



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: July 5, 2023

SUBJECT: Consideration of Approval for Road Department Submittal of Safe Streets For All (SS4A) Grant Application for the Deschutes County Transportation Safety Action Plan Update

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move to authorize the Road Department to submit a Safe Streets for All grant application.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Safe Streets 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.

Road Department staff are seeking Board approval to submit a grant application, which is still being prepared, for the current round of SS4A funding to update the Deschutes County TSAP. Goals for the proposed TSAP update include:

- Document actions taken since the initial TSAP was published;
- Update County crash data summary and location specific mitigation measures;
- Review of systemic solutions, speed management tool box, and non-infrastructure measures and update these items as appropriate;
- Evaluation of effectiveness and performance measures;
- Safety audits of rural school zones; and
- Equity analysis regarding transportation safety in rural communities.

Applications are due on Monday, July 10, 2023.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

The total estimated project cost is \$180,000. If the grant application were successful, the SS4A grant would provide \$144,000 (80%) of the total project cost. The County project share would be \$36,000 (20%), which would be budgeted in the Road fund for FY 2024-2025.

ATTENDANCE:

Cody Smith, County Engineer/Assistant Director