AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: 7/9/2024

PREPARED BY: Megan Mainer, Director of Parks & Recreation

AGENDA CONTENT: Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution No. 20240709-008 designating certain officials as being responsible for, acting for, and on behalf of the City in dealing with the Department of Transportation, for the purpose of participating in the Safe Streets for All grant program; certifying that the City is eligible to receive program assistance; authorizing the City Mayor, or designee, to act as the City's Executive officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the city's participation in the Safe Streets for All grant program, certifying that the cost share required is readily available at this time; and agreeing to abide by the grant terms and conditions.

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Regular Agenda

BUDGETED AMOUNT: $35,000.00   **FUNDS REQUESTED:** $0

FUND: 2018 Street Bond

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff would like to submit a grant application to the US Department of Transportation (DOT) under their Safe Streets For All (SS4A) program. The SS4A Program is a federal initiative designed to improve roadway safety and reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries. The program provides funding to local governments for the development and implementation of comprehensive safety action plans. These plans focus on addressing critical safety issues through evidence-based strategies, stakeholder engagement, and innovative technologies.

The SS4A Program aims to create safer streets for all road users by encouraging the adoption of low-cost, high-impact solutions that can be implemented across various communities. The program emphasizes the importance of safe streets for all, ensuring that underserved and vulnerable populations are considered in safety planning and interventions. By fostering collaboration among public and private stakeholders, the SS4A Program seeks to build safer, more connected, and resilient transportation networks nationwide.

Staff would like to submit a grant application to apply for a Master Mobility Plan. We currently estimate the cost of the plan to be $175,000. The grant requires a 20% match which means we would have to pay $35,000. Staff has adequate remaining funds in the 2018 Street Bond.

Our timeline for this project would be to put out a Request for Qualification for firms to help us engage the community, draft a plan, get feedback on that plan from community stakeholders, including the City Council, and then provide us with an Action Plan that can be used to apply for future grants from the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) to help us implement projects outlined in our Master Mobility Plan. We anticipate the total performance period of the grant to be 18 months, from contract signing to grant close out.

Some potential outcomes of the action plan could be enhanced traffic signals, and pedestrian crossing signals, development of pedestrian and bike pathways, upgrading street lighting to enhance visibility of roadway users, creating safe zones around high-pedestrian areas, and others. These types of projects that are identified in the Action Plan would allow us to apply for future implementation plan grants from US DOT.

Applications are due in August and award announcements are expected to occur in November 2024.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council approve Resolution No. 20240709-008 designating certain officials as being responsible for, acting for, and on behalf of the City in dealing with the Department of Transportation, for the purpose of participating in the Safe Streets for All grant program; certifying that the City is eligible to receive program assistance; authorizing the City Mayor, or designee, to act as the City's Executive officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the city's participation in the Safe Streets for All grant program, certifying that the cost share required is readily available at this time; and agreeing to abide by the grant terms and conditions.