



City Council Report

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To: City Council
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Subject: Grant Agreement under the Fiscal Year 2022 Safe Street for All Grant Program (SS4A)
City of Mesa Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant - Comprehensive Safety Action Plan
CIP Project No. CP1144
(Citywide)

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to request the approval of a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Grant Agreement with the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant for the development of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (“Action Plan”).

Refer to Exhibit “A” for a map of the Planning area.

Staff recommends that Council approve this Resolution.

Background

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the new SS4A discretionary program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over 5 years. The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. The SS4A program supports Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg’s National Roadway Safety Strategy and the Department’s goal of zero deaths and serious injuries on our nation’s roadways.

Discussion

The City of Mesa was awarded \$750,000 in FY 2022 SS4A Grant Program Action Plan funding.

The Action Plan will incorporate the principles of the Safe Systems Approach and incorporate state and regional strategies set by Arizona Department of Transportation

(ADOT) and the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG). The needs of all the communities (those who live, work or play) in the City of Mesa (City) will be addressed, and specific attention will be provided to the more vulnerable users (pedestrians, bicyclists, older, younger, disabled, etc.) of Mesa's transportation system.

This City's Action Plan is aimed at preventing roadway fatalities and serious injuries within Mesa. It includes safety 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 micro-mobility users; motorists; and commercial vehicle operators.

The City's goal is to have an Action Plan that develops a culture of safety through collaboration and recognition by Mesa residents that everyone has a role and responsibility for implementing this culture. This applies to all who develop, prioritize, fund, plan, use, and enforce the transportation system. The City aims to reduce fatalities and serious injuries caused by motor vehicle crashes by 30% by 2030 and is pursuing the ultimate goal of eliminating crash fatalities and serious injuries.

Alternatives

The City Council could choose not to enter into this grant agreement. The City's lack of participation would prevent the City from obtaining the SS4A grant funding and preventing the City from obtaining additional SS4A planning, design and construction USDOT funding in the future.

Fiscal Impact

The City will match this SS4A grant. The total Plan is estimated at \$937,500 with \$750,000 in SS4A funding and the remainder of \$187,500 (20%) will be provided as City match.

Coordinated With

This grant agreement has been coordinated with the Grants Office and Purchasing.

