



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

DATE OF MEETING: February 12, 2024

ITEM TITLE: Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Plan

BACKGROUND:

This item was discussed at the City Council Work Session on February 5, 2024. During our conversations about Community Visioning, the facilitator from Trees Forever, Nick McGrath, mentioned that we should consider adopting an Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Plan so that we could be eligible for the Living Roadways Trust Fund and REAP grant dollars. Because we're below 10,000 residents, a formal plan isn't required, just the attached plan.

DISCUSSION:

Approval of this item will allow staff to apply for additional grants to help with projects that support Roadside Vegetation Management throughout the community.

RESULTS:

The City has established priorities during strategic planning sessions. This item supports the Vision from that session of Developing and Reviving Independence. This item helps achieve that vision by helping to garner additional funding for the continued development of the City and our roadsides.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

There is no significant financial cost for this item.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to sign the attached Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Plan.