

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 6, 2024

SUBJECT: Approval of Order No. 2024-010, designating the Road Department Director as the County representative for the purposes of signing the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant agreement and associated documents

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Order No. 2024-010.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program is a federal funding opportunity established with the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) that provides funding for communities to prepare Transportation Safety Action Plans (TSAP) and to implement safety projects identified in their existing TSAPs.

Deschutes County Road Department prepared the initial Deschutes County TSAP in 2019. The TSAP evaluated transportation system crash trends for the study period of 2011-2016 and identified a broad range of recommended treatments, including projects, policies, and programs, to reduce and eliminate crashes. Most of the top crash sites identified and evaluated in the 2019 TSAP have either been mitigated with completed projects or are being mitigated with planned projects in the current 5-year Capital Improvement Plan.

In July 2023, the Road Department, with the Board of County Commissioner's approval, submitted a grant application for the 2023 round of SS4A funding to update the Deschutes County TSAP. On October 27, 2023, FHWA announced that the Deschutes County TSAP Update was selected for federal funding in the amount of \$144,000 under the SS4A program.

The grant agreement and associated documents require electronic signature by a single County authorized representative. Order 2024-010 will designate Chris Doty, Road Department Director, as the Deschutes County representative for the purpose of signing the SS4A grant agreement and associated documents.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

The total estimated cost for the TSAP update is \$180,000. The federal contribution will be in the amount of \$144,000. The County contribution will be in the amount of \$36,000, which is included in the Road Department's budget for Fiscal Year 2024.

ATTENDANCE:

Cody Smith, County Engineer/Assistant Road Department Director