



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

The funding for the contract is included in the Consulting Services budget for the MPO for 2023. Roughly 84% of the funding is covered by federal and state funds provided to the MPO, along with 16% local matching funds, the majority of which comes from the City of Madison.

Title

Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk, on behalf of the Greater Madison MPO, to enter into a contract with SRF Consulting Group for consultant services to develop a comprehensive regional Traffic Safety Action Plan and prepare a regional Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) implementation grant application

Body

WHEREAS, the City of Madison is responsible for providing professional staff services to the Greater Madison MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization), the designated metropolitan planning organization for the Madison area, as provided for in the 2007 MPO designation agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madison is the administrative and fiscal agent for the MPO and is a legally constituted entity under the laws of the State of Wisconsin and able to receive the federal and state funding, which covers 84% of the MPO's budget, which is part of the city Planning Division's budget; and

WHEREAS, as the designated MPO for the Madison area, the MPO has responsibilities to perform metropolitan transportation planning and programming activities, including development of a long-range multi-modal regional transportation plan and conducting or supporting special studies to assist in implementing the long-range plan; and

WHEREAS, roadway safety for all users was identified as a top priority in the MPO's *Connect Greater Madison 2050* Regional Transportation Plan and the plan recommends the adoption of a safe system approach for addressing safety needs on the regional roadway system; and

WHEREAS, in establishing its required annual federal Highway Safety Improvement Program performance measure targets the MPO has encouraged implementing agencies, including WisDOT and local jurisdictions, to adopt more aspirational safety goals such as Vision Zero (as the City of Madison has done) and to increase their efforts to develop projects, programs, and policies to help achieve more dramatic reductions in fatalities and serious injuries, and has committed to assisting with these efforts through studies, other data analysis, and re-evaluation of how projects are prioritized for funding; and

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act introduced the new Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program, which will provide \$5 billion in competitive funding over the next 5 years to MPOs and local jurisdictions with an eligible comprehensive safety action plan to support planning, infrastructure, behavioral, and operational initiatives to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, the development of the regional Safety Action Plan for the Madison Metropolitan Area will complement and support local and regional traffic safety initiatives of local communities including Madison's Vision Zero Initiative and the work of the Dane County Traffic Safety Commission; and

WHEREAS, at its September 7, 2022 meeting the MPO Board approved the issuance of a Request for Proposals to hire a consultant for the development of a regional Safety Action Plan and grant application assistance; and

WHEREAS, a team led by SRF Consulting Group has been selected for the project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract with SRF Consulting Group for consultant services to the MPO to develop a regional Safety Action Plan and prepare a regional Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) implementation grant application for a cost not to exceed \$149,177.