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Council of Governments

Creating Solutions Across Jurisdictional Boundaries

Memo to: Board of Directors
From: Staff
Subject: Amendment to the FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program - Comprehensive Safety Action Plan
Date: February 8, 2023

In April 2022, the Board of Directors approved EWG's FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) which describes all of the planning work that EWG and other local agencies will undertake during the fiscal year. Periodically, the UPWP may be amended to include new funding sources and projects or revisions to current projects described in the UPWP. EWG applied for and received a planning grant to develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Staff presented the concept for this project to the Executive Advisory Committee and the Board of Directors at their August 2022 meetings, and the Board of Directors approved a resolution supporting the application. We are requesting that the Board approve an amendment to the FY 2023 UPWP to add one work element for this new project. The new work element is attached to this memo.

2.05A Comprehensive Safety Action Plan – The IIJA established the new SS4A discretionary program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over the next 5 years. The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. EWG applied for a planning grant in September 2022, and received notification on January 31, 2023 that our application to develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan was approved for a federal planning grant in the amount of \$580,551.92. A 20% local match (\$145,138) is required, and will come out of EWG funds.

The SS4A program awards both planning and implementation grants. To be eligible to receive implementation grants, an entity must have a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan that meets all the SS4A program requirements. In addition, the program clearly states that regions should coordinate their planning efforts, and that multiple planning grant applications from the same region would likely not be considered. Staff coordinated with partner agencies throughout the region to ensure that only one application for a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan was submitted for consideration by USDOT. (Note that the City of Kirkwood submitted and received approval for a SS4A

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supplemental planning grant to conduct additional work on their existing safety action plan and that we worked together to ensure compliance with the program rules.) Once complete, the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan will enable any county or municipality in the region who chooses to adopt it to apply for implementation grants for projects that support the overall plan.

The Comprehensive Safety Action Plan will cover the entire eight-county region, and will include –

- An eventual goal of zero roadway deaths and serious injuries
- Regional High Injury Networks
- Top high crash segments for each county in the St. Louis region
- Near and long-term strategies focused on USDOT’s Safe System approach including proven safety countermeasures
- Creation of a Regional Safety Task Force
- Unified branding to ensure consistent communication across the region
- Inclusive public participation process
- Responsible parties for each strategy
- A method to measure progress

Staff is awaiting further instruction regarding the necessary agreements that must be executed between EWG and USDOT prior to beginning work on the project. We anticipate that an agreement will be in place sometime in Spring 2023. After this time staff will finalize the project’s scope of work and conduct consultant procurement to retain a firm to develop the action plan. Your approval will be sought on the selected consultant later this year.

In all, the USDOT awarded 473 Action Plan grants and 37 Implementation grants in this first round of funding totaling about \$800 Million.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that:

- The FY 2023 UPWP be amended to include work element 2.05A – Comprehensive Safety Action Plan for St. Louis Region.
- The Executive Director be authorized to execute the grant agreement with the funding agency.

COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN FOR ST. LOUIS REGION

2.05A

Summary

Through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program, the Council will develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) for the eight-county region, with the goal of eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries. The CSAP will identify priorities for roadway safety, as well as provide transparency and accountability for the public. The CSAP will be developed through public and stakeholder input, and prioritized projects and strategies will be shaped by best practices and a data-informed process.

Activities

1. Execute the SS4A grant agreement between the USDOT and the Council. *(Staff)*
2. Develop and finalize CSAP scope of work. *(Staff)*
3. Carry out procurement process to hire a consultant to assist in the development of the CSAP. *(Staff)*
4. Manage consultant work and contracts for the project. *(Staff)*
5. Assemble and convene a Task Force to provide oversight on the development of the CSAP. *(Staff and consultant)*
6. Develop stakeholder and public engagement plan. *(Staff and consultant)*
7. Perform an existing conditions analysis and conduct a review of best practices for increasing roadway safety. *(Staff and consultant)*
8. Develop regional High Injury Networks and county-wide high crash segments. *(Staff and consultant)*
9. Develop an implementation strategy to eliminate roadway fatality and serious injury crashes. *(Staff and consultant)*

Products/Outcomes**

- A. CSAP scope of work *(ongoing)*
 - B. CSAP related presentations to Board, EAC, and supporting committees *(ongoing)*
 - C. Consultation and coordination meetings with Task Force and transportation planning partners *(ongoing)*
 - D. Public engagement activities related to CSAP development *(ongoing)*
 - E. Draft and Final Comprehensive Safety Action Plans *(April/June 2024)*
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COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN FOR ST. LOUIS REGION
2.05A

