

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-493

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: August 8, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F, TEU

Date of Analysis: August 7, 2023

Type of Action: Appropriation, authorization of part-time hours, and designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$350,000 (\$280,000 from the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and an additional appropriation of \$70,000 from General Fund Operating Fund Balance for the City match) for the Safe Streets & Roads for All Project. The bill approves part time hours to support the project and designates the Planning and Development Department to provide oversight.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to provide funds for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Project. The funds will go towards the development of an equitable and performance-based Vision Zero Action Plan, with the goal to eliminate all roadway fatalities and serious injuries by 2030, including recommended policies and actionable items to be adopted by City leadership within one year of the plan's completion. The grant period is June 2023 - February 2025, and part time staff may work 1,300 hours on this project during the grant period.

According to the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, in Duval County (2022) there were 24,357 vehicle crashes, with 15,992 injured parties and 158 fatalities. Pedestrians were involved in 527 of those accidents, and bicycles in 289 of the incidents. In the City's Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan (2017), one of the goals was that "there should be no pedestrians or bicyclists killed or seriously injured in traffic crashes (Vision Zero) by 2030". This project will develop a Vision Zero Action Plan, to include a series of recommended policies, actionable items and programs, and safety improvements in an effort to reach that goal.

Policy Impact Area: Safe Streets & Roads for All Project

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$350,000 as initiated by B.T. 23-109 (\$280,000 in grant funds with a \$70,000 City match)

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