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Mayor and Members of the City Council
STAFF REPORT
For the Meeting of December 9, 2024

Title/Subject

Resolution 2350 adopting the Hermiston Safety Action Plan

Summary and Background

At the November 25 city council meeting staff and representatives from Kittleson and Associates made a presentation of the draft safety action plan for improving transportation safety and moving towards “Vision Zero” for traffic fatalities. The report was prepared by the city’s technical advisory committee made up of citizens, staff, and community stakeholders. The report establishes an interim goal of reducing traffic fatalities and serious injury accidents by 50% by 2045. This project is funded by a grant from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

The report is fundamentally unchanged from the document presented to the city council on November 25. However, several edits and clarifications were made in response to comments from the council at that meeting and from FHWA staff. The notable edits made to the document include:

- Noting that the intersection and corridor plans are not intended to be a comprehensive list of all potentially dangerous locations in Hermiston, but are the locations identified as statistically significant sites and that the projects are intended to provide a toolbox which can be further utilized at other sites in the future.
- Noting that a dedicated traffic enforcement officer is a long-term solution for reducing dangerous and impaired driving.
- Edits to several concept drawings reflecting feedback from the city council and the technical advisory committee.
- Including the upcoming TSP update project as the appropriate method to fully develop the countermeasures in this plan.

The plan is finalized and ready for adoption by the city council. Following adopting by resolution, the city may begin seeking grant funding to construct the projects.

The full report is attached to this memo. The plan contains 46 pages of safety planning and an additional set of appendices which contain the technical documentation supporting the plan and documenting the public involvement in plan preparation.

Tie-In to Council Goals

Goal 1.5 – Develop safe streets for all action plan

Fiscal Information

The federal grant for this project is for \$280,000 and requires a \$70,000 local match.

Alternatives and Recommendation

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The city council may choose to adopt or reject Resolution 2350.

Recommended Action/Motion

Staff recommends that the council adopt Resolution 2350.

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