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BCC Agenda Item: _____

May 14, 2026

Board of County Commissioners
Clackamas County

Approval of a Grant Application to the US Department of Transportation for a traffic safety and road curve study. Application Value is \$2,425,632 for 5 years. Funding is through the US Department of Transportation and \$606,408 in matching funds from the County Road Fund. No County General Funds are involved.

Previous Board Action/Review: N/A

Performance Clackamas: Strong Infrastructure; Safe, Secure, and Livable Communities

Counsel Review: N/A

Procurement Review: N/A

Contact Person: Brendan Adamczyk

Contact Phone: 971-469-4482

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: A key priority for the Department of Transportation and Development (DTD) is traffic safety. Moreover, the County has a goal to eliminate fatal and serious injury crashes on its roads by 2035. As part of this effort, DTD is in the process of updating the County's Transportation Safety Action Plan and implementing the Safe System Approach. New data collected as part of this update shows that roadway departure crashes are a significant portion of all rural fatal crashes, representing an area of concern.

To address this safety issue on both rural and urban County roads, DTD would like to apply for \$2,425,632 via USDOT's SS4A grant program for the Safe Curves Clackamas County project. This project will deploy new software technologies to identify and assess curves and passing zones, evaluate the long-term viability of the technology to save the County long term costs, and implement new safety projects as part of regular annual striping or pavement preservation. Funding will be matched at 20 percent (\$606,408) from County Road Fund.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff respectfully recommend approval of the grant lifecycle to apply for the SS4A grant program for the Safe Curves Clackamas Project.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Johnson

Dan Johnson, Director
Department of Transportation &
Development

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Financial Assistance Application Lifecycle Form

Use this form to track your potential award from conception to submission.

Sections of this form are designed to be completed in collaboration between department program and fiscal staff.

If renewal or direct appropriation, complete sections I, II, IV & V only. Section III is not required.

If Disaster or Emergency Relief Funding, EOC will need to approve prior to being sent to the BCC

****CONCEPTION****

Section I: Funding Opportunity Information - To Be Completed by Requester

Award type: Direct Appropriation (no application) Subrecipient Award Direct Award

Award Renewal? Yes No

Lead Fund # and Department:	DTD - Traffic Safety - 215 300302
Name of Funding Opportunity:	USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program

Funding Source: Federal – Direct Federal – Pass through State Local

Requestor Information: (Name of staff initiating form)	Brendan Adamczyk
Requestor Contact Information:	BAdamczyk@clackamas.us
Department Fiscal Representative:	Diedre Landon
Program Name & Prior Project #: (please specify)	Safe Curves Clackamas County

Brief Description of Project:

Data collected as part of the ongoing County Transportation Safety Action Plan update shows that fatal rural roadway departure crashes are overrepresented at 65 percent compared with all rural fatal crashes at 48 percent. A subcomponent of these crashes, at 37 percent, are head-on crashes, some of which are related to passing zones. All this represents a significant area of concern for DTD. To address this safety issue on both rural and urban County roads, DTD's Traffic Safety division proposes the Safe Curves Clackamas County project. This project will deploy new software technologies to identify and assess curves and passing zones, evaluate the long-term viability of the technology to save the County long term costs, and implement new safety projects as part of regular annual striping or pavement preservation.

Name of Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT)

Notification of Funding Opportunity Web Address: <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>

OR

Application Packet Attached: Yes No

Completed By: Brendan Adamczyk

Date: 5/5/2026

**** NOW READY FOR SUBMISSION TO DEPARTMENT FISCAL REPRESENTATIVE ****

Section II: Funding Opportunity Information - To Be Completed by Department Fiscal Rep

Competitive Application Non-Competing Application Other

Assistance Listing Number (ALN), if applicable:	20.939	Funding Agency Award Notification Date:	12/22/2026
Announcement Date:	3/27/2026	Announcement/Opportunity #:	DOT-OST-2026-0050
Grant Category/Title	DOT FY 2026 Safe Streets and Roads for All Funding	Funding Amount Requested:	\$2,425,632
Allows Indirect/Rate:	Yes	Match Requirement:	20 percent of total (\$606,408)
Application Deadline:	5/26/2026	Total Project Cost:	\$3,032,040
Award Start Date:	No later than 12/22/2027*	Other Deadlines and Description:	*Start within 12 months; end within 5 years
Award End Date:	No later than 12/22/2031*		
Completed By:	Brendan Adamczyk	Program Income Requirements:	N/A
Pre-Application Meeting Schedule:	N/A		

Additional funding sources available to fund this program? Please describe:

A total of \$606,408 in Road Fund dollars will be used to meet the 20 percent match requirement for this grant.

How much General Fund will be used to cover costs in this program, including indirect expenses?

N/A

How much Fund Balance will be used to cover costs in this program, including indirect expenses?

N/A

In the next section, limit answers to space available.

Section III: Funding Opportunity Information - To Be Completed at Pre-Application Meeting by Dept Program and Fiscal Staff

Fiscal

1. Are there other revenue sources required, available, or will be used to fund the program? Have they already been secured? Please list all funding sources and amounts.

