



## CITY OF ORLAND STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 5, 2024

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Pete Carr, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** **SS4A Grant Application Scope: Complete Streets** (Discussion Action)

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### BACKGROUND:

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law established the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Discretionary grant program to support the implementation of safety projects, safety planning, and demonstration activities to improve road safety and help prevent deaths and serious injuries on our nation's roadways. Grant applications for the next round of SS4A, the 2024 cycle, are due April 4 but re-applications for declined projects may be made May 16 and August 29. \$1.3B is available this year, \$580M of that for project implementation. [FY24 SS4A Notice of Funding Opportunity | US Department of Transportation](#)

### ANALYSIS:

Our 2023 SS4A application, focused on the Streetscapes Master Plan, was not deemed sufficiently competitive. City Staff suggests a focus on implementation of our Active Transportation Plan (ATP) would likely be more highly favored by the SS4A reviewers. The City's ATP is incorporated into the Glenn County Active Transportation Plan [GCATP online](#). The ATP is generally consistent with the SS4A "comprehensive safety plan" requirement. Key to the ATP are objectives including "Complete Streets" traffic calming, addition of bicycle lanes and shortened pedestrian crossings.

The City took the initiative to properly demonstrate the Complete Streets concept on Tehama Steet, and more recently with paint & delineators on a segment of East Street. Endorsed as overall positive and effective by the Public Works and Safety Commission, this could be implemented on more streets with concrete if funding were available. This grant could be the catalyst for the City to implement its plan, resulting in a town of significantly safer streets for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.

If we are awarded the grant, then we would focus on which locations and which detailed types of improvements are most desirable. These decisions could even be made between now and a May 16<sup>th</sup> application re-submission, but are not necessary to decide at this point.

### RECOMMENDATION:

Direct Staff to proceed with an application for SS4A, the scope focused on implementation of our ATP.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF RECOMMENDATION:** None.