



Legislation Text

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Department: County Engineer

Department Head/Elected Official: Dr. Milton Rahman, PhD, P.E., PMP, CFM, County Engineer

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Supplemental RCA

Type of Request: Grant

Project ID (if applicable): N/A

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): N/A

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable): N/A

MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable): N/A

Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: N/A - Goal not applicable to request

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request by the Office of the County Engineer for approval to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) for grant funds in the amount of \$30 million, with a required match of \$7.5 million, for the FY 2022 Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Program.

Background and Discussion:

SS4A is a discretionary grant program providing up to \$30 million per application for Fiscal Year 2022 in dedicated funding to support regional and local projects and strategies that will prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries in the applicant's jurisdiction. The Harris County application includes twelve corridor safety projects that are in the top 20 percent of the roadway segments in the County's High Injury Network (HIN). The HIN is ranked by the number of fatalities and serious injuries in crashes for cars, bicyclists, and pedestrians. The twelve project locations included in the County's SS4A Implementation Grant Application are selected based on the corridor's high number of fatalities and injuries and the high percent of population in DOT's disadvantaged census tracts, which is an important application scoring criteria by DOT. The corridor safety improvements in the County's proposed projects include raised medians, bike lanes, sidewalks, roadway reconfigurations, access management, and intersection improvements.

Expected Impact:

The submission of this application will allow Harris County the opportunity to obtain \$30 million in federal grant funding with a local match of \$7.5 million to design and construct roadway safety projects which will help achieve the County's Vision Zero initiative to eliminate deaths and serious injuries from traffic crashes by 2030. The implementation of the proposed projects will create safe roadways for pedestrians, bicyclists, and car drivers. The implementation timeline for this grant is within five years after the establishment of a grant agreement.

Alternative Options:

To not to apply for the SS4A Implementation Grant for FY 2022 and implement safety projects with full local funding.

Alignment with Goal(s):

- X Justice and Safety
- X Economic Opportunity
 - Housing
- X Public Health
- X Transportation
- _ Flooding
- X Environment
- _ Governance and Customer Service

Prior Court Action (if any):

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken
N/A	N/A	

Location:

Address (if applicable):

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary			
Service Name	Safe Streets for All		
	SFY 22	FY 23	Next 3 FYs
Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$37,500,000
Total Incremental Expenditures	\$	\$	\$37,500,000
Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Existing Budget			
Other	\$	\$	\$7,500,000
Grant	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$7,500,000
Additional Budget Requested			
Grant	\$	\$	\$30,000,000
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$

Total Additional Budget Requested	\$	\$	\$30,000,000
Total Funding Sources	\$	\$	\$37,500,000
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)			
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-

Anticipated Court Date: September 13, 2022

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date):

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note: Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

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Attachments (if applicable): Grant support letter, Court order, Project Summary