



## Memorandum

**Date:** 3/4/2025  
**Meeting of:** City Council

**File No.** AM No. 25-016  
**Type:** Consent Item

**TO:** Members of the City Council  
**FROM:** Mayor Angela Birney  
**DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR CONTACT(S):**

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**DEPARTMENT STAFF:**

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**TITLE:**

Acceptance of the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Grant Funding for Citywide Speed Study

**OVERVIEW STATEMENT:**

Accept \$200,000 of HSIP Program funding awarded by WSDOT City Safety Program. This project is identified in the Local Road Safety Plan and will collect speed data and conduct a citywide speed study for all city-managed arterial and collector roadways with the goal of identifying candidate corridors for reducing posted speed limits. It will also evaluate implementation of a reduction of the speed for local streets from 25 mph to 20 mph.

☒ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

☐ **Receive Information**      ☐ **Provide Direction**      ☒ **Approve**

**REQUEST RATIONALE:**

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**  
Transportation Master Plan
  - TR -14 Prioritize transportation investments that reduce household transportation costs, such as investments in transit, bicycle and pedestrian system access, capacity, and safety.
  - TR- 16 Prioritize the comfort, safety, and convenience of people using pedestrian and bicycle facilities over other users of the transportation system. Establish standards for bicycle and pedestrian facilities to attract users of all ages and abilities. Prioritize improvements that address safety concerns, connect to centers or transit, create safe routes to school, and improve independent mobility for those who rely disproportionately on the pedestrian and bicycle network.

Local Road Safety Plan

- Roadways in Redmond with a posted speed limit of 30 mph or greater experience a higher percentage of crashes than similar cities. Faster vehicle speeds can mean less time to react to changing roadway conditions or grant right of way to active mode users. Addressing the risk factors for higher speed roadways could include a study of appropriate speed limits.
- **Required:**  
RCW 35A.11.040 requires Council approval to accept grant funds.
- **Council Request:**  
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**  
The grant award totals \$200,000 and does not require local matching funds.

**OUTCOMES:**

The grant funds will be used to conduct a citywide speed study, which will include data collection, evaluation of speed limits, and any recommended changes to posted speeds to improve safety.

**COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:**

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**  
N/A
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**  
Outreach will be focused on informing the public of the results of the speed data collection and recommendations for modifying posted speed limits. Outreach will be done through the City's website and social media. Additional outreach will occur when changes to posted speeds are made to make all road users aware of changes.
- **Feedback Summary:**  
N/A

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

**Total Cost:**

Grant Award: \$200,000 - There are no matching funds required for this grant.

**Approved in current biennial budget:** ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

**Budget Offer Number:**

0000271

**Budget Priority:**

Safe and Resilient

**Other budget impacts or additional costs:** ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☒ **N/A**

***If yes, explain:***

N/A

**Funding source(s):**

Grant (Highway Safety Improvement Program administered by WSDOT City Safety Program)

**Budget/Funding Constraints:**

Grant funds must be obligated by April 30, 2027

☐ **Additional budget details attached**

**COUNCIL REVIEW:**

**Previous Contact(s)**

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
2/4/2025	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	Approve

**Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)**

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
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**Time Constraints:**

Grant funds must be obligated by April 30, 2027, but staff intend to begin the project in Q1 of this year.

**ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:**

Grant funds will be returned

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A: Award Letter