

MEMORANDUM

TO: GTC Planning Committee Members & Alternates
FROM: James Stack, Executive Director JS
DATE: May 11, 2023
SUBJECT: Recommendation to the GTC Board concerning authorizing an application to the Office of the Secretary of Transportation for a Planning and Demonstration Grant through the Safe Streets and Roads for All program

Background

At the April 18 Planning Committee meeting, GTC staff provided an overview of the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). As an MPO, GTC is eligible for a Planning and Demonstration Grant to develop an Action Plan, conduct supplemental planning to enhance an Action Plan, and/or carry out demonstration activities to inform the development of, or an update to, an Action Plan. The application could be for any or all of these activities.

It was noted that the upcoming GTC Regional Safety Plan will include all the elements of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, as prescribed by the SS4A program. Tasks include analysis of the existing conditions at both the regional and County levels, network screening for crashes, setting crash reduction targets, developing recommendations, and creating a Local Road Safety Plan Template that can be used by individual Counties or other jurisdictions.

Staff sought to gauge interest in GTC taking the lead on “a multijurisdictional group of entities” application on behalf of relevant GTC Member Agencies (Counties and City of Rochester). The grant would focus on Supplemental planning and potentially Demonstration activities. These would provide greater focus on safety issues at the County-level or particular Emphasis Areas.

Partner Outreach

Since the last Planning Committee meeting, staff have scheduled meetings with each Member Agency to solicit their feedback on the proposed scope of ‘core’ grant activities (Table 1).

Table 1 – Proposed ‘Core’ Grant Activities

Activity	Description	Coverage
Local Road Safety Plans	Develop LRSPs to serve as a framework for identifying, analyzing, and prioritizing roadway safety improvements on local roads	1 per County and City of Rochester
Site Investigations	Identify crash contributing factors and develop targeted mitigation measures at select locations with a Potential for Safety Improvement	Regionwide
Road Safety Audits	Conduct collaborative, interdisciplinary reviews of roadways	Regionwide
Engagement	Facilitation of regional Safety Advisory Group and support of county Traffic Safety Boards or other community groups	Regionwide
Data Collection	Collection of traffic counts, turn movements, and active transportation counts to support other activities	Regionwide

Staff are continuing to have follow-on meetings with agencies regarding additional supplemental planning and/or demonstration activities. These may be able to be included as part of GTC's application, granted that the necessary in-kind or local funding match is provided by that partner.

Grant Amount

The maximum Federal share for SS4A is 80 percent. Staff anticipate using both local cash (Table 2) and in-kind contributions of member agency time in order to meet the requirement. These amounts are expected to be able to *leverage approximately \$1.4 million in Federal funding.*

Table 2 – Proposed Local Funding Commitments

Member Agency	Population	Per Year	4-Year Total
Genesee County	58,388	\$2,000	\$8,000
Livingston County	61,834	\$2,200	\$8,800
Monroe County (less City of Rochester)	548,115	\$30,000	\$120,000
City of Rochester	211,328	\$7,500	\$30,000
Ontario County	112,458	\$3,900	\$15,600
Orleans County	40,343	\$1,400	\$5,600
Seneca County	33,814	\$1,200	\$4,800
Wayne County	91,238	\$3,200	\$12,800
Wyoming County	40,531	\$1,400	\$5,600
Yates County	24,774	\$900	\$3,600
Support from Others	-	\$5,000	\$20,000
Regionwide	1,222,823	\$53,700	\$214,800

The local share is based upon a factor of \$.035 per person per year for each member agency. *On May 13, Monroe County DOT indicated an expectation to provide \$30,000 per year, which still needs approval.* A nominal fee is expected to support Road Safety Audits for other jurisdictions and this amount could be expanded for additional supplemental planning activities.

Table 3 – Preliminary Budget

Revenues	
SS4A (Fed.)	\$1,446,720
NFA Cash Match	\$214,800
NFA In-Kind Match	\$146,880
Total	\$1,808,400

Expenses				
		Units	Unit Cost	Total
Local Road Safety Plans	Urban	2	\$150,000	\$300,000
	Rural	8	\$50,000	\$400,000
Site Investigations		40	\$11,000	\$440,000
Roadway Safety Audits		8	\$20,000	\$160,000
Engagement		4	\$27,880	\$111,520

Data Collection		10	\$5,000	\$50,000
Project Manager (Partial)		4	\$50,000	\$200,000
Total Cash Exp.				\$1,661,520
Total In-Kind Exp.				\$146,880
Grand Total				\$1,808,400

Next Steps

Staff will convene an ad hoc Working Group comprised of interested representatives from each Member Agency during the week of May 22 through May 26. This group will provide further feedback about the scope and budget for the grant, including any additional activities that will be led by respective individual entities. The local share for the 'core' activities will not change.

Following the meeting of the Working Group, a final recommendation to the GTC Board will be made for their approval. Also, a letter from GTC will be distributed to each agency describing the grant and soliciting letters of support that are to be included in the application.

Recommended Action:

Delegate a Working Group to recommend a final scope of work and budget to respond to the Safe Streets and Roads for All NOFO for approval by the GTC Board.