



# FRUITA

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## AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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**TO:** FRUITA CITY COUNCIL, MAYOR

**FROM:** SAM ATKINS, CITY ENGINEER

**DATE:** AUGUST 16, 2022

**RE:** RESOLUTION 2022-24 – A REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER IN TO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FRUITA, THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, TOWN OF PALISADE, AND COUNTY OF MESA, COLORADO FOR A FY 2022 SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A) ACTION PLAN GRANT

### **BACKGROUND**

In Mesa County from 2016 to 2020 there were 79 traffic fatalities. During that time, Mesa County ranked 4<sup>th</sup> worst in fatality crash rate per 100,000 population at 9.8. The US Department of Transportation (USDOT) has initiated a plan to reduce fatalities and serious injuries. The first step in doing so is to establish an Action Plan commonly referred to as a “Vision Zero” or “Toward Zero Deaths” plan. The USDOT has committed to funding \$1B annually for the fiscal years 2022-2026 for projects associated with the preparation of the Action Plans and the implementation of the plans. At least 40% of this annually funding will be awarded to those establishing their Action Plans and the remainder will be for funding the implementation of the Action Plans. The key takeaway is that the Action Plan must be established to utilize the remaining funds for implementation.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

If awarded the grant, the City of Fruita will have committed 0.82% (\$2,665) of the local match of \$65,000 toward a total project cost of \$325,000.

### **APPLICABILITY TO CITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

This project meets a wide variety of goals established and has been specifically prioritized by the City Staff including making our streets safer for all modes of transportation.

### **OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO COUNCIL**

The City Council is required to take formal action to approve and accept these rights-of-way and easements. The City Council has the following options:

- 1. APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-24 - AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER IN TO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FRUITA, THE CITY OF**

**GRAND JUNCTION, TOWN OF PALISADE, AND COUNTY OF MESA, COLORADO FOR A  
FY 2022 SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A) ACTION PLAN GRANT**

- 2. DENY RESOLUTION 2022-24 - AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER IN TO A  
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JUNCTION, TOWN OF PALISADE, AND COUNTY OF MESA, COLORADO FOR A FY 2022  
SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A) ACTION PLAN GRANT**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is the recommendation of staff that Council:

**APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-24 - AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER IN TO  
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