

Subject: Agreement with the Federal Highway Administration for a Safe Streets for All Grant

Meeting Date: March 23, 2026	
Submitted/Presented by/Department: Ross Beckwith/Public Works	
Action Type	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent Item	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion/Direction
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing	<input type="checkbox"/> Informational Only
<input type="checkbox"/> Action/Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Report
<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Action	
Approve an agreement with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for a Safe Street for All Grant.	
Background	
<p>Staff applied for and received a grant for a Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant from FHWA. The SS4A program supports the US Department of Transportation 's Nation Roadways Safety Strategy and goal of zero roadway deaths using a Safe System Approach. It's a \$200,000 grant with a \$50,000 local match. However, the local match will be reimbursed as part of MnDOT's Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Match Program. Funding is available to grant recipients that have directly received a federal discretionary award for a transportation related purpose under IIJA and will be used as matching funds.</p> <p>SS4A has two steps in the program. The first is a Planning and Demonstration Grant which involves creating a Safety Action Plan for the city. The second is an Implementation Grant used for construction projects to provide safety benefits for all roadway users. The current grant received by the city is considered a Planning and Demonstration Grant. Whether or not the city ever receives an Implementation Grant, the Safety Action Plan will still be a valuable guide to steer safety improvement projects in the city and to apply for other grants.</p> <p>There is an outreach component of the Safety Action Plan to engage the community. In the end, the city will have a comprehensive evaluation completed identifying areas of the city that need safety improvements for bike/ped and vehicular traffic.</p> <p>The Safety Action Plan is scheduled to be completed in January of 2028.</p> <p>The city attorney has reviewed the terms and conditions of the grant agreement for risks and requirements related to federal executive orders and has opined that though some risk exists, it is low given the review of other cases and current enforcement trends.</p>	
Attachments	

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Previous Relevant Actions	
4/22/24-Supporting Pursuit of the Safe Streets for All Planning Grant	
Alternatives	
Financial	
Budgeted: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No Financial Impact
Fund:	The FHWA grant is for \$200,000 and the \$50,000 match will be reimbursed to the city through MnDOT's AAIJA Match Program.
Department:	
Account:	
Amount:	