

Agenda Item 1.3.2

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING PAPER

Topic: Funding and Award of Safe Streets for All

Presented by: Abel Montoya, Development & Transportation, Christina Lane, Transportation & Engineering, and Marni Ratzel, Transportation & Engineering

Date: 4/8/2025

- For Information For Discussion/Board Direction Consent to Place on Business/Hearing Agenda

Issue: Support to award the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) project contract for professional consultant services.

Background:

Jefferson County entered into a grant agreement funded through the Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) with the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) for the SS4A Grant. The project will complete a Vision Zero Safety Action Plan for Jefferson County, including Cities of Lakewood, Morrison, Golden, Wheat Ridge, Mountain View, Lakeside, and Edgewater. The funds are provided under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which establishes the SS4A discretionary grant program to strengthen local approaches to roadway safety and save lives. Completion of the Safety Action Plan will allow Jeffco and participating municipalities to be eligible for future federal implementation grants.

Discussion:

The project is funded by an 80% federal grant/20% local match. The county entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Lakewood for cost sharing and the City of Lakewood agreed to provide up to \$80,000 of the local match requirement for the federal grant.

To accommodate the required revisions from the Federal Highway Administration, including a multijurisdictional approach and a unified Safety Action Plan, staff requested and received an 18-month contract extension. On March 20, USDOT approved the County's request to extend the contract. The new contract end date is April 6, 2027.

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Due to the uncertain status of the federal funding, the County requested that USDOT confirm the availability of the funding per the terms of the executed IGA. Pursuant to the terms of the grant, the County expects to be reimbursed with federal grant funds at the completion of the project. Because this project is of such importance to the County, the Road & Bridge Fund will be used to make up any shortfall in federal grant funding for the Project.

Fiscal Impact: yes no

Funding for this grant was included in the Road & Bridge Fund's 2024 Budget and appropriations for the 2025 budget will be requested through the carryforward process. No additional funding is being requested at this time.

- Year(s) of impact: 2025 - 2026
- Existing grant or project: Yes
- New grant or project: No
- Requested in adopted budget: Yes
- Ongoing or one-time: The grant is a one-time award of \$545,000.
- General Fund impact: None, IJJA Federal Funds
- Staffing impact: None
- Match requirements: Required match up to \$136,250 of project cost. Road & Bridge Fund \$56,250 and City of Lakewood \$80,000
- Mandate/Contractual obligation: Contract for Services

SPA Review: Micah Badana, 3/26/25

Support, no concern.

This is a request to execute a contract, no additional appropriations being requested.

County Attorney Review: Approved, Carey Markel, 3/25/25

Facilities Review: Does not apply/no fiscal impact

BIT Review: Does not apply/no fiscal impact

Fleet Review: Does not apply/no fiscal impact

County Human Resources Review (new FTE only): Does not apply/no

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Recommendations:

Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners place this item on a future hearing for approval and authorize the Purchasing Manager to execute the contract with the selected vendor in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office.

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