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To: Ande Banks, City Manager  
From: Thomas Hartman, PE, PMP, LEED AP, Director of Public Works  
Date: May 14, 2024  
Re: Safe Streets and Roads For All (SS4A) Grant Resolution

**Summary:**

The City Council will consider a Resolution of Support for a Safe Streets and Roads For All Grant application.

**Background:**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program provides grants to local, regional, and Tribal communities for implementation, planning, and demonstration activities as part of a systematic approach to prevent deaths and serious injuries on the nation's roadways. This roadway safety program was created by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and provides \$5 billion over 5 years. The funding helps communities address the preventable crisis of deaths on our nation's roads, streets, and highways through safer people, roads, and vehicles; appropriate vehicle speeds; and improved post-crash care.

The SS4A program funds two types of grants:

- Planning and Demonstration Grants for Comprehensive Safety Action Plans, including supplemental safety planning and demonstration activities to inform an Action Plan.
- Implementation Grants to implement strategies or projects identified in an existing Action Plan.

The Public Works Department plans to apply for a Planning and Demonstration Grant to create the City's first Transportation Safety Action Plan. This plan will include three (3) additional supplements which include updating the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, creating a Safe Routes to School Plan, and creating a Complete Streets Design Guide. The Action Plan and the three (3) supplemental efforts will establish goals and provide clear next steps for actions to be taken by the City, other governmental agencies, and private entities such as developers, to ensure equitable access to safe transportation options for people using all travel modes in the City.

Applications are due on May 16, 2024, and we anticipate award notifications in late summer or early fall 2024. If awarded, they anticipate up to 12 months for agreement development and approval. Following agreement approval, we anticipate 24 months to complete all components of the application.

**Key Issues:**

N/A

**Environmental Impact:**

N/A

**Fiscal Impact:**

The SS4A grant requires a 20% matching contribution. Public Works will apply for a \$600,000 grant, which will be matched with \$150,000 of City funds. The proposed FY25 budget includes these matching funds.

**Prior Actions:**

N/A

**Alternatives:**

N/A

**Community Engagement:**

N/A

**Recommendation:**

Approve the Resolution of Support

**Attachments:**

1. Presentation

**Review:**