



## Agenda Item Summary

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**Agenda Item Name:**

**Safe Streets and Roads for All Action Plan Grant Agreement**

**Presenter:**

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**Description:**

Staff is seeking Board of County Commission (Board) approval of a grant agreement between Alachua County and the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Alachua County Safe Streets & Roads for All Action Plan. Information on the Action Plan itself is provided in the Background section.

**Recommended Action:**

Approve the Safe Streets for All grant agreement with U.S. Department of Transportation and authorize the Chair's signature

**Prior Board Motions:**

N/A

**Fiscal Note:**

The overall budget for this project is \$350,000, with \$262,500 coming from the USDOT's Safe Streets and Roads for all grant program and \$87,500 provided by Alachua County as local match from salaries and benefits of staff time for the Senior Transportation Planner, Transportation Planning Manager and Civil Engineer III and indirect costs. We are asking for approval of the grant currently to get the award back to USDOT for execution by them with a resolution and budget amendment to follow on future agenda.

**Strategic Guide:**

Infrastructure, Public Safety

**Background:**

On February 1, 2023, Alachua County was awarded \$262,500 by the U.S. Department of Transportation for implementation of the Alachua County Safe Streets & Roads for All Action Plan. The Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program is a new funding category created by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

The Safe Streets and Roads for All Action Plan will help Alachua County identify systemic safety deficiencies as well as specific locations of concern ('high injury network' or HIN) in our transportation network, and develop policies, projects, and strategies to address those deficiencies and create a safer transportation system for all users. The Plan will include substantial outreach to all system users,

including pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers of motor vehicles. Additionally, the County will collaborate with its municipalities to develop equitable solutions to transportation safety concerns within those communities.

Once completed, the Action Plan will serve as a basis for further applications for State and Federal funding, as well as provide roadmap for local investment in safe transportation network improvements on the County's roadway network. Specifically, priority projects and strategies from the Action Plan will be prioritized within the County's Capital Improvements Program. Further, the Plan will help to identify transparent progress reporting mechanisms so the effectiveness of proposed improvements can be evaluated.

More information about the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program can be found here: <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/ss4a/>.

Once USDOT has also executed the agreement, Staff will initiate the procurement process to identify a consultant for the study. The DRAFT scope for the study is included with this agenda item. A resolution and budget amendment will follow on future agenda.