



Staff Report

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Citywide Local Road Safety Plan

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BACKGROUND: In May of 2021 staff began working with DKS Associates and Regional Transportation Council (RTC) staff on a Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP). Development of the LRSP was largely funded by an RTC planning grant with a small monetary match by the City. The LRSP is a transportation planning tool for reducing roadway fatalities and serious injury crashes and is part of WSDOT's Target Zero strategic safety program. The LRSP is a proactive approach to implementing effective safety enhancement projects.

SUMMARY: Developing a LRSP is an effective strategy to improve local road safety for all roadway users. A LRSP is a data-driven analysis and prioritization of an agency's roadways for safety improvement needs. The LRSP provides the framework for identifying, analyzing, and prioritizing roadway safety improvement projects. Having an LRSP prerequisite to be eligible for 2022 WSDOT City Safety Program (CSP) funding. The LRSP is a living document which will require updating by City Staff in coming years. The deadline for CSP grant applications is March 4.

EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS:

What are the desired results and outcomes for this agenda item?

Informing Council of the LRSP work that has been completed, Council consensus on a grant application submittal, and hopeful receipt of grant monies.

What's the data? What does the data tell us?

The LRSP is a data-driven transportation safety planning document. The plan utilizes citywide crash data from 2016 to 2020 and identifies areas and corridors that will benefit from safety enhancements.

How have communities been engaged? Are there opportunities to expand engagement?

Engage Camas was used for community outreach for this plan. A total of 72 survey responses from residents and stakeholders were received and considered as part of the plan.

Who will benefit from, or be burdened by this agenda item?

All roadway users will benefit from the LRSP implementation.

What are the strategies to mitigate any unintended consequences?

The LRSP is a "living" planning document based on crash data and safety needs. Engineering policies and procedures will be followed prior to implementing any recommended improvement.

Does this agenda item have a differential impact on underserved populations, people living with disabilities, and/or communities of color? Please provide available data to illustrate this impact.

No.

Will this agenda item improve ADA accessibilities for people with disabilities?

Not currently. However future projects identified and funded within the LRSP will address ADA accessibility.

What potential hurdles exists in implementing this proposal (include both operational and political)?

None currently.

How will you ensure accountabilities, communicate, and evaluate results?

Engineering standards and guidelines will be implemented.

How does this item support a comprehensive plan goal, policy or other adopted resolution?

The LRSP is in line with Camas 2035 Comprehensive plan goals T1.2: Support the need for...safety and efficiency improvements..., and with goal T5.0: Design and construct safe transportation facilities that meet applicable requirements.

BUDGET IMPACT: The LRSP development has been paid by a RTC grant with a 13.5% local funding match from the Engineering budget in 2021. For successful 2022 WSDOT City Safety program grant applications, a local match of 10% would be required for design, right of way acquisition, and construction. If the construction phase is authorized by April 30, 2025, construction is eligible for 100% grant funding.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff is seeking Council consensus on submitting an application for 2022 WSDOT City Safety Program grant funding.