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In Control: Transportation and Mobility Committee Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Transportation Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Tomika Monterville

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Briefing on the award for the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant

SUMMARY:

This item will provide an update to the Transportation and Mobility Committee regarding the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Safe Streets for All (SS4A) implementation grant. On February 1, 2023, in the amount of \$4,400,000.00 to fund the design and construction costs for eight (8) Vision Zero mid-block crossings along Zarzamora Street, a High Injury Network (HIN) corridor, and launch an education and safety campaign in the area.

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 were 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.

In FY '22, as part of the Transportation Department's Vision Zero Action Plan and Severe Pedestrian/Bicycle Injury (SPIA/SBIA) reports, staff identified eight (8) corridors, 28 proposed midblock crosswalks, where high volumes of crashes will benefit from enhanced safety measures including the introduction of mid-block crossings and targeted safety campaigns. One of the eight corridors is Zarzamora Road with eight (8) proposed midblock crosswalks.

During the June 21, 2022, Transportation & Mobility Committee meeting, the Transportation Department provided a briefing on the SS4A grant program and eligibility requirements. The Committee recommended the Department moved forward for full City Council consideration. On September 8, 2022, City Council approved the submission of the grant and upon award, acceptance, and execution of all related documents.

The Department has reviewed the various Safety Counter Measures recommended by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and is recommending the design and construction of robust pedestrian midblock crosswalks, which comprise of pedestrian hybrid beacons, median vegetation, lighting, and signage. The cost estimate for 8 midblock crosswalks with these enhancements is \$4,240,000.00 million. The Department wrapped up a 3-month safety campaign along Culebra Road, a HIN corridor, which included signs for VIA transit bus/shelters, business signs and billboard signage on the corridor. The Department estimates it will cost approximately \$150,000.00 to replicate this safety campaigns on Zarzamora Street.

The City of San Antonio SS4A Grant Project was one of 37 implementation projects funded through this program.

Next steps will be to work with the District Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) representatives to secure a grant agreement, draft a Scope of Work for construction services and marketing services, and begin the solicitation process, which will follow federal procurement requirements.

ISSUE:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

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ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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