

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

AGENDA DATE: June 20th, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING DATE:

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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 7 - Enhance & Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network

SUBGOAL:

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action requesting City Council support for the submission of the staff recommended grant application to the FY23 US Department of Transportation (USDOT) Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant program for the Network-Wide Safety Improvements along the El Paso's High-Injury Network Project. The federal grant request is \$10 million. If awarded, the City would contribute \$2.5 million as part of the non-federal cost share.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

On April 25, 2023, the USDOT opened applications for \$1 billion in grant funding through the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant program for FY23. The SS4A program is a \$5 billion investment over 5 years from FY22 – FY26. SS4A focuses on planning, infrastructure, behavioral, and operational initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets involving all roadway users, including pedestrians; bicyclists; public transportation, personal conveyance, and micromobility users; motorists; and commercial vehicle operators. The deadline for applications is July 10, 2023.

The Network-Wide Safety Improvements along the El Paso's High-Injury Network Project is organized around proposed Implementation Projects that were developed as part of the City of El Paso's 2023 Vision Zero Plan, a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan designed to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries. The Vision Zero Plan includes a Safety Recommendation Matrix listing strategies, policies, and infrastructure improvements focusing on five categories: Safe Road Users, Safe Vehicles, Safe Speeds, Safe Roads, and Post-Crash Care.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

On June 6, City Council approved the Vision Zero Plan. The Network-Wide Safety Improvements along the El Paso's High-Injury Network Project is based on recommendations and priorities outlined in the Vision Zero Plan.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Programmed FY24 City funds allocated to the Intersection Traffic Program (\$1,401,895), ADA On-Demand (\$750,000), and Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (\$350,000). Total: \$2,501,895.

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? X YES ___ NO

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: Capital Improvement Department

SECONDARY DEPARTMENT:

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Yvette Hernandez

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