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Hello City Staff, Mayor Daggett, Vice Mayor Aslan, and members of the City Council,

There has been great progress made on bicycle and pedestrian needs through policy and leadership over the past few years and one thing that has become clear is the need for additional staff and funding. At the recent Council meeting where unanimous support was given to becoming a "Vision Zero" community, the City of Boulder was referenced. Boulder not only has an annual allocation for their Vision Zero program, but a team of 10 staff members working on implementation.

Flagstaff Biking Organization (FBO) would like to express our support of the Transportation Commission funding recommendation letter. This letter outlines the need for additional positions along with a funding-ask for implementation of Vision Zero and other efforts. The letter has also been supported by both the Bicycle Advisory Committee and the Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

FBO would also like to see the three key projects outlined by Council and Martin Ince fully funded and built. The projects include:

- a.) Protected intersections at both Butler/Beaver and Butler/San Francisco, (two of Flagstaff's most dangerous intersections)
- b.) Elevation of the Butler bike pilot to the height of the sidewalk creating FUTS trails on both sides of the street (streamlining snow maintenance).

Last year Council approved the funding of these project designs to 15% and it's time for the City to take the next steps. We understand the desire and hope to find grant funding for some of these, but we also believe funding can be located within Prop 419 funds. \$13m and counting has been found within the Capital 419 funding for the Beulah University alignment, and we believe the engineering staff team can locate the 3.6m needed to complete these very important safety related projects.

Let's continue to build upon the success and momentum that currently exists at the City through the funding of these projects and new staff members.

With gratitude,
The Board of Flagstaff Biking Organization

FBO is a non profit organization with a supporter base of approximately 2500 people and the mission of "Supporting bicycling as a safe and attractive means of transportation and recreation in Northern Arizona". To learn more about us visit: <https://flagstaffbiking.org>