

Safe Streets and Roads for All RFP

Northfield Transportation Advisory Committee

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Today's Outline

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- Grant Overview
- Key Action Plan Components
- Questions / Comments

Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Overview

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- USDOT / FHWA grant to support local agencies in reducing fatalities and serious injuries on roads within their jurisdiction
- Split into two different grant types
 - Planning and Demonstration grants – are used to develop, complete, or supplement an Action Plan
 - Implementation Grants – are used to implement strategies from an Action Plan to address roadway safety

Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Overview

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- The City of Northfield applied for a Planning grant for the 2025 fiscal year
- The City was successfully awarded a \$300,000 grant
- A local 20% cost share of \$75,000 is required
- Total project cost of \$375,000 to develop a Safety Action Plan

Safe Streets and Roads for Grant Status

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- The City is working with the FHWA to develop a grant agreement
- Once an agreement has been executed the city can hire a consultant to develop the Action Plan
- Staff are currently creating a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the development of this plan

Key Action Plan Components

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- **An Action Plan consists of 7 key components**
 1. Leadership and goal setting
 2. Planning structure
 3. Safety analysis
 4. Engagement and collaboration
 5. Policy and process changes
 6. Strategy and project selections
 7. Progress and transparency

1. Leadership and Goal Setting

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- An official public commitment by a governing body (City Council) to an eventual goal of zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries
- The commitment must include one or both of the following
 - The target date for achieving zero roadway fatalities
 - A percentage reduction of roadway fatalities by a certain date with the eventual goal of eliminating fatalities

2. Planning Structure

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- A committee, task force, implementation group or other body charged with oversight of the development of the Action Plan
- The City will create a Project Management Team to oversee the development of the Plan
- Regular updates will be provided to NTAC and the City Council

3. Safety Analysis

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- A safety analysis of historical trends to provide a baseline level of fatal and serious injury crashes
- Include an analysis of locations where crashes occur as well as contributing factors
- Include an analysis of systemic safety issues (high-risk road features, specific needs of relevant road users, demographics)
- Will include all roads within Northfield city limits without regard for ownership. (City, County, State Highways)

4. Engagement and Collaboration

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- Robust community engagement with the public and relevant stakeholders
 - Community groups
 - Carleton & St. Olaf
 - Northfield Public Schools
 - Rice / Dakota Counties
 - Minnesota Department of Transportation
- Four public open houses
- Two additional City-wide open houses

5. Policy and Process Changes

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- An assessment of current policies, plans , guidelines, standards, and manuals to identify areas to improve processes to prioritize transportation safety
- The Action Plan will discuss implementation through the adoption of revised policies, guidelines, and standards

6. Strategy and Project Selection

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- Identify a set of specific projects and strategies that will address the safety issues identified
- The strategies will focus on a Safe System Approach and will be effective for all road users
- Identified projects are prioritized in a list providing time ranges for deployment (short, mid, long range)

6. Strategy and Project Selection

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- Priority projects will have additional concept development
- Funding opportunities will be identified for the implementation of these priority projects

7. Progress and Transparency

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- Posting of the final Action Plan online
- Annual public reporting of progress toward reducing fatalities and serious injuries

Committee Feedback

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- The draft RFP contains all the requirements listed in this presentation
- Any additional considerations?

Questions?

