



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Development Services, Finance

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DATE: April 2, 2024

SUBJECT

Consider approval of a resolution of the City of Denton authorizing the submission of an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation FY 2024 Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Acts (IIJA) in the amount of \$600,000 to develop a comprehensive safety action plan; and providing an effective date.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

This action supports Key Focus Area: Support Healthy and Safe Communities.

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.

City of Denton Transportation Services is seeking \$600,000 through the SS4A grant program to create a comprehensive safety action plan.

Through a Safety Action Plan, the City will conduct supplemental safety planning to enhance road safety on roadways within 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 policies, guidelines, and/or standards and strategies.
7. Create a prioritized list of projects that includes the costing, scoring, and ranking based on the priority that provides 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.

Transportation Services staff will complete the grant application which is due to USDOT on April 4, 2024. If awarded, the grant program requires a 20% local match. The \$120,000 match is budgeted in the Transportation Services Operating Fund for fiscal year 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the SS4A resolution.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Transportation Services is requesting \$600,000 in SS4A grant program funding assistance. Fiscal Year 2025 Transportation Services operating funds will be used to fulfill the 20% local match requirement of \$120,000.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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