



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**Agenda Date:** June 21, 2022

**In Control:** Transportation and Mobility Committee Meeting

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**DEPARTMENT:** Transportation Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Tomika Monterville

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Request to apply for a United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant.

**SUMMARY:**

The Transportation Department is seeking the City Council's Transportation & Mobility Committee's authorization to apply for an United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Safe Streets for All (SS4A) implementation grant in the amount of \$8 million to fund the \$7 million in construction costs for Vision Zero mid-block crossings on nine (9) corridors; and the corresponding \$1 million for targeted safety campaigns along eight (8) of the nine corridors.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Safe Streets for All (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, to improve roadway safety for all users. The

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) was released on May 16, 2022, and applications are due by September 15, 2022.. Funding will be sent directly to the awarded recipients. This program will support the USDOT's National Roadway Safety Strategy vision toward zero deaths and serious injuries initiative.

During the May 13, 2022, Transportation & Mobility Committee meeting, the Transportation Department provided a briefing on the Vision Zero Mid-Block Crossings and the SS4A grant program and eligibility requirements.

In FY '22, as part of the Transportation Department's Vision Zero Action Plan and Severe Pedestrian/Bicycle Injury (SPIA/SBIA) reports, staff identified nine (9) corridors that have high volumes of crashes and will benefit from enhanced safety measures to include the introduction of mid-block crossings and targeted safety campaigns.

The FY '22 adopted budget included the \$1 million base Vision Zero budget and an additional \$5.2 million in pedestrian safety funds which is being used for the current planning, data collection and design/construction for mid-block crossings and other safety countermeasures. To complete all the mid-block crossings, \$7 million is needed. The Department will use portions of the Vision Zero based budget to pilot the first of nine (9) proposed, three-month, targeted safety campaign along Culebra Road (June 2022-August 2022). The Culebra Road safety campaign pilot costs \$125,000 for VIA transit bus/shelter signs, business signs and billboard signage on the corridor. To replicate this on the remaining eight (8) High Injury Network (HIN) corridors, \$1 million is needed. The total grant application to the USDOT will be for \$8 million.

The Transportation Department will utilize an on-call consultant to perform services required for a successful grant application.

#### **ISSUE:**

The Transportation Department requires the authorization of the Transportation & Mobility Committee and the full City Council to submit an USDOT SS4A grant application.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item. However, if awarded a SS4A grant, the City will be required to contribute a local matching share of no less than 20% of eligible activity costs. If awarded, the proposed \$8 million grant, the local match required is \$1.6 million.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

N/A

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Transportation Department is seeking approval to submit an USDOT SS4A grant application for the Vision Zero High Injury Network (HIN) Mid-Block Crossings & Safety Campaign.