Estimated Costs & Funding

	FY 2023	FY 2024	Total
<u>State & Local</u>			
EWG	\$14,514	\$130,624	\$145,138
Subtotal Local	\$14,514	\$130,624	\$145,138
<u>Federal (SS4A)¹</u>			
FHWA	\$58,055	\$522,497	\$580,552
Subtotal Federal	\$58,055	\$522,497	\$580,552
<u>Total</u>			
EWG	\$14,514	\$130,624	\$145,138
FHWA	\$58,055	\$522,497	\$580,552
Total Funding	\$72,569	\$653,121	\$725,690

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***This project is estimated to take 12 months to complete; therefore, the work will begin in FY 2023 and will be completed in FY 2024.*



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In April 2022, the Board of Directors approved EWG's FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) which describes all of the planning work that EWG and other local agencies will undertake during the fiscal year. Periodically, the UPWP may be amended to include new funding sources and projects or revisions to current projects described in the UPWP. EWG will receive funds to work on a project in St. Clair County. We are requesting that the Board approve an amendment to the FY 2023 UPWP to add one work element to include these new activities and products. The changes are described below and the new work element is attached to this memo.

4.04B All Hazard Mitigation Plan Update (St. Clair County , IL) - St. Clair County, IL, has requested EWG assistance for completing the 2024 St. Clair County Hazard Mitigation Plan, based on the Agency's successful management of the St. Louis Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The project will begin in the late first or early second quarter of calendar year 2023. EWG will be responsible for the mitigation plan's development and completion prior to the current plan's expiration date in May 2024. The activities will occur in FYs 2023 and 2024. The funds are pass-through federal funds and the local match will be provided through the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that:

- The FY 2023 UPWP be amended to include work element 4.04B.
- The Executive Director be authorized to execute the grant agreement with the funding agency.

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ALL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE (ST. CLAIR COUNTY, IL)

4.04B

Summary

Recognizing that no community is immune from natural hazards such as tornadoes, flooding, earthquakes and severe weather, the EWG Board of Directors adopted the 2004 All Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) for the Missouri portion of the St. Louis region and the HMP was distributed to all participating counties and jurisdictions. EWG completed updates to the HMP in 2010, 2015, 2020 and is currently working on the 2025 HMP update. St. Clair, IL requested EWG assistance in updating their 2019 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. This 2024 HMP update will begin in FY 2023 continue in FYs 2024 and 2025 to ensure that communities are making progress toward implement hazard mitigation initiatives. Staff will work with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to address the evolving policy and regulatory changes and incorporate those into the 2024 HMP. Staff will also conduct outreach to engage participating jurisdictions, collect data, and encourage adoption of the 2024 HMP.

Activities

1. Review and revise the HMP to reflect changes in development, progress in local mitigation efforts, and changes in priorities.
2. Review and monitor hazard mitigation actions, grants, and the regulatory environment.
3. Monitor and review new and additional data and maps relating to hazard vulnerability and specific mitigation projects.
4. Respond to inquiries from participating communities, school districts, and special districts on mitigation inquiries and ideas.
5. Work closely with IEMA and FEMA personnel on the HMP updates.

Products/Outcomes**

- A. Information for participating communities regarding FEMA regulations and policy changes as it relates to hazard mitigation requirements and guidelines (*ongoing*)
 - B. Increased awareness of citizens and public officials concerning mitigation strategies to reduce or eliminate the effects of natural disasters in St. Clair County, IL and communities of the region (*ongoing*)
 - C. Dissemination and sharing of mitigation strategies and hazard data to participating communities (*ongoing*)
 - D. 2024 HMP (*May 2024*)
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ALL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE (ST. CLAIR COUNTY, IL)
4.04B

Estimated Costs & Funding

	FY 2023	FY 2024	Total
State & Local			
Other - IEMA ¹	\$10,441	\$9,805	\$20,246
Subtotal Local	\$10,441	\$9,805	\$20,246
Federal (FEMA HMGP) ²			
Other - IEMA ¹	\$31,322	\$29,415	\$60,738
Subtotal Federal	\$31,322	\$29,415	\$60,738
Total			
Other - IEMA	\$10,441	\$9,805	\$20,246
Other - IEMA	\$31,322	\$29,415	\$60,738
Total Funding	\$41,763	\$39,220	\$80,984

1 - Funds will be passed through St. Clair County, IL.

2 - ALN 97.039

***This project is estimated to take 12 to 16 months to complete; therefore, the work will begin in FY 2023 and will be completed in FY 2024.*
