

City of Hesperia STAFF REPORT



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TO: Mayor and Council Members

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SUBJECT: Acceptance of Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Funds

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Accept Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant funds in the amount of \$1,577,600 for the City of Hesperia Vision Zero Action Plan, the supplemental Complete Streets Plan, and supporting studies.
2. Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all grant-related documents, agreements, and amendments as necessary to implement the grant.
3. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-04, accepting SS4A grant funds, authorizing execution of the grant agreement.

BACKGROUND

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, established the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program to support local governments in the development and implementation of comprehensive safety action plans. These plans are intended to help prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries and are rooted in Vision Zero and Complete Streets' principles that prioritize the safety and mobility of all road users.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25, the City of Hesperia was awarded a SS4A Planning Grant to develop the City of Hesperia Vision Zero Action Plan (Vision Zero) and supplemental Complete Streets Plan (Complete Streets), along with other supporting studies necessary for completion of both plans. These plans will evaluate existing transportation conditions and identify data-driven strategies for improving safety, circulation, connectivity, and multimodal access in the City.

The SS4A funded planning document will provide a comprehensive evaluation of the City's existing transportation system and guide updates to create a safer and more efficient transportation network.

ISSUES/ANALYSIS

Vision Zero is a roadway safety plan focused on reducing serious injuries and fatalities for all users of the transportation system through a data-driven approach to identify high-risk locations, evaluate roadway conditions, and develop targeted safety improvements.

The Vision Zero will include review of collision history, traffic volumes, roadway characteristics, and user patterns to identify corridors and intersections with the highest safety risks. The plan will incorporate engineering analysis, traffic surveys, and field safety audits, while considering the needs of all roadway users, including motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, school children, transit users, and persons with disabilities. The Vision Zero planning effort will coordinate with a supplemental Complete Streets Plan to support safe travel for all modes of transportation in potential future roadway improvements.

The supplemental Complete Streets will utilize traffic surveys, audits, and safety analysis to identify proposed design-level transportation solutions and guide implementation of potential future projects. The plan will include components related to Safe Routes to School, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and overall roadway connectivity, and will result in a prioritized list of potential safety and mobility improvements, which could be from striping lanes to infrastructure projects and may include:

- Dedicated turn lanes to reduce congestion and collisions
- Signal timing enhancements to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety
- Expanded pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure
- Connectivity gap improvements
- ADA accessibility upgrades

Completion of the Vision Zero and supplemental Complete Streets Plans will provide the City with a data-driven roadmap to guide transportation planning and capital improvement programming, while also establishing eligibility for future state and federal safety grant opportunities, many of which require an adopted roadway safety plan to be eligible to apply. Currently, the City does not have a roadway safety plan and is excluded from applying for certain safety grants.

CITY GOAL SUPPORTED BY THIS ITEM

Capital Improvement – Continually evaluate capital improvement priorities.

FISCAL IMPACT

Acceptance of \$1,577,600 in Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant funding will support the development of the Vision Zero and supplemental Complete Streets Plans, for a total project cost of \$1,972,000.

The Fiscal Year 2025–26 Budget includes the required local match of \$394,400, which has already been appropriated.

Upon acceptance, the \$1,577,600 in grant funding will be included in the Fiscal Year 2026–27 Budget as both grant revenue and corresponding expenditures, resulting in a net zero fiscal impact to the Streets Maintenance Fund.

ALTERNATIVE(S)

1. Without the SS4A funding, the City would need to self-fund this level of planning, which would be a significant burden on the limited local funding sources available to the City.

2. Without a roadway safety plan, the City will not qualify for certain grants and may have a harder time qualifying for other future transportation funding resulting in valuable missed opportunities to improve traffic safety, infrastructure and mobility for the community.
3. Provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Resolution No. 2026-04