



## AGENDA REPORT

### City Council Meeting

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**TODAY'S DATE:** 5/28/2024

**MEETING DATE:** 6/5/2024

**TO:** MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Holly Ellis, Construction Manager

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Resolution: AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION'S ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM, SEEKING FUNDS FOR DESIGN OF THE DIVISION AVENUE CORRIDOR PROJECT – *action item*

#### DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:

On February 3, 2021, City Council accepted (Resolution No. 21-0007) the Division Avenue Road Safety Audit (RSA). The report supplemented and informed the Multimodal Transportation Master Plan (MTMP), adopted on May 6, 2021 (Resolution No. 21-022). The MTMP provides that Division Avenue is classified as a Pedestrian Priority route. The MTMP's Capital Improvement Priorities include the Division Ave Corridor project, Attachment 1, intended to resolve the safety concerns identified in the RSA. This concept for Division Ave aims to improve pedestrian and bicycle access to schools, community destinations, and neighborhoods.

On September 7, 2022, City Council authorized acceptance of the Children Pedestrian Safety Program award to fund the first phase of the Division Avenue Corridor Improvement project. Construction of these improvements on the east side of Division Avenue, approximately between Superior Street and Highway 2, were completed in August of 2023.

On November 15, 2023, City Council authorized staff to submit a grant application of up to \$250,000 to the LHTAC for the Children Pedestrian Safety Program to continue improvements of the eastern side of Division Avenue, between Superior Street and Pine Street. Funding award results are pending.

In November 2021, Congress passed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. 117-58), which increased funding for active transportation programs. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) administers a new competitive grant program created by Section 11529 of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) called the Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP). This program provides planning, design, and construction grants for connected trail networks and spine projects. Its goal is to accelerate local and regional plans to develop safe, connected, and convenient walking and biking routes to everyday destinations, and to bridge gaps between community trails.

The ATIIP has been allocated \$45 million. The FHWA will select projects based on a competitive application process using criteria developed by the FHWA and Department of Transportation (DOT) priorities. There are two types of grants: Planning/Design grants and Construction grants. Planning/Design grant funds can be used for public engagement activities, planning studies, and engineering.

ATIIP grants must be obligated by a signed grant agreement with FHWA by September 30, 2026. The maximum award for Planning/Design projects is \$2 million, with the federal share not exceeding 80% of the total project costs. A minimum local match of 20% is required.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize staff to submit an Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program grant of up to \$1,200,000 to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for design of the Division Avenue Corridor Project.

**ACTION:**

Move to authorize staff to submit an Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program grant of up to \$1,200,000 to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for design of the Division Avenue Corridor Project.

**WILL THERE BE ANY FINANCIAL IMPACT? NO HAS THIS ITEM BEEN BUDGETED? N/A**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Proposed Resolution
2. Division Avenue Corridor Concept – Figures 18 & 19 of MTMP
3. ATIIP Notice of Funding Opportunity
4. Resolution 21-007 - Accepted Road Safety Audit for Division Ave