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Introduction: May 18, 2026

Agenda Item: **Resolution 2026-37**

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A) FY 2026 SUPPLEMENTAL PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

Submitted by: Eric Damian, City Engineer

Scope/Description: This Resolution authorizes the City Manager to apply for a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) FY 2026 Supplemental Planning Grant through the U.S. Department of Transportation. The proposed grant application builds upon the City's previously adopted Roadway Safety Action Plan and seeks funding to complete additional roadway safety planning activities focused on reducing fatalities and serious injuries throughout the community.

The City is proposing a comprehensive corridor study along the State Route 123 corridor from Tama Lane to the State Route 123 and Robinson Vail Road intersection, as well as a targeted Road Safety Audit (RSA) at the Riley Boulevard, Main Street, and Dixie Highway intersection.

The corridor study will evaluate traffic operations, crash patterns, multimodal access, roadway capacity, corridor connectivity, Complete Streets opportunities, access management, and other operational and safety considerations along one of the City's busiest and most critical transportation corridors. The RSA will provide a focused safety review of the Riley Boulevard, Main Street, and Dixie Highway intersection, which includes challenging geometric conditions, railroad crossings, bridge crossings over Clear Creek, heavy turning movements, and high traffic volumes.

The proposed planning effort will result in prioritized recommendations for operational and physical safety improvements, including pedestrian and bicycle accommodations, visibility enhancements, speed management strategies, intersection modifications, corridor redesign concepts, and other transportation safety countermeasures.

Budget Impact: The total estimated project cost is currently \$1,056,000. The City intends to request approximately \$844,800 in federal SS4A funding, representing 80% of the total project cost. The required 20% local match would be approximately \$211,200.

If awarded, the SS4A Grant Program is a reimbursement-based program. The City would submit periodic reimbursement requests throughout the duration of the project for eligible expenses incurred under the program. The required local match and any non-reimbursable project costs would be funded through future Capital Improvement Program appropriations. The City may also evaluate the use of available County Motor Vehicle License Tax (CVT) funds toward eligible portions of the required local share.

Recommendation: Approval authorizing the City Manager to prepare and submit the FY 2026 SS4A Supplemental Planning Grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation and to execute any agreements necessary to participate in the program.

CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO
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WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation administers financial assistance through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Franklin desires to apply for financial assistance under the SS4A Program to conduct supplemental roadway safety planning activities intended to reduce roadway fatalities and serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project includes a State Route 123 corridor study and a Road Safety Audit at the Riley Boulevard, Main Street, and Dixie Highway intersection to identify and prioritize transportation safety improvements for all roadway users;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Franklin, Ohio, a majority of members present concurring, that:

Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to submit, on behalf of the City of Franklin, an application for a FY 2026 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Supplemental Planning Grant with the U.S. Department of Transportation for financial assistance associated with roadway safety planning activities, corridor studies, and related transportation safety improvement evaluations.

Section 2. This Council does hereby agree to obligate any funds necessary to satisfactorily complete the proposed project and become eligible for reimbursement under the terms of the SS4A Grant Program if the City's application for financial assistance is approved.

Section 3. It is found that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council that resulted in this formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Rules of Council.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

ADOPTED: May 18, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Khristi Dunn, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____
Brent Centers, Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned Clerk of Council for the Franklin City Council, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed by that body on May 18, 2026.

Khristi Dunn, Clerk of Council