

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	25-395	Meeting:	October 20, 2025
	Agenda Item:	6	Roll Call:	25-1382
	Submitted by:	Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving a United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant Agreement and authorizing the City Manager to sign the Agreement.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approving the Implementation Grant Agreement with the USDOT for its SS4A Discretionary Grant Program and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to sign the Agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT:

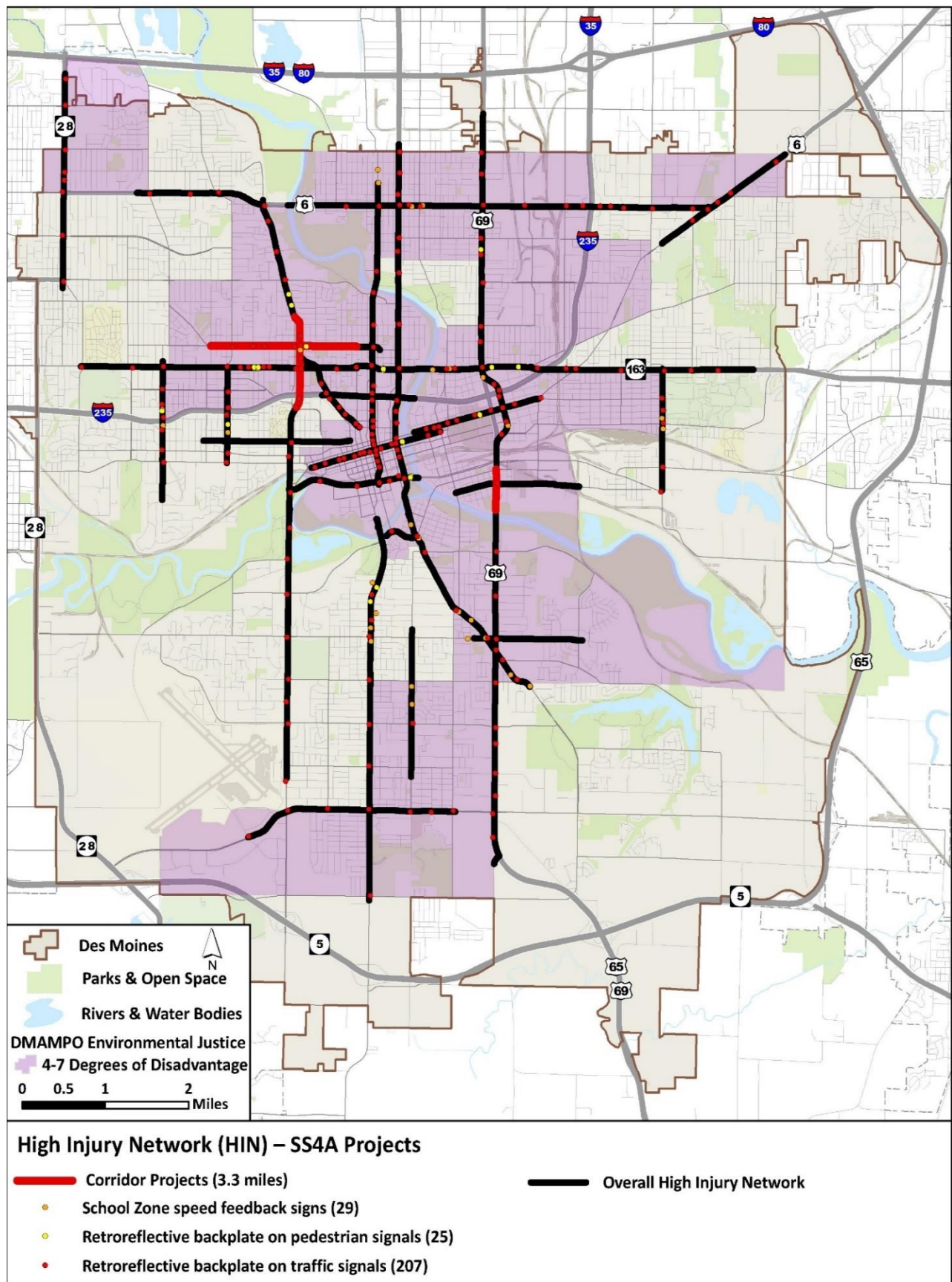
Amount: \$16,700,000 in construction costs for SS4A grant projects

Funding Source: Various funding sources as follows:

- \$13,000,000 – SS4A Discretionary Grant
- \$740,000 – Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page 129, Beaverdale to Downtown, ST278
- \$150,000 – FY2025-2026 CIP, Page 134, Pedestrian Crossing Improvements, ST287
- \$1,240,000 – FY2025-2026 CIP, Page 151, SE 14th Street Corridor Improvements, ST309. The Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) contribution will be 50% of the City's portion.
- \$1,260,000 – FY2025-2026 CIP, Page 152, 19th Street and MLK, ST311
- \$310,000 – FY2025-2026 CIP, Page 172, Traffic Signal Replacement, TR091

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, 2021, established the SS4A discretionary program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over five (5) years.
- Funds for the SS4A Program are awarded on a competitive basis for regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries.
- The City has conducted detailed analyses of traffic crashes reported in the years from 2017 to 2021 to identify street corridors on the High-Injury Network (HIN) that have high levels of fatal and severe injury crashes.
- The City has developed a Transportation Safety Action Plan that subscribes to principles and approaches with the objective to reduce fatal and severe injuries in the City to zero (0) by 2040, which satisfies many of the selection criteria for an implementation grant and aligns well with the SS4A's priorities on several points.
- The City's Engineering Department prepared a grant application to implement safety-related improvements identified on the City's HIN with the following street projects:
 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway Corridor from Cottage Grove to Washington Avenue
 - 19th Street Corridor from Cottage Grove Avenue to Washington Avenue
 - Forest Avenue Corridor from Beaver Avenue to 9th Street
 - Speed Feedback Signs in HIN School Zones and Reflective Backplates at Signalized Intersections on HIN
 - SE 14th Street (U.S. 69) from Des Moines River to E. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway
- Total project costs for the above street projects are estimated to be \$16.7 million.
- The City was notified in late 2024 by the USDOT that it had been awarded an SS4A Grant in the amount of \$13 million, to be applied towards the total project costs.
- Construction of these projects will mostly be completed between 2027 and 2029, with Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway being the first project starting construction in 2026.



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: 24-202](#)). Moved by Coleman to adopt. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Provide matching funds for projects included as part of the SS4A agreement.

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