



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Transportation Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Catherine Hernandez

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Approval of a funding agreement with the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) for the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Award

SUMMARY:

An ordinance authorizing the execution of a Funding Agreement between the City of San Antonio and the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) for a Safe Streets for all (SS4A) grant in the amount of \$4,400,000 to fund the design, construction, and safety campaign costs for eight Mid-Block Crosswalks along a 7.5-mile segment of Zarzamora Street between Frederickburg Road and SW Military Drive and Safety Campaigns along 10 corridors. The total cost of the project is \$5.5 Million, of which \$1,100,000 will be funded from previously authorized General Funds appropriated for Vision Zero projects.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Safe Streets for All (SS4A) is a federally funded competitive, discretionary grant program open to regional, local, and Tribal governments that aims to improve roadway safety for all users and prevent fatalities and serious injuries. The USDOT issued a notice of funding opportunity in May 2022 and applications were due in September 2022.

The Transportation Department applied for and was awarded \$4.4 million for pedestrian safety improvements and safety campaigns. This includes the design and construction of eight mid-block crossings including safety features along a 7.5-mile segment of Zarzamora Street between Fredericksburg Road and SW Military Drive located within Council Districts 1, 4, 5, 6, and 7. The High Injury Network (HIN) Safety campaigns will educate the public on traffic safety along 10 corridors across the city where there have been a high volume of crashes and will benefit from these targeted efforts including using billboards and bus stop/shelter advertisements. The corridors include Blanco Rd., Perrin Beitel Rd., WW White Rd., Pleasanton Rd., Flores St., Castroville Rd., Marbach Rd., General McMullen, Fredericksburg Rd. and Zarzamora St.

The total project cost will be \$5.5 million dollars. The guidelines of the SS4A program include a required 80/20 split of the total cost between federal funds and the local match. The local match required for the award is \$1.1 million. The funding source for the local match will come from the FY 2023 Vision Zero project. This program provides federal funds in the amount of \$4.4 million to design and construct pedestrian safety improvements along Zarzamora Street and safety campaigns along 10 corridors.

ISSUE:

This ordinance approves a funding agreement with the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) for the SS4A implementation grant in the amount of \$4.4 million to fund pedestrian safety improvements along Zarzamora Street and safety campaigns along 10 corridors.

ALTERNATIVES:

As an alternative, the City Council could choose not to enter a grant agreement with the USDOT for the SS4A implementation grant, which would not allow the Transportation Department to design and construct the pedestrian safety improvements and conduct the safety campaigns with federal funds.

FISCAL IMPACT:

An ordinance authorizing the execution of a Funding Agreement between the City of San Antonio and the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) for a Safe Streets for all (SS4A) grant in the amount of \$4,400,000. The City will be required to contribute a local matching share of no less than 20% of eligible activity costs for a total project cost of \$5.5 Million. The local match of \$1,100,000 will be funded from previously authorized General Funds appropriated for Vision Zero projects.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.