



CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA REPORT TO THE TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION

AGENDA ITEM

Report: Informational Report on the Local Roadway Safety Plan

1. Motion to Note and File Report Regarding Local Roadway Safety Plan

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE ACTION

Item Type: Report Only

Approved for _____ **April 25, 2022** _____ **calendar**

BACKGROUND

Public Works Department was awarded a reimbursable grant from State of California Systemic Safety Analysis Report Program (SSARP) funds in the amount of \$72,000 to prepare a Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP).

This LRSP will provide a framework for the City of Glendale and our stakeholders to identify, analyze, and prioritize roadway safety improvements to reduce fatalities and serious injuries on the local road network.

The City has experience with developing and implementing multimodal transportation programs incorporating the 4 E's (Engineering, Enforcement, Education, and Emergency Services) such as Pedestrian, Safe Route to School, and Bicycle master plans. The LRSP will work concurrently with these plans. Ultimately, the LRSP will consolidate multiple City plans into one document that addresses and prioritizes local roadway safety goals.

Recommended safety projects stemming from the LRSP shall be consistent with Federal and State project funding requirements, particularly, the State of California Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) requirements

ANALYSIS

Proactive Approach: LRSP can offer a proactive approach for local road agencies to address safety issues. An LRSP can show the public and policy makers a process to systematically, reduce severe casualties, thereby Building trust with local government officials, key stakeholders, and the general public.

Develop Partnership: LRSP provides local agencies an opportunity to improve relationships with the public, stakeholders, and across governmental agencies by working through a collaborative process. Improving road safety is a benefit for everyone involved.

Multi-Disciplinary Cooperation: LRSP is a multi-disciplinary approach to addressing safety. Agencies are better able to develop more effective solutions and leverage resources by considering and coordinating engineering, enforcement, education, and emergency service strategies.

Safer Roadways: LRSP can facilitate a comprehensive approach to addressing road safety that, if successfully implemented, can lead to projects that reduce severe crashes.

Safety Funding: LRSP, with a prioritized list of improvements, can help agencies to better justify funding requests by documenting specific needs, particularly if they are consistent with emphasis areas and strategies identified in the State's SHSP. LRSP can also show that an agency has done its due diligence and can help to compete more effectively for limited funds.

Managing Liability: LRSP is one of several proactive risk management techniques that demonstrate an agency's responsiveness to the safety needs of the public.

The success of an LRSP is dependent on five critical components: Advocates for the LRSP and gathers the political support to assist in its implementation; strategic vision and mission that unites all stakeholders with a common goal; partners to collaborate to implement the plan; manpower and management to ensuring the plan's success, and establishing open communication to foster open and frequent communication with stakeholders, community partners, and citizens as they develop and implement the plan.

The LRSP final report will summarize the needs identified, the safety goal, emphasis areas, and a prioritized list of improvements or activities. The report will identify responsibilities and resources to carry out the plan and include the stakeholders and process used to develop the plan, successes realized through similar past or current efforts, and obstacles or challenges related to implementation. The LRSP final report will show steps on how the plan will be evaluated for effectiveness and relevance over time and identify how it could be adjusted periodically or as needed and recommended steps and methodology for future evaluation of the plan.

FISCAL IMPACT

Not Applicable to this point

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Not Applicable to this point

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1: The TPC may approve a Motion to note and file this report.

Alternative 2: The TPC may consider any other alternative not proposed by staff.