



MEMORANDUM

TO: Skamania County Transportation Policy Committee
FROM: Adam Fiss
DATE: July 31, 2024
SUBJECT: **Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)**

Background

In 2023, RTC and the agencies of Klickitat County, Skamania County, Stevenson, Bingen, White Salmon, Goldendale, and WSDOT agreed to work together to develop a comprehensive safety action plan for the RTPO region.

Local Match

The TPC committees for each county and RTC Board of Directors approved for RTC to apply for \$300,000 in federal SS4A funds, with a total match requirement of \$75,000. Supporting agencies agreed to cofund the safety action plan by providing \$35,000 in local match, with RTC providing \$40,000 in local match. RTC will provide the overall project management, and each agency agreed to provide technical assistance.

Project Status

In July 2024 RTC received the executed agreement from the USDOT for the SS4A grant funds. RTC will be utilizing consultant services for the development of the regional safety action plan. The USDOT has provided agencies a clear structure as to what has to be included in a safety action plan, which was utilized to develop a scope of work for a project RFQ (see attached). The consultant will also be responsible for developing/updating the local road safety plans for each county and all cities. The RFQ will be released in late August, with proposals being due mid September. Work is anticipated to begin in October 2024.

Discussion

At the upcoming TPC Adam Fiss (RTC) will lead a discussion of the grant and answer any questions about next steps and grant requirements.

Attachment: Scope of Work

RTC GORGE SS4A SAFETY ACTION PLAN SCOPE OF WORK *(Summarized)*

The scope of work will result in the development of a comprehensive safety action plan for the Skamania County and Klickitat County region, including Stevenson, White Salmon, Bingen, and Goldendale.

Consultant Tasks

Task 1: Safety Analysis

Task 1 is focused on data collection for the development of the safety action plan and local road safety plans, including collision data, traffic volumes, and other roadway data.

Task 2: Local Road Safety Plans

This task will include the updating of the Local Road Safety Plans for Stevenson, White Salmon, Bingen, and Goldendale. For each plan, the safety analysis and project lists will be updated; and the work may also include updating safety goals, safety priorities, and potential funding resources.

Task 3: Community Engagement

This task includes the development of a community engagement process for both the public and stakeholders, which allows for both community representation and feedback. This task will also include a regional safety summit for policymakers and stakeholders. The consultant will be responsible for managing the logistics of the summit, with support from RTC staff.

Task 4: Safety Goals

This task includes the analysis of safety needs, including the establishment of safety goals and priorities for reducing fatalities and serious injuries.

Task 5: Policy Review

This task includes the review of existing policies and provides recommendations on how these policies can be changed/improved/updated over time.

Task 6: Project List

This task includes the development of a prioritized list of projects/strategies with associated timelines for implementation.

Task 7: Safety Action Plan

This task will require the development of a Safety Action Plan for the Skamania and Klickitat counties region. The draft plan will be reviewed by RTC and project agencies before completion and adoption of the final plan. This task will include the development of a presentation(s) that can be presented by local staff to the RTC Board and other agencies in the adoption process.

Task 8: SS4A Implementation Grant Application

This task includes the development of an implementation grant application for the SS4A program. The application will focus on regional priorities identified in the safety action plan.