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NOTICE OF MEETING

**Central Iowa Regional Transportation Planning Alliance
Transportation Policy and Technical Committees**

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1:30 p.m., August 18, 2022

Hybrid Meeting

420 Watson Powell Jr Way, Suite 200, Des Moines, IA 50309

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. VOTE: Approval of Agenda**
- 3. REPORT and VOTE: Safe Streets for All Grant Page 2**
 - Update regarding the US DOT Safe Streets for All Grant opportunity; consider approval.
- 4. Adjournment**

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ISSUE: Safe Streets for All Grant

REPORT AND OPTIONAL VOTE: Consider approval of a potential CIRTPA Safe Streets for All Grant.

BACKGROUND:

As discussed at the July meeting, the Safe Streets for All program is a new grant opportunity created through the recent infrastructure bill. In late May, the US DOT released additional grant details and application instructions. The grant will provide \$1 billion in each of the next 6 years. For Fiscal Year 2023, two different funding pools are available:

- Funds to develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan
 - US DOT will make several hundred awards
 - Award amounts range from \$200,000 to \$1 million for single jurisdictions, or up to \$5 million for MPOs/multijurisdictional applications
- Implementation Funds
 - US DOT will make up to 100 awards
 - Award amounts range from \$5 million to \$30 million for single jurisdictions, or up to \$50 million for MPO/multijurisdictional applications
 - Applicants must already have a qualified Action Plan to be eligible

Upon reviewing the application guidance, staff does not believe an eligible Action Plan already exists for the planning area; therefore, the CIRTPA and its communities would be ineligible for implementation funds until one is developed.

CIRTPA has received questions from CIRTPA communities about applying for this opportunity. Completing a regional Action Plan would enable the CIRTPA, its members, and all other regional communities within the Planning Area to be eligible for future implementation dollars. The Fiscal Year 2023 Unified Planning Work Program would most likely need to be amended to include the development of regional safety plan. If a CIRTPA application were to be completed and funded, staff proposes that consulting services would be used to complete the plan.

Staff was made aware that the Iowa County Engineers Association is submitting a statewide application for the non-incorporated areas of each county. Staff was also made aware that the Iowa DOT was providing the local match for that application and that the MPO/RPAs should pursue assistance from them as well.

Below is a link to a worksheet that has several different funding scenarios listed. They include:

- Both Cities and Counties are in the planning area and both pay the local match
- Both Cities and Counties are in the planning area but on only the cities pay the local match
- Only cities are in the planning area and pay the local match.

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[Click here for a copy of the Safe Streets for All Funding Scenarios.](#)

Preliminary cost estimates have a total project cost at \$460,000 with a required local match of \$92,000 for both cities and counties. If only cities are included, the total project cost is estimated to be \$250,000 and a local match of \$50,000.

Staff believes there is sufficient existing funding in CIRTPA's bank accounts to meet this requirement, but staff will ensure that funding is available should the CIRTPA board approve a potential application.

The goal would be to ensure that all communities within the CIRTPA Planning Area would be able to apply for implementation funding in future funding rounds.

[Click here for a copy of the Safe Streets for All Grant Overview.](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the CIRTPA staff to contact the DOT for assistance in providing part or all of the local match. Also approve the submittal of a Safe Streets for All Grant application for a regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

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