



## Agenda Item Summary

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**Agenda Item Name:**

**Budget amendment, unanticipated revenues resolution, and inter fund loan for Safe Streets and Roads Grant**

**Presenter:**

Jeffery Hays, Growth Management Director

**Description:**

Budget Amendment, unanticipated revenues resolution, and inter fund loan for Safe Streets and Roads Grant

**Recommended Action:**

Approve budget amendment, unanticipated revenues resolution, and inter fund loan of \$150,000 for Safe Streets and Roads Grant

**Prior Board Motions:**

June 27, 2023 – BoCC approved agreement with United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) for Safe Streets and Roads Grant

**Fiscal Note:**

A budget amendment is necessary to account for use of unanticipated revenues being received from the Safe Streets and Roads Grant. The approval of the resolution for unanticipated revenues allows for receiving and utilizing the grant funds, and the inter fund loan of \$150,000 will allow work to begin until reimbursement from the Safe Streets and Roads Grant is received. Fund 240 – Safe Streets/ Roads for All Grant was created to account for grant activity, specifically Expense Accounts: 240.79.7910.541.12.00 – Regular Wages and 240.79.7910.541.31.00 professional services. The Grant is in process of being amended with United States Department of Transportation and the amended grant will be coming back to the board for approval. Prior approved grant is attached.

**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.

On June 27, 2023, the Grant agreement was approved by the BoCC and the USDOT approved the agreement on August 21, 2023. The budget amendment and resolution for unanticipated revenues creates the budget for this grant with \$262,500 (75%) coming from the USDOT and \$87,500 coming with in-kind match from the County. Since this is a reimbursement grant, inter fund loan is needed for up to \$150,000 from general fund till completion of the grant.

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/>.

Now that the 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.