



LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Suzanne Sherman, City Manager

THRU: Valentino Perez, Public Works Director

DATE: May 2, 2024

RE: Consideration to submit an application for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

SUMMARY:

Staff is requesting authorization to apply for grant funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant. The project will include some of the safety enhancements identified in the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Safe Route to School (SRTS) safety analysis in June 2020 and the Kittelson & Associates 2023 Safety Corridor Study of the segment of Emerson Drive from Culver Drive to Malabar Road. This TPO study is considered an Action Plan as required by the grant program. Applications must be submitted by 5:00 PM on Thursday, May 16, 2024.

As a result of the TPO's corridor study, staff has identified a sidewalk improvement project which meets the scope of the SS4A grant. The City will submit for grant funds for sidewalk and lighting improvements for a segment of Emerson Drive NE from Culver Drive to Malabar Road. The proposed project will improve the overall safety of Emerson Drive which was identified as a Vision Zero Targeted Safety Corridor. The project will benefit pedestrians walking to and from Lockmar Elementary School and Pineapple Cove Classical Academy, as well as motorist, pedestrians, and bicyclist traveling at night.

Safety improvements for this segment of Emerson Drive from Culver Drive to Malabar Road lie within zip code 32907. The estimated cost of construction is estimated at \$3,000,000. The grant required a local match of 20%. Staff requests Council's consideration to utilize Transportation Impact Fees (TIF) to meet the City's 20% matching funds of \$600,000. The available TIF balance for Nexus 32907 (Fund 197) is \$5,105,634 as of February 2024.

REQUESTING DEPARTMENTS:

Public Works

FISCAL IMPACT:

If this grant is awarded, the City match will be paid using Transportation Impact Fee funds estimated at \$600,000. Funding is available in Transportation Impact Fee – 32907 Undesignated Fund Balance #197-0000-392-1001. If the grant is unsuccessful, the funds will remain unallocated.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to 1) authorize the City to submit a grant application for Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant for construction of a sidewalk and lighting improvements for a segment of Emerson Drive, NE from Culver Drive to Malabar Road and 2) authorize an allocation of Transportation Impact Fees from zip code 32907 not to exceed \$600,000 as the City's required match.

ATTACHMENTS: