

**Motion M2021-22 authorizing the City Manager or his designee to apply for a grant of \$542,011.20 from the SC Department of Public Safety - Highway Safety Grant Program for the purpose of establishing a four member traffic enforcement team in the Police Department in order to reduce motor vehicle collisions, to record the appropriation of such grant funds in the amount that may be approved, and to execute and deliver the grant agreement and such related documents as may be required to put the grant into effect. There is no match requirement.**

*This grant funding would put additional traffic enforcement officers on the road during peak hours to significantly lower the number of collisions, injuries and fatalities. From 2018-2020 Police Officers wrote 69,363 traffic citations -1,139 were DUI arrests, 7,099 were speeding citations,1,220 were seatbelt violations and 193 were child restraint violations. Officers also investigated 7,738 traffic collisions over that same time period. The Traffic Unit provides 24/7 coverage of the roadways and investigates motor vehicle collisions that occur within the city limits, conducts traffic enforcement and assists the Patrol Division with calls for service.*