



## Folsom City Council Staff Report

<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	5/27/2025
<b>AGENDA SECTION:</b>	New Business
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Resolution No. 11386 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit an Application for Funding through the Safe Streets for All Grant Program Administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation
<b>FROM:</b>	Public Works Department

### **RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

The Public Works Department recommends that the City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 11386 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit an Application for Funding through the Safe Streets for All Grant Program Administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

### **BACKGROUND / ISSUE**

The Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Program is a federal initiative created under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) to support local communities in efforts to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries. The program provides funding for both Planning and Demonstration Grants, as well as Implementation Grants for safety projects aligned with a comprehensive safety action plan.

The SS4A program advances the national goal of achieving "Vision Zero," the elimination of traffic-related deaths and serious injuries through investment in infrastructure, behavioral, and systemic safety improvements. Eligible activities include developing or updating safety action plans and implementing infrastructure and operational safety improvements on public roadways.

Applying for an SS4A grant positions the City of Folsom to pursue federal funding for projects and initiatives aimed at enhancing roadway safety for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and motorists.

For the Fiscal Year 2025 funding cycle, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has allocated approximately \$1.26 billion nationwide for the SS4A program. California agencies are expected to receive a significant share of these funds based on the state's size, population, and demonstrated need for safety improvements. Grant awards for implementation projects typically range from \$2 million to \$25 million per applicant.

The SS4A program requires a minimum 20% non-federal match from applicants, which can be met through local funds, in-kind contributions, or certain other eligible sources.

### **POLICY / RULE**

These potential projects align with the City's General Plan Mobility Element, including:

- Policy M4.1.3 – Prioritize smart technologies and innovative solutions that maximize efficiencies and safety.
- Policy M4.1.4 – Enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety through infrastructure improvements.

### **ANALYSIS**

At this time, the City intends to apply for funding that may be used for either the development or update of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan or for implementation of eligible safety improvement projects.

According to the SS4A Grant Program guidelines, eligible projects for Implementation Grants typically focus on infrastructure, operational, and behavioral interventions aimed at eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries. Project categories encouraged under the program include:

- Improved pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, such as sidewalk gap closures, curb extensions, high-visibility crosswalks, pedestrian refuge islands, and protected bicycle lanes.
- Traffic calming measures that reduce vehicle speeds and improve safety for vulnerable road users, including road diets, raised intersections, and neighborhood traffic management features.
- Intersection safety improvements, such as roundabouts, protected left-turn phases, signal upgrades including leading pedestrian intervals, and improved sight distance.
- Enhancements to promote safe speeds, including automated speed enforcement technology (where authorized), speed feedback signage, and corridor-wide speed management strategies.

- Safe routes to school improvements, focusing on improved pedestrian and bicycle access to educational facilities.
- Improvements to transit access and safety, including better pedestrian infrastructure around transit stops and integration of transit priority features into roadway designs.
- Lighting improvements for pedestrian crossings and corridors with nighttime crash histories.
- Systemic safety analysis projects, involving data-driven identification of high-risk locations and proactive interventions even where crash histories are lower.

City staff evaluated candidate projects using the City's Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP), Capital Improvement Program (CIP), and Active Transportation Plan (ATP) to identify projects that best align with the SS4A Grant Program's focus areas. Priority was given to projects that directly address known crash patterns, improve safety for vulnerable road users, and support systemic safety improvements.

Following this evaluation, staff recommends the following four projects for Council consideration as candidates for the SS4A application:

1. **Natoma Street Pedestrian Improvements and Complete Streets Project:** The project will enhance pedestrian infrastructure along Natoma Street from Folsom Boulevard to Fargo Way through sidewalk gap closures, curb extensions, upgraded crossings, and ADA improvements to promote safer walking conditions. The project will also upgrade bicycle facilities by adding buffered bike lanes between Fargo Way and Stafford Street and improving existing bike lanes between Folsom Boulevard and Stafford Street to enhance cyclist safety and connectivity. This project was identified as a priority project in the City's Active Transportation Plan.
2. **Riley Street Roundabout Project:** Construction of modern roundabouts on Riley Street between East Bidwell Street and Wales Drive to replace existing signalized intersections and access driveways, improving traffic safety, reducing collision severity, and calming vehicular speeds.
3. **East Bidwell Complete Streets Project:** Implementation of complete streets elements along East Bidwell Street to improve safety and accessibility for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users, including separated bike lanes, enhanced crosswalks, and roadway reconfiguration for traffic calming. This project is identified in the City's Local Road Safety Plan and the Central Business District Vision Plan.
4. **Prairie City Road Realignment and Safety Improvement Project:** Realignment and widening of a substandard segment along Prairie City Road from US50 to Alder Creek Parkway to remove sharp curves, reduce collision potential, enhance overall corridor safety for all travel modes, and fit the needs of the growing development area. This project is identified in the City's General Plan and the City's Local Roads Safety Plan.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no additional financial impact associated with submitting the grant application. Grant application assistance by Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. is accommodated by the scope and fee from the City Council-approved 2024 Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP) Project and will be accommodated within the department's existing annual operating budget.

If awarded, the SS4A grant would require a minimum local match of 20% of the total project or planning cost. The exact match requirement and funding amounts will depend on the final application scope and award conditions. The local match would be determined through eligible local funding sources and brought back to Council at a future date for acceptance of the grant and approval of the award.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

Submission of a grant application is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and does not require environmental review. Should the City be awarded funding, any projects resulting from the grant would undergo appropriate environmental review prior to implementation.

## **ATTACHMENT**

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Submitted,

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