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Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Subject: **Approval of, and Authorization for the Public Works Agency Director, or His Designee, to sign an agreement with U.S. Department of Transportation to accept Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Funds to develop a Vision Zero Plan for the County Unincorporated Areas in the Amount of \$800,000 for Fiscal Years 2024-25 through 2025-26; All Supervisorial Districts.**

Recommendations:

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Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

Mandatory:	No
Source of Funding:	Safe Streets and Roads for All Funds and Road Fund
Funding Match Required:	20% of eligible costs
Impact on Other Department(s):	None

Summary of Revenue and Total Costs	FY 2024-2025	FY 2025-2026
Revenue:	\$ 800,000	\$ 0
Costs:		
Direct	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 0
Indirect - Agency/Department	\$ 0	\$ 0
Indirect – CAP	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Costs	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 0
Net Road Fund Costs Including Indirects	\$ 200,000	\$ 0
Recovered Indirect Cost (Dept and County CAP)	\$ 0	\$ 0



Current 2024-25 Budget Projection for Road Fund - Unit 4081				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$33,836,300	\$33,836,300	\$33,836,300	\$0
Revenue	\$44,717,600	\$44,717,600	\$44,717,600	\$0
Net Cost	(\$10,881,300)	(\$10,881,300)	(\$10,881,300)	\$0

Sufficient revenue and appropriations are available in FY 2024-25 Adopted budget.

Discussion:

The Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program is a federally-funded program authorized by Section 24112 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. 117–58, November 15, 2021; also referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)). The purpose of the SS4A grant program is to improve roadway safety by significantly reducing or eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries through safety action plan development and refinement and implementation focused on all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, motorists, personal conveyance and micro mobility users, and commercial vehicle operators.

On March 30, 2023, the U.S. Department of Transportation announced a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for SS4A Grant funds for the Fiscal Year 2023. As authorized by your Board on September 12, 2023, Public Works Agency Roads & Transportation (PWA-RT) applied for a Planning Demonstration Grant under the SS4A Grant program to develop a Vision Zero Plan for the County Unincorporated Areas.

On December 13, 2023, the U.S. Department of Transportation awarded PWA-RT \$800,000 for a Vision Zero Plan for the County Unincorporated Areas. A local match of \$200,000 will be required from the Road Fund.

On April 23, 2024, your Board authorized the PWA-RT Director to accept SS4A Grant funds to develop a Vision Zero Plan for the County Unincorporated Areas in the Amount of \$800,000 for Fiscal Years 2023-24 through 2025-26. That authorization also approved the local match of \$200,000 including indirect costs to be encumbered through Road Fund.

Vision Zero is a required implementation program in the 2040 County General Plan with the goal of reducing all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all. The Vision Zero Plan for the County Unincorporated Areas will support the County's future planning and transportation infrastructure to meet the goals of reducing severe and fatal collisions while identifying access, health, environmental, economic, resilience and equity disadvantages.

Strategic Plan:

This item contributes to the Board of Supervisors 2024-2027 strategic priority to provide:



I. Reliable infrastructure and sustainability through

1. Maintaining and improving dependable public resources to serve the needs of our diverse communities.

This item has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel.

If you have any questions concerning this item, please contact the undersigned at (805) 654-2077.

Sincerely,



Anitha Balan, P.E.
Director
Roads & Transportation

