2022 LRSI will be focused on the reduction of Fatal and Serious Injury Lane Departure and Run-Off-Road crashes by helping drivers stay in their lane, reducing the potential of crashes if drivers leave their lane, or minimizing the severity in the event that a crash does occur. The FY2022 program will be adopting a systemic risk based approach to project selection as opposed to a crash hotspot based approach. However, while crash history is not required to be submitted with the application, it may be included to show that a particular location, in addition to exhibiting numerous roadway

risk factors, is also over-represented in crashes. Special consideration will be given for those applications utilizing countermeasures designed to reduce roadway departure crashes, as listed in the FY 2022 LRSI Guidelines.

A 10% non-federal funding match from the sponsoring agency will be required for any application submitted under this program. Applications eligible under the LRSI will be limited to funding of construction only. Additionally, applicants should give consideration during project selection that plan submittals must be finalized and receive FHWA funding authorization prior to **May 1, 2022**.

Applicants are recommended to review the FHWA Office of Safety Proven Safety Countermeasures which are applicable to rural roadways. More information can be found on the Proven Safety Countermeasures at the following link:

<https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/provencountermeasures/>

Applicants are also encouraged to look into “Every Day Counts – 5 Initiative: Reducing Rural Roadway Departures”. More information can be found on this program at the following link:

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation/everydaycounts/edc_5/roadway_departures.cfm

All applications **must be submitted electronically** no later than 5:00 pm on **June 30, 2021**. Applications should be sent to LRSIapp@dot.state.al.us as a .pdf file (25 mb max) with “**FY 2022 LRSI Application – Sponsor Name**” in the subject line.

The office of Local Transportation Bureau (LTB) will send a confirmation email once an application is received. If you do not receive a confirmation, please contact LeeAnn Williams 334-242-6020, williamsle@dot.state.al.us, to ensure receipt of the application.

Program Guidance, Frequently Asked Questions, and the FY 2022 LRSI Application may be found on the ALDOT website, on the Highway Safety Improvement Program page under the Local Road Safety Initiative (LRSI) tab (link below).

<https://www.dot.state.al.us/programs/HSIP.html>