

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE September 13, 2024

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **FY24 Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Announcement**

On September 5, 2024, the U.S. Department of Transportation announced grant awards for the implementation round of FY24 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program. **The City of Dallas and partner agency Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) have been awarded \$9,240,000 to implement pedestrian improvements along 5 corridors on the High Injury Network.** The SS4A program was established in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (BIL) and funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives to develop and implement Vision Zero plans, with an ultimate goal of eliminating roadway deaths. Priority is given to projects in historically underserved areas.

The **Creating Pedestrian Safety Zones on the High Injury Network** project will help to implement the City's Vision Zero Action Plan and improve outcomes for pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries. Department of Transportation and Public Works staff, alongside DART, identified 5 corridors on the High Injury Network to create Pedestrian Safety Zones, which layer proven safety countermeasures to allow pedestrians and other road users to cross traffic safely, reducing crashes. Corridors were selected to align with the City's Vision Zero Action Plan and Sidewalk Master Plan, and DART's Corridor Optimization and Rider Experience (CORE) program.

Combined with existing targeted traffic enforcement efforts, the proposed interventions could include: the installation of pedestrian hybrid beacons (PHBs) or rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs); crosswalk striping and improved signage; improved lighting; pedestrian refuge islands; sidewalk and curb improvements; and, in conjunction with DART, moving, consolidating, or improving key bus stops to help channel pedestrians to the Pedestrian Safety Zones. The overall effect is intended to encourage safer crossings within the corridors, and steer pedestrians away from uncontrolled crossings that result in death or harm.

The 5 corridors are:

- Ferguson Road from IH-30 to I-635
- Lake June Road from U.S. 175 to Chayenne Road
- Saint Augustine from Military Parkway to U.S. 175
- Camp Wisdom Road from Cockrell Hill Road to IH-35E
- Maple Avenue from Mockingbird to the Dallas North Tollway

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While exact locations for Pedestrian Safety Zones within each corridor have not been determined, funding for planning and design included in the grant award will allow for the selection of final locations and to identify opportunities for relocation and consolidation of bus stops along the corridors. Public meetings will be held in order to receive community input on needed interventions.

The SS4A grant will support up to 15 Pedestrian Safety Zones along the selected corridors. Also included in the award is funding to update the Vision Zero Action Plan and Sidewalk Master Plan with new crash data, and to update and reprioritize the project listings. **The City will provide \$2.16 million in matching funds for the Pedestrian Safety Zones, sidewalk improvements, and planning and DART will provide \$150K in matching funds to relocate and upgrade bus shelters, for a total project cost of \$11.5 million.**

The Department of Transportation and Public Works anticipates receiving the grant contract from the Federal Highway Administration in the coming months. It can take up to a year to finalize the contract. Once finalized, an agenda item will be brought to City Council to accept the grant and commit the matching funds. Once executed, the City will have five years to implement the grant including all planning, design, and construction.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact , please contact Ghassan “Gus” Khankarli, Ph.D. P.E., PMP, CLTD, Director of the Department of Transportation, at Ghassan.Khankarli@dallas.gov.

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