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Kirsten Aird, Public Health Director
Multnomah County Health Department
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Dear Kirsten,

The East Multnomah County Transportation Committee (EMCTC) is pleased to provide this letter of support for Multnomah County Health Department's (MCHD) proposal to the National Safety Council's Road to Zero (RTZ) Community Grant program.

The East Multnomah County Transportation Committee, or EMCTC (pronounced Ee-Muk-Tuk), is the transportation coordinating committee for the eastern portion of Multnomah County. EMCTC is made up of elected officials from Fairview, Gresham, Troutdale, Wood Village, Multnomah County and the Port of Portland. The Committee helps to set transportation policy direction and funding priorities for East Multnomah County. At least one member of EMCTC also represents East Multnomah County on the regional Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation. Our mission: *The East Multnomah County Transportation Committee collaborates at the regional level to champion policies supporting a safe and equitable multimodal transportation system that enhances economic opportunities and serves the needs of all who live in East Multnomah County.*

We know that Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUII) is a primary cause of traffic death and serious injury. Also, there is a lot we do not know. This project would provide a community-level framework for working with businesses and the community in East Multnomah County, to better understand and prevent traffic fatalities through evaluation and testing of education strategies that addresses the *Safer People* domain of the *Safe Systems Approach*.

MCHD and its REACH program staff have been instrumental in helping transportation planners/agencies connect with community members, particularly Black Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC), to ensure authentic community voices are not only integrated, but drive solutions to disparities related to transportation and traffic safety, especially for the eastern part of the county, which is often overlooked.

EMCTC strongly supports MCHD to implement the Road to Zero project so that public health and transportation experts can work together to reduce DUII related traffic incidents, prevent traffic fatalities and reduce disparities experienced by East County residents. If funded, EMCTC agrees to participate in activities and/or provide input as necessary.

Sincerely,

Name, Title

East Multnomah County Transportation Committee