



City Council Report

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To: City Council
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Subject: Grant Acceptance - Highway Safety Improvement Program
Citywide

Strategic Initiatives



Purpose and Recommendation

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has approved a Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) federal aid grant for the procurement of crash analysis software. The total cost of the software is estimated at \$28,750 of which the City of Mesa will contribute \$1,659 and the grant will cover \$27,111. Staff recommends the City Council approve the acceptance of this grant.

Background

Eight Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) agencies, which included the City of Mesa, were awarded a federal aid grant to update their crash analysis software. The software will update the current version of the software to a newer web-based version with more functions and analytical abilities.

Discussion

Mesa's local match contribution is estimated at \$1,659 which covers the Arizona Department of Transportation's (ADOT) professional engineer services to develop the bid and contract documentation, and for the purchase of the software.

Mesa will be responsible for its own annual operating costs, which are estimated at \$1,000 per year. Mesa currently pays \$1,000 annually for technical support of the current version of the software.

Alternatives

Not accepting this grant will require the City to continue to use the older version of the software.

Fiscal Impact

The City of Mesa will contribute an estimated one-time expense of \$1,659. Furthermore, the City will continue to be responsible for annual operating costs, estimated at \$1,000 per year.