



701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Council Memo

Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: May 18, 2026

Re: Authorizing the City Manager to execute a grant agreement with the Federal Highway Administration for reconstruction of a portion of Clark Lane

Impacted Ward: Ward 3

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to receive a grant for construction along portions of Clark Lane. The grant is an 80% federal/20% local grant for a total of \$10,520,310 with the City's match being \$2,104,062.

Discussion

The City applied for a grant through the 2024 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) federal competitive grant process. The application was for reconstruction of a portion of Clark Lane generally between the US 63 Connector and Ballenger Lane. Attached is the SS4A narrative the City submitted for the application that provides more detail about the project. Some timelines have changed due to the I-70 project (discussed below).

FHWA notified the City they received the grant award and have prepared the attached grant agreement. The City's 20% portion of funding would be through the Capital Improvement Sales tax. Construction is anticipated for 2028.

While some specific design elements may still be adjusted based on public input and design specific review, generally the project would have two vehicle lanes for Clark Lane between Hanover and Ballenger, bicycle lanes, a 10 foot sidewalk on one side and a 5 foot sidewalk on the other side (6 foot if at the back of the curb in certain areas). There will be a portion of four vehicle lanes, east and west bicycle lanes, a 10 foot sidewalk on the north side and a sidewalk on the south side between Hanover and the existing five lane section near Creekwood Parkway. This portion is currently under construction as part of a MoDOT I-70 project.

Public Works has worked with the MoDOT I-70 Project Phase 1 team to coordinate a separate cost share improvement project between Hanover and Creekwood Parkway. MoDOT is pursuing these improvements in a manner that will limit reconstruction issues later. As part of the I-70 project, MoDOT is constructing a 10 foot sidewalk on the north side, a westbound bicycle lane on the north side and four vehicle lanes (2 each direction). The City will later construct the remaining bicycle lane on the south side, and the sidewalk on the south side. This phased approach was necessary due to extremely short design and

construction timelines for the I-70 project. Due to the coordination efforts between the City and MoDOT, some limited reconstruction impact along the right of way on the south side will be needed, but no significant main line reconstruction is planned. Because of this main line construction work, a portion of sidewalk along Ballenger Lane north of Clark Lane is planned to be added to the SS4A project.

If approved, the grant agreement will be forwarded to FHWA for final signatures and the City will pursue hiring a consultant to begin the design process. Public Works plans to follow the normal interested parties process along with a public hearing and Council direction for the project with design anticipated to begin in 2026 with construction slated for 2028 after the I-70 Project Phase 1 work has been completed (anticipated late 2027).

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: \$2,104,062 Capital Improvement Sales Tax

Long-Term Impact: maintenance costs for the facilities are expected to be on the order of magnitude of \$30,000 per year and will be addressed as part of normal budgeting for Street Operations in future fiscal years.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Safe Community, Secondary Impact: Reliable and Sustainable Infrastructure, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility, Tertiary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities

Legislative History

| Date | Action |
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| 03/04/24 | R51-24 Authorizing application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the FY 2024 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program grant to fund projects and activities associated with the Vision Zero Program. |

Suggested Council Action

Pass the ordinance to allow the City Manager to work with FHWA to execute the agreement and initiate through the Public Works Department construction modifications of Clark Lane from generally Ballenger Lane to US 63 Connector following the public process with construction anticipated in 2028.