


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	25-220	Meeting:	June 9, 2025
	Agenda Item:	41	Roll Call:	<input type="text"/>
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AGENDA HEADING:

Authorizing a submittal of a multi-jurisdictional grant application as part of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Discretionary Grant Program and commitment to provide required matching funds.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend authorization to apply for grant funding under the USDOT SS4A Discretionary Grant Program as part of a multi-jurisdictional application being prepared by the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (DMAMPO) for an intersection improvement project on SW 9th Street at Bancroft Street.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$5,000,000 in construction costs for the SS4A grant project

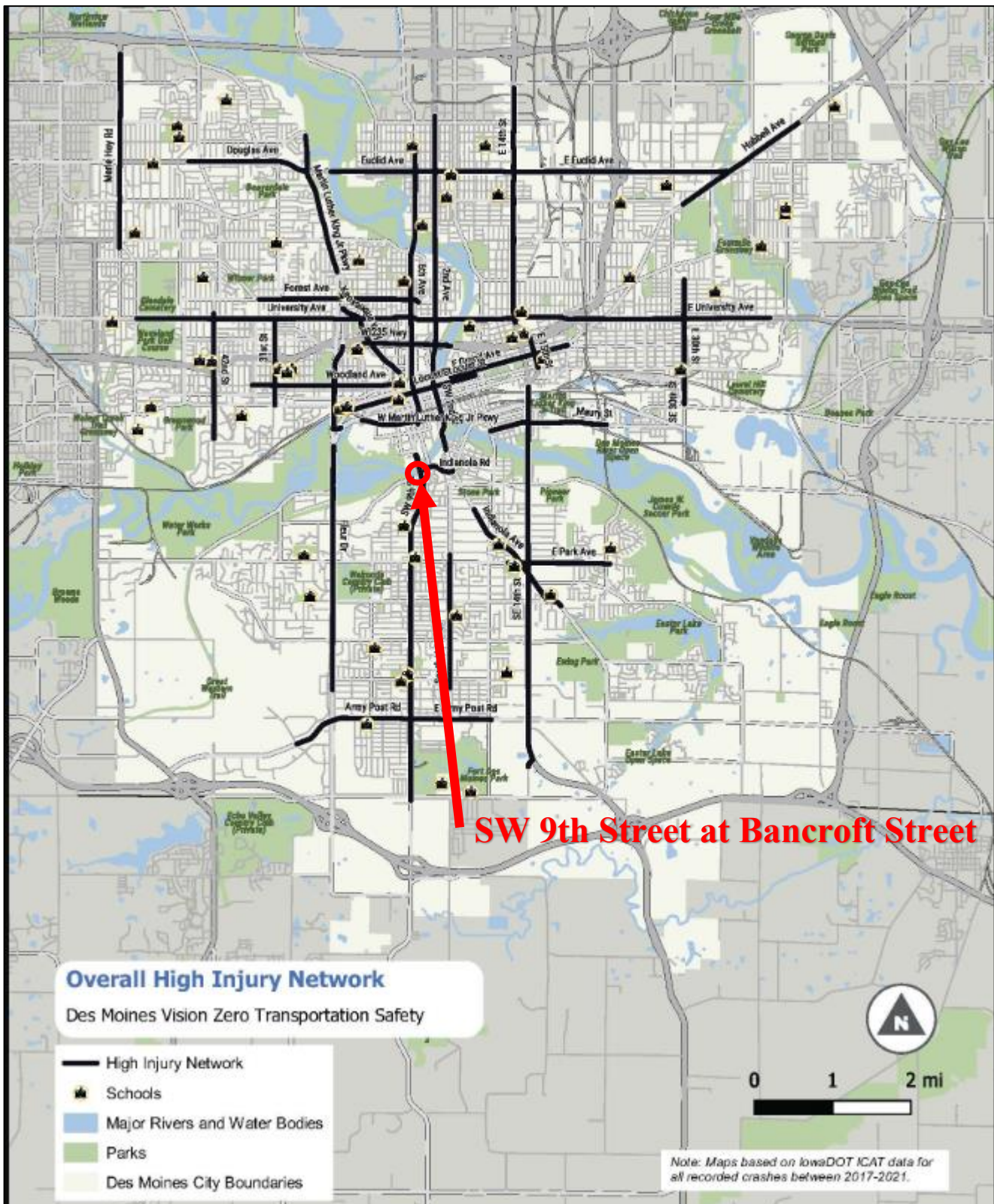
Funding Source: Various funding sources as follows –

- \$2,500,000 – SS4A Discretionary Grant
- \$2,500,000 – Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page 159, SW 9th Street - DART Way to McKinley Avenue, ST322

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The DMAMPO adopted a Comprehensive Traffic Safety Action Plan in March 2025 for streets and roadways within the DMAMPO's area. The plan advances similar goals and is complementary to the City's Vision Zero Transportation Safety Action Plan adopted by Council at the June 26, 2023, City Council meeting. Both plans advance the goals and objectives and set forth a plan of measures and strategies to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries on streets within the City of Des Moines as well as across the DMAMPO's study area.

- The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), 2021, established the SS4A discretionary grant program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over five (5) years. The funds for the SS4A Program are to be awarded on a competitive basis for regional, local, and tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries.
- The FY2025 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the SS4A program is open, and the deadline for applications is June 26, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. (EDT).
- The DMAMPO will be submitting a SS4A Implementation Grant application for several safety improvements within the DMAMPO.
- As a part of the development of the Comprehensive Traffic Safety Action Plan, detailed analyses were conducted of traffic crashes reported in the years from 2018 to 2022 to identify street corridors on the HIN that have high levels of fatal and severe injury crashes. The Comprehensive Traffic Safety Action Plan subscribes to principles and approaches with the objective of reducing fatal and severe injuries in the City to zero, which satisfies many of the selection criteria for an implementation grant and aligns well with the SS4A program's priorities and goals.
- Upon comparison of the corridors shown on both the DMAMPO's and City's HINs and the projects in the City's CIP, an intersection improvement project on SW 9th Street at Bancroft Street was identified by City staff as a candidate for a grant application under a SS4A Implementation Grant to implement safety related improvements identified on the City's HIN.
- The total project costs are estimated to be at least \$5 million. The SS4A Grant amount portion for the SW 9th Street at Bancroft Street intersection project would be \$2.5 million and a minimum 20% local or non-federal match is required. The matching funds, estimated to be \$2.5 million, are programmed in the current CIP.
- Additionally, the grant application will include a request for funding for the roadway safety audits and low-cost safety countermeasures that are planned as regional components but have not yet been designated for individual communities. If awarded, up to 36 roadway safety audits are anticipated, resulting in the implementation of low-cost countermeasures throughout the DMAMPO area. Eligible roadways would include those identified as critical, high, and medium priorities in the [DMAMPO Comprehensive Safety Action Plan](#). If awarded and if any roadway safety audits and low-cost safety countermeasures involve locations or streets within the City, a subsequent request for authorization to proceed will be made to the City Council.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 6, 2024

Roll Call Number: [24-0640](#)

Action: [Authorizing](#) the application for a USDOT SS4A Implementation Grant. ([Council Communication No. 24-202](#)) Moved by Coleman to adopt. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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