

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



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SUBJECT

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 145, 2024, Making Supplemental Appropriations for Projects Funded Through the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on October 15, 2024, supports FC Moves in expanding on the City's current Active Modes Plan and Vision Zero Plan, specifically through a:

- Bikeway study that serves to identify specific safety concerns and potential countermeasures, and to understand feasibility and network impacts of lane reductions on the arterial network.
- Demonstration activity that tests the effectiveness of temporary vertical protection along Centre Avenue, between Centre Drive/Bay Drive and Worthington Circle, to inform future projects citywide.

FC Moves in collaboration with Traffic Operations, Engineering, and Streets applied to the Federal Highway Administration's Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program, seeking funds in support of the bikeway study that includes (1) public and stakeholder engagement to understand barriers to active transportation on the corridors bounded by College Avenue, Horsetooth Road, Overland Trail and Laporte Avenue; (2) corridor safety audits to identify crash patterns and infrastructure that reduce the risk of bike and pedestrian crashes; and (3) data analysis and countermeasure selection. In addition, funds in support of the demonstration activity that include installation of temporary flexible posts and curbing along Centre Avenue, and associated data collection were requested under the FY23 SS4A grant program.

In support of funding the required 20% match under the FY23 SS4A grant program, FC Moves requested matching funds under the Colorado Department of Local Affairs Local Match (LOMA) grant program.

Both the Federal Highway Administration and Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) responded favorably to the requests for funds, with \$964,480 being awarded under the FY23 SS4A grant program and \$241,120 being awarded under DOLA's LOMA grant program. Total project costs for both the bike study and demonstration activity, totaling \$1,205,600, are funded in full through these grant awards from the FY23 SS4A grant program and DOLA's LOMA grant program.

The Resolution for consideration will authorize the Mayor to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Federal Highway Administration to receive grant funding to support the bike study and the demonstration activity.

As demonstrated by the LOMA grant agreement (Attachment 3) by accepting the LOMA funding from DOLA, the City agrees to all terms and conditions, including use of the \$241,120 as non-federal match to the FY23 SS4A grant.

The Ordinance for consideration will appropriate the \$964,480 in federal funds from the FY23 SS4A grant program and \$241,120 in state funds from the LOMA grant program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on Second Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Resolution for Grant Agreement with the Federal Highway Administration

The Resolution for consideration, provided in **Attachment 1**, authorizes the Mayor to execute an IGA with the Federal Highway Administration (Attachment 2) to secure the SS4A grant funding in support of the bike study and demonstration activity. The City is required to contribute \$241,120 in matching funds to accept the SS4QA grant. Funds awarded through DOLA's LOMA grant program comprise the matching funds, as presented in the LOMA grant agreement provided in **Attachment 3**.

Ordinance for Making Supplemental Appropriations

The Ordinance for consideration, provided in **Attachment 4**, includes the following actions:

- Appropriate \$964,480 of unanticipated grant revenue from the FY23 SS4A program and
- Appropriate \$241,120 of unanticipated grant revenue from the LOMA grant program for use as non-federal match for the FY23 SS4A grant

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

This item appropriates \$1,205,600 in costs to support the bike study and demonstration activity to further inform and expand on the City's Actives Modes Plan and Vision Zero Plan. Specifically:

- \$964,480 of unanticipated grant revenue from the FY23 SS4A program, and
- \$241,120 of unanticipated grant revenue from the LOMA grant program.

Both the FY23 SS4A award from the Federal Highway Administration and LOMA award from DOLA are reimbursement type awards, meaning Capital Projects Fund expenses will be reimbursed up to \$1,205,600.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS

First Reading attachments not included.

1. Ordinance for Consideration