



AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS

Project/Issue Name: 26-R-11 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the City of Republic to Apply for Safe Streets for All Grant Funds to Improve Roadway Safety Along Route MM Between James River Freeway and Haile Street in Coordination with Ozarks Transportation Organization and Missouri Department of Transportation for the Limited Purpose of Submitting a Grant Application.

Submitted By: Director of Community Development, Karen Haynes

Date: May 5th, 2026

Issue Statement

The City of Republic in partnership with Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO) and Missouri Department of Transportation are applying for up to \$11 million from the Safe Streets for All grant program. Funds awarded will improve roadway safety along Route MM between Route 360 and Haile Street. MoDOT is allocating \$2,060,000 for Right-of-Way, utilities and construction as well as \$595,000 for engineering. If awarded, the City of Republic will be responsible for any cost overages. A formal project agreement with MoDOT will be brought to City Council before funds are accepted.

Discussion and/or Analysis

The Route MM: Route 360 to Haile Street Project is a Tier 0 project in OTO's qualified safety action plan Destination Safe Streets. The project will improve safety countermeasures and prevent another pedestrian fatality like the one on September 27th, 2020.

The Route MM: Route 360 to Haile Street Project was chosen because:

- The Route MM Widening from I-44 to Route 360 was a Tier 2 project that would score lower.
- HB 2017 requests \$6M for the maintenance, repair, and upgrades to Route MM at and between the intersections of US 60 and I-44.
- The Hines/ZZ Intersection improvement was ranked high for merit but not selected in the 2025 SS4A round because it is not located on the High-Injury-Network.
- MoDOT is contributing \$2,655,000 in match funds. Work will benefit the Hankins Industrial Park and other growth and development along Route MM and Sawyer Road.

Recommended Action

Staff requests approval.