



MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 23, 2022
TO: Chair Bryson and Public Works and Facilities Committee
FROM: Katie Koester, Engineering and Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Request for Support for Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Application

The purpose of this memo is to request PWFC support to apply for a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning Grant. More information on the grant and the application process can be found [here](#).

What is an SS4A Planning Grant?

The goal of SS4A is to develop a holistic, well-defined strategy to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries. This is achieved first by developing a safety action plan for the surface transportation network in the community (state and local) for all users including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit users, motorists and commercial vehicle operators. After a community has developed a plan, they are eligible for implementation grants that promote safety and align with USDOT priorities such as equity, climate and sustainability, job creation, and economic strength.

What does a Safety Action Plan entail?

The first step is for the governing body to pass a resolution committing to zero fatalities. If successful with the grant, CBJ would hire a consultant to develop the plan under the oversight of a task force that could include staff, elected officials, state government, and stakeholders. Plan development starts with an analysis of safety trends, public and stakeholder engagement, equity considerations and a review of current transportation policies, guidelines and standards. The end product would include a comprehensive list of projects and strategies to increase roadway safety in Juneau, including infrastructure projects. Because of the broad scope of the plan, I expect the effort to take around \$500,000 (with a 20% local match) and 12-18 months.

Why is it in CBJ's interest to devote the time and resources to this planning process?

We all can get behind zero fatalities and serious injuries in our community. This plan will lay out a strategy to get there with low cost and innovate techniques, policy changes, and projects. It also provides us with tools to work with our major transportation partner – ADOT on safety measures that are beyond our control. Many of the Assembly priorities, such as Lemon Creek Multimodal path and Juneau North Douglas Crossing would increase roadway safety and documenting that in an established plan will help these projects succeed with future funding opportunities. The SS4A program is a USDOT priority; they plan on awarding hundreds of planning grants to municipalities, transit agencies and tribes (states are not eligible) and I feel good about our chances of success.

Request:

Move to request a resolution supporting an application for a Safe Streets and Roads for All Planning grant and committing to a goal of zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries by 2050.