



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND**

**AB 6877  
March 3, 2026  
Consent Agenda**

**AGENDA BILL INFORMATION**

<b>TITLE:</b>	AB 6877: Safe Streets and Roads for All Program Grant Agreement	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	Authorize the City Manager to accept the Fiscal Year 2024 Safe Street and Roads for All Grant Program award and execute the agreements and amendments related to the grant program.	

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Public Works
<b>STAFF:</b>	Jason Kintner, Chief of Operations Kellye Hilde, Deputy Public Works Director Rebecca Corigliano, Transportation Engineer
<b>COUNCIL LIAISON:</b>	n/a
<b>EXHIBITS:</b>	1. USDOT / FHWA Grant Agreement under the Fiscal Year 2024 Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program
<b>CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:</b>	3. Make once-in-a-generation investments to update and modernize aging infrastructure, capital facilities, and parks.

<b>AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE</b>	n/a
<b>AMOUNT BUDGETED</b>	n/a
<b>APPROPRIATION REQUIRED</b>	n/a

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Staff is seeking authorization from the City Council to accept a grant award from the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to update the Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Plan.

- In July 2023, the City applied to and was awarded a grant from the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program to develop a Comprehensive Safety Transportation Action Plan (Transportation Action Plan).
- At their February 4, 2025 meeting, the City Council authorized the City Manager to accept the Transportation Action Plan award funds ([AB 6620](#)).
- The Transportation Action Plan will recommend projects and strategies to improve roadway safety on Mercer Island and development of the plan is anticipated for 2027-2028.
- The SS4A grant funds will cover 80% of the Transportation Action Plan project costs up to \$160,000 and requires a 20% City match of \$40,000.
- In 2024, the City was selected to receive supplemental funding through a 2024 SS4A grant to update the Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Plan (PBF Plan).

- The PBF Plan update is planned for 2026-2027, ahead of the Transportation Action Plan. Findings from the PBF Plan will inform development of the Transportation Action Plan.
- The SS4A grant funds will cover up to \$320,000 of the PBF Plan update and requires a City match of \$80,000.
- Staff is now bringing the PBF Plan award funds to the City Council for approval.

## BACKGROUND

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law established the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program and appropriated \$5 billion over five years (2022-2026). The grant program is administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The grant program funds regional, local, and tribal initiatives that support the development of Transportation Action Plans to reduce or eliminate serious injury and fatal crashes.

The City applied for and was awarded a 2023 SS4A grant and a 2024 SS4A supplemental grant. The 2023 grant will fund the development of the City's Transportation Action Plan. The grant funds will cover 80% of the project costs up to \$160,000 and require a 20% City match of \$40,000. The City has up to five years to spend the funds and complete the Transportation Action Plan.

In 2024, the City was selected to receive supplemental planning funds through a 2024 SS4A grant to update the Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Plan (PBF Plan). The PBF Plan update is planned for 2026-2027, ahead of completion of the Transportation Action Plan. Findings from the PBF Plan will inform development of the Transportation Action Plan. The supplemental grant award covers 80% of the PBF Plan costs, up to \$320,000, and requires a 20% City match of \$80,000.

At their February 4, 2025 meeting, the City Council authorized the City Manager to accept the Transportation Action Plan award funds, which were tied to the PBF Plan award funds ([AB 6620](#)). Staff is now bringing the PBF Plan award funds to the City Council for approval.

## ISSUE/DISCUSSION

The City's existing PBF Plan was created in 1996 and underwent marginal updates in 2010. Since then, standards have changed and various new facilities have been built throughout the island. The City is due for an updated PBF Plan to reflect our existing facilities and suggest future improvements for roadway, pedestrian, and bicycle facilities.

The City's updated PBF Plan will comply with standards established by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), evaluate the use of current street design guidelines, identify and evaluate future needs, propose future projects, provide preliminary scopes of work, and establish priorities with the intent to provide a roadmap, foundation, and timeline for future improvements. Ultimately, the updated PBF Plan will inform the Transportation Action Plan.

The Fiscal Year 2024 SS4A grant agreement for the PBF Plan is included as Exhibit 1 and requires approval by the City Council.

## **NEXT STEPS**

With the authorization of the 2024 SS4A grant agreement, work on the PBF Plan update will begin in 2026-2027 with adoption by the City Council anticipated in 2028. The Transportation Action Plan will begin in 2027-2028, incorporating elements from the PBF Plan and is anticipated to be adopted by the City Council in 2029. Both plans, once completed, will include future capital projects that will need to be prioritized and scheduled in the City's Transportation Improvement Plan and Capital Improvement Plan.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Authorize the City Manager to accept the Fiscal Year 2024 Safe Street and Roads for All Grant Program award in Exhibit 1 and execute all agreements and amendments related to the grant program.