

OPERATING BUDGET FISCAL NOTE

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION: 7/24/25
CONTACT DEPARTMENT: Transportation and Public Works
FUND: Special Revenue
SUBJECT:

Approve an ordinance authorizing negotiation and execution of a grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration to accept \$10,456,068 from the 2024 Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program for safer transportation routes; amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Transportation and Public Works Department Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20240814-007) to accept and appropriate \$10,456,068 in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Safe Streets and Roads for All program and amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Transportation and Public Works Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20240814-007) to transfer in and appropriate \$10,456,068 in grant funds to implement safety countermeasures at a citywide scale to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes, especially those involving pedestrians.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:

	2024-2025 Amended	This Action	2024-2025 Amended
Special Revenue Fund			
USDOT	32,288,000	10,456,068	42,744,068
Ending Balance	32,288,000	10,456,068	42,744,068
FTEs	0.00	0.00	0.00

FIVE-YEAR ESTIMATED IMPACT:

	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Revenue	10,456,068	0	0	0	0
Total Requirements	10,456,068	0	0	0	0
Net Budget Impact	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On September 5, 2024, the United States Department of Transportation announced that the City of Austin received an award for its application to the Fiscal Year 2024 Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant program. The City’s 2024 SS4A award provides almost \$10.5 million in federal funds to install pedestrian crossing improvements at nearly 50 locations and more fully develop the City’s Living Streets Program, which seeks to follow resident-led requests for making their local street more comfortable to gather, walk and play. As part of this award, the City is required to contribute about \$2.6 million in local matching funds. Local matching funds are available from the 2018 and 2020 mobility bonds, as well as in-kind contributions provided by the Operating Budget.

The grant will fund the implementation of proven safety countermeasures at a systemic, citywide scale to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes, especially those involving pedestrians. Crossing treatments will include a combination of rectangular rapid flashing beacons, pedestrian crossing islands, curb extensions and pedestrian hybrid beacons, as well as one critically needed grade-separated crossing of I-35 at Little Walnut Creek. The grant also includes a demonstration project on local, neighborhood streets that will test soft road closures using quick-build, cost-effective and temporary traffic calming and placemaking methods.

The total grant amount is \$13,070,085. The City will receive \$10,456,068 and will contribute the required 20% match with a combination of Capital Funds and in-kind contribution with equipment and staff time for the study period of two years.