

## **Resolution No. 44-26**

### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION IN RESPONSE TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (USDOT) NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR NORTH AVE ENHANCED TRANSIT CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS AS WELL AS OTHER SAFETY RELATED PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING SAFETY SYMPOSIUM, ROADWAY SAFETY AUDITS, TRAFFIC GARDEN AND EDUCATION AS RECOMMENDED IN THE MESA COUNTY SAFETY ACTION PLAN AND AS REQUIRED TO MEET THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM**

The Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant program (SS4A) is represented as a "once-in-a-generation funding opportunity" by the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) as part of their Safe System Approach (SSA) to roadway safety. This approach incorporates Vision Zero, Towards Zero Deaths, Complete Streets, and other proven countermeasures in the effort to eliminate fatal and serious injuries for all roadway users.

This grant opportunity pledges a minimum of \$1 billion annually for fiscal years FY22-26 with at least 40 percent of the annual funding awarded for Action Plan Grants and supplemental action plan activities. The remaining balance of the annual funding will be available for Implementation Grants. Implementation Grants will not be awarded without a comprehensive safety action plan in place, and will not be awarded concurrently with action plan grants.

In 2022, the City signed a memorandum of agreement (MOA) formalizing a fiscal commitment between the City of Grand Junction, City of Fruita, Town of Palisade, and Mesa County to apply for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program in an effort to fund and develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan for the aforementioned entities and other partners affiliated within the Grand Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (GVMPO) as spearheaded by the Mesa County Regional Transportation Planning Office (MCRTPO). The action plan was completed and each respective entity passed a resolution supporting and adopting the 2024 Mesa County Safety Action Plan. City of Grand Junction adopted the Mesa County Safety Action Plan on November 20, 2024. Adoption of the Mesa County Safety Action Plan opened up additional SS4A Implementation funding, currently identified at \$1 billion/year through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). This application accesses implementation funding.

Grant applications must be multidisciplinary in nature requiring both infrastructure and non-infrastructure components. Additional infrastructure funds are requested to augment existing federal and state grant funds for the North Ave Enhanced Transit Corridor while non-infrastructure funds will fund a safety symposium, crash software licensing, roadway safety audits and education.

The project scope is anticipated at \$4.5 million with USDOT grant funding in the amount of \$3.6 million ("Grant") for the Project. The City staff has recommended that the City Council support the Grant application and if awarded that the Grant be utilized.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado that:

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction by with and through this Resolution expresses its supports for the City's *Safe Streets and Roads for All* grant application.

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to meet the terms and obligations, including established deadlines, of any Grant awarded.

If the Grant is awarded, the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to sign the grant agreement with the Colorado Department of Transportation, on behalf of the USDOT, for the Project.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 20th day of May 2026



Laurel Lutz  
President of the City Council

ATTEST:



Selestina Sandoval  
City Clerk

