



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Development Services, Finance

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DATE: May 19, 2026

SUBJECT

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager to accept on behalf of the City a reimbursement grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2024 Safe Streets and Roads for All Program in the amount of \$576,000 in federal funding which requires City matching funds in the amount of \$144,000 to develop a comprehensive safety action plan; and providing an effective date.

BACKGROUND

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act 2021 authorized and appropriated \$1 billion to the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) for fiscal year 2024 for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program. The purpose of the SS4A grant program is to improve roadway safety by significantly reducing or eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries through safety action plan development, refinement, and implementation focused on all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, motorists, personal conveyance and micromobility users, and commercial operators.

The USDOT grants a total budget of \$720,000 for this project, consisting of \$576,000 from USDOT and a local match of \$144,000 from the Transportation Services Operating Fund.

Through Safety Action Plan, the City will conduct supplemental safety planning to enhance road safety on roadways with the City limits. As part of this project the City of Denton will

1. Make an official public commitment to a goal of eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries by a certain date. This will be done through the creation of a Vision Zero Task Force that will oversee the implementation and monitoring of all components outlined in the Safety Action Plan.
2. Conduct a comprehensive safety analysis to determine existing conditions and historical trends of crashes within the city including data on location, severity, contributing factors, and crash type by road user. Other factors to consider in this analysis are representation and inclusion of underserved communities, and the assessment of current plans and policies. This analysis will be used to create a High-Injury Network to determine areas within the roadway network that will require the most development.
3. From the High-Injury Network, select a subset of study corridors to focus on countermeasure analysis to produce a list of specific countermeasures intended to address and enhance safety within these corridors.

4. Engage with the public and relevant stakeholders through the creation of a project website, survey activities, and public event pop ups. Feedback collected through public engagement will be incorporated into the action plan.
5. Coordinate with regional stakeholders to determine how the City’s objectives coincide with the vision of regional planning organizations. As of now, there are no comprehensive safety action plans in place by any larger jurisdiction Denton would fall under.
6. Evaluate policy changes to integrate safety through new policy, guidelines, and/or standards and strategies.
7. Create a prioritized list of projects that includes the costing, scoring, and ranking based on priority that provide time ranges for when the strategies and countermeasures will be deployed.
8. Complete a supplement planning analysis on the connection of Windsor Drive across Loop 288.

For City Council consideration, Staff would like to highlight specific information that is linked in the Agreement under the “General Terms and Conditions” as part of the contract:

- (a) The Recipient shall ensure that Federal funding is expended in full accordance with the United States Constitution, Federal law, and statutory and public policy requirements: including but not limited to, those protecting free speech, religious liberty, public welfare, the environment, and prohibiting discrimination.
- (b) Pursuant to Executive Order 14173, Ending Illegal Discrimination And Restoring Merit Based Opportunity, the Recipient agrees that its compliance in all respects with all applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws is material to the government’s payment decisions for purposes of section 3729(b)(4) of title 31, United States Code. 28 of 33
- (c) Pursuant to Executive Order 14173, Ending Illegal Discrimination And Restoring Merit Based Opportunity, by entering into this agreement, the Recipient certifies that it does not operate any programs promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives that violate any applicable Federal anti-discrimination law.
- (d) The failure of this agreement to expressly identify Federal law applicable to the Recipient or activities under this agreement does not make that law inapplicable.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the execution of the SS4A Agreement with USDOT.

FISCAL INFORMATION

The total amount awarded by USDOT is \$720,000. USDOT grants over \$576,000 (80%), and Transportation Services Operating Funds will be used to fulfill the 20% local match requirement of \$144,000.

EXHIBITS

- Exhibit 1 - Agenda Information Sheet
- Exhibit 2 - Ordinance
- Exhibit 3 - Agreement

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