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In Control: Transportation and Mobility Committee Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Transportation Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Tomika Monterville

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Update on Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

SUMMARY:

A briefing on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) grant program Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In 2021 the \$1.2 trillion Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) included the Safe Streets and Roads 4 All (SS4A) discretionary grant program which will provide \$5-\$6 billion over the next 5 years to support regional, local, and Tribal initiatives to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. This program will support the US Department of Transportation's National Roadway Safety Strategy vision toward zero deaths and serious injuries initiative.

SS4A is a competitive discretionary grant program open to Metropolitan Planning Organizations, counties, cities, towns, and other special districts that are subdivisions of State or federally recognized Tribal governments. The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is anticipated to be released late May 2022. Funding will be sent directly to the awarded recipients. Activities eligible under this grant are:

- Implementing improvements along an expanded multimodal network of reconfigured roads with separated bicycle lanes and improved safety features for pedestrian crossings.
- Applying low-cost safety treatments such as rumble strips, wider edge lines, flashing beacons, and better signage along high-crash rural corridors.
- Conducting speed management projects such as implementing traffic-calming road design changes and setting appropriate speed limits for all road users.
- Installing safety enhancements such as safer pedestrian crossings, sidewalks, and additional lighting for people who walk, roll, or use mobility-assistive devices.
- Addressing alcohol-impaired driving along key corridors through education, outreach, and publicized sobriety checkpoints on weekends and holidays.
- Making street design changes informed by culturally competent education and community outreach.
- Creating safe routes to school and public transit services through multiple activities that lead to people safely walking, biking, and rolling in underserved communities

In 2021, the City Council approved \$5.2 million for the design and construction of midblock crosswalks along eight Severe Pedestrian Injury Areas (SPIA) corridors in 28 locations, previously identified in the 2016 Vision Zero Action Plan. Completion of the design and construction of the mid-block crossings will cost approximately \$7 million, which the Department proposes to submit an application for the SS4A funding opportunity.

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ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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