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In Control: Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Government Affairs

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Update

SUMMARY:

Briefing on the U.S. Department of Transportation - Safe Streets for All program under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and information on TXDOT's process for selecting projects for BIL grant submissions.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On November 15, 2021, the President signed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). The bill includes a total of \$1.2 trillion over eight years, with \$973 billion of those funds authorized between FY 2022 and FY 2026. The BIL includes the five-year reauthorization of federal surface transportation programs with changes to existing programs and the creations of new programs. The legislation includes \$550 billion in new spending.

On April 22, 2022, the IGR Committee received a briefing on three upcoming grant opportunities under the BIL: The Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity (MEGA/INFRA/Rural); Safe Streets for All; and the Weatherization Assistance Program.

During the IGR committee meeting, Government Affairs will provide additional information on the FY2022 Safe Streets for All and information gathered from the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDoT) on the state's plans and process for BIL funding.

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

SS4A is a discretionary program that will provide \$5 billion in grants over the next 5 years. Funding supports regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. The City's Transportation department is proposing to submit mid-block crossing projects for eight of San Antonio's Vision Zero corridors identified as high pedestrian/cyclist injury corridors.

TXDoT BIL Process for Project Selection and State Grant Submissions

On April 22, City staff and transportation partners met with the TXDoT District team to discuss the status of any possible projects for U.S. DOT grants, specifically the MEGA/INFRA grants due on May 23, 2022. The TXDoT Federal Affairs representative notified us that three projects were in consideration for the state, none in the San Antonio area. At the April 25 Alamo Area MPO board meeting, the San Antonio District Engineer stated that the district office was looking at potential San Antonio projects for BIL funding. GA is in communication with TxDOT to obtain additional information on their project selection process for BIL funding.

ISSUE:

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) represents a significant increase in infrastructure funding. The San Antonio region developed and is executing a strategy to maximize federal awards to benefit the community. Government Affairs is providing monthly updates to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee on BIL developments.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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