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Dear Ms. Blazo:

The City of Ann Arbor is pleased to provide you with this request for Fiscal Year 2019 Federal Local Safety Program funding. This grant application is requesting funding for the installation of sidewalk, a pedestrian crossing with a pedestrian refuge island, and positive contrast lighting.

The existing crosswalk was placed to address the movement of high school students to the Huron High School campus from the neighborhoods south of the Huron River. Students travel along Geddes Avenue, enter Gallup Park, and cross the Huron River in the park. The pedestrian crossing at the Gallup Park driveway onto Fuller Road was established in response to students crossing Fuller Road where the Gallup Park sidewalk ended. The crossing did not include lighting as City Council had established a lighting moratorium, which has since been lifted.

In October 2016 a student was struck while crossing to Huron High School. This was not a Huron HS student, but a Community High School student walking to Huron HS to take the shuttle to Community HS. The crash occurred early in the morning, and dark/unlighted conditions were a factor in the crash.

City Engineering staff responded to the crash by conducting a Road Safety Audit in November 2016. The RSA summary is included in this application and provides information on the near, mid, and long-term opportunities identified by the RSA team. Several of those opportunities have already been acted on by the City, but the most significant opportunity is the project this application is for.

The RSA team ultimately decided that the best location for a mid-block crossing on this segment was not at the Gallup Park entrance. The existing location had too many possible sight obstructions, too many conflict points, and too much information for motorists to process. The presence of westbound queuing over the existing crosswalk was another factor in the recommendation to move the crosswalk.

The City hired HRC to provide preliminary engineering for extending the sidewalk along the south side of Fuller Road toward the Huron HS driveway and the first non-motorized connection to the entrance of

Huron HS. The design, which includes a pedestrian refuge island and positive contrast lighting, does not create an inconvenience for students as the walking route will predominantly be the same.

If you should happen to have any questions regarding the application, please feel free to contact me by phone, 734.794.6410 x 43632, or by email, [credinger@a2gov.org](mailto:credinger@a2gov.org).

Very truly yours,  
City of Ann Arbor Engineering

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia R. Redinger". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

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