



CITY OF TUALATIN

Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

FROM: Lindsay Marshall, Management Analyst, Public Works

DATE: October 27, 2025

SUBJECT:

Resolution No. 5923-25 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Apply for and Accept Community Development Block Grant Funds to Install Flashing Beacons for Pedestrian Safety

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that Council approve the resolution.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Washington County Office of Community Development is accepting proposals for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program 2026-2027 funding cycle. The City of Tualatin can benefit from this grant program and is seeking CDBG funding to install two Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) crosswalks in low-income census blocks that experience high pedestrian stress.

Specifically, the project would install RRFB crosswalks at two locations: SW Boones Ferry Road (between SW Sagert Street and SW Warm Springs Street) and SW Sagert Street (between SW Martinazzi Avenue and the I-5 Bridge). RRFBs are safety devices installed at crosswalks, especially those not at intersections, that use alternating, high-frequency flashing yellow LED lights to alert drivers to pedestrians in the crosswalk, prompting them to yield. RRFBs are designed to increase driver awareness and can significantly increase motorist yielding rates, making them an effective tool for pedestrian safety at marked crossings.

These two sections of roadways were identified in Tualatin's Transportation System Plan as long distances (0.25-0.5 miles) without a safe, marked crossing. In locations without safe crossings, pedestrians are more likely to cross unsafely/jaywalk. Installation of RRFB crosswalks in these areas would alleviate pedestrian stress and increase both pedestrian and driver safety.

In order to advance this project, the City of Tualatin is requesting \$300,000 of Community Development Block Funds for Public Facilities and Infrastructure, which would be available during the 2026-2027 fiscal year. If the grant funds are awarded, they will be used to construct this project.

OUTCOMES OF DECISION:

A copy of a Council approved resolution authorizing an application for Community Development Block Grant funds must be submitted with the application. If approved, staff will submit an application for CDBG funds for this project.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

If funded, the City Manager will authorize and accept the funds and the project will move forward. The City may be required to budget for matching funds, which will go through the traditional budgeting process.

ATTACHMENTS:

- **Resolution No. 5923-25** A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Apply for and Accept Community Development Block Grant Funds to Install Flashing Beacons for Pedestrian Safety
- CDBG RRFB Proposed Locations