The Traffic Safety division currently devotes a portion of its budget to assessing curves and passing zones and implementing projects in both these areas. However, receiving this grant funding would represent a major additional investment and would be targeted at specifically evaluating both horizontal curve and pass/no-pass zone assessments at a level significantly greater than the County allocates to this work at present.

2. For applications with a match requirement, how much is required (in dollars) and what type of funding will be used to meet it (CGF, In-kind, local grant, etc.)?

A total of \$606,408 in Road Fund dollars will be used to meet the 20 percent match requirement for this grant.

3. Does this grant/financial assistance cover indirect costs? If yes, is there a rate cap? If no, can additional funds be obtained to support indirect expenses and what are those sources?

Yes - this grant will cover indirect costs. This will likely be at the current federal indirect rate cap of 15 percent.

4. Does the grant/financial assistance fund an existing program? If yes, which program? If no, what is the purpose of the program?

No. The Traffic Safety division currently assesses curves and passing zones and implements projects in these areas. The division is also using a portion of the software that would be purchased under this grant as part of updating the County's Transportation Safety Action Plan, which was last updated in 2019. The new plan is expected to be completed in fall 2026. However, this funding would represent a major additional investment in the County's work on this area and would significantly improve the ability of the division to address curves and passing zones and, ideally, reduce roadway departure and head-on crashes related to passing zones.

Organizational Capacity:

1. Does the organization have adequate and qualified staff? If no, can staff be hired within the grant/financial assistance funding opportunity timeframe?

Yes - the County has staff both within DTD and within Finance/Procurement with experience on federally funded projects with USDOT and other agencies. Those staff will be engaged in the process. The County has also worked with many consultants and construction companies with similar experience with whom we would contract in designing and implementing this project.

2. Are there partnership efforts required? If yes, who are we partnering with and what are their roles and responsibilities?

No - the County will be conducting this work on roads owned and maintained solely by the County. Therefore, this work will be overseen entirely by the County and consultants contracted with the County.

3. If this is a pilot project, what is the plan for sun setting the project and/or staff if it does not continue (e.g. making staff positions temporary or limited duration, etc.)?

N/A

4. If funded, would this grant/financial assistance create a new program, does the department intend for the program to continue after initial funding is exhausted? If yes, how will the department ensure funding (e.g. request new funding during the budget process, supplanted by a different program, etc.)?

If the project finds that the software technology can save the County money over time by improving efficiencies, DTD at that time may determine that it is sustainable to continue to license the use of the software. This expense would be funded through Road Fund and not through General Fund.

Collaboration

1. List County departments that will collaborate on this award, if any.

Finance/Procurement: Support grant administration and securing contractors via bid processes.

Reporting Requirements

1. What are the program reporting requirements for this grant/funding opportunity?

From the grant NOFO (p. 78): "All award recipients shall submit a final report not later than 120 days after the end of the period of performance. A link to submit this report electronically will be provided by the Operating Administration (FHWA, FTA, or NHTSA) administering your grant. The content of the final report includes: (1) the costs of each eligible project and strategy carried out using the grant; and (2) the lessons learned and any recommendations relating to future projects or strategies to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets. Recipients of Implementation Grants or Planning and Demonstration Grants with demonstration activities must also provide: (1) safety performance data, including total fatalities and serious injuries, and fatalities by road user category, and other outcomes and benefits in the project location(s); and (2) information about project location(s)." County staff will be able to provide this report relying on previous federal grants and data collected during the project.

2. How will performance be evaluated? Are we using existing data sources? If yes, what are they and where are they housed? If not, is it feasible to develop a data source within the grant timeframe?

From the grant NOFO (p. 56): "[High-scoring projects must] measure safety through models, studies, reports, proven noteworthy practices, or Crash Modification Factors (CMF)".

This project will use existing crash data sources along with new data provided by the software technology purchased as part of this project to evaluate and identify corridors and measure the impacts of implemented projects in reducing fatalities and serious injuries.

3. What are the fiscal reporting requirements for this funding?

From the grant NOFO (pp. 77-78): "Reporting responsibilities for award recipients include quarterly program performance reports using the Performance Progress Report (PPR) and quarterly financial status using the SF-425 (also known as the Federal Financial Report or SF-FFR). Budget and recipient performance information will be gathered on a quarterly basis in PPR. To fulfill the data collection requirements and in accordance with the DOT Public Access Plan, award recipients must consider, budget for, and implement appropriate data management, for data and information outputs acquired or generated during the course of the grant." This is a process with which County staff have experience.

Mission/Purpose:

1. How does the grant/funding opportunity support the Department and/or Division's Mission/Purpose/Goals?

The County has a goal to eliminate fatal and serious injury crashes on its roads by 2035. Securing this grant would support the Traffic Safety program in identifying key corridors, curves, and passing zones and implementing changes to reduce crashes. This level of assessment, evaluation, identification, and subsequent implementation would not otherwise occur without the funding provided by this grant.

2. Who, if any, are the community partners who might be better suited to perform this work?

None - the County will be conducting this work on roads it owns and maintains, which are separate from the road managed by cities or by the state via ODOT. The County is the best agency to evaluate and deliver improvements relating to curve warning signing and passing zone review and modifications.

3. What are the objectives of this funding opportunity? How will we meet these objectives?

From the grant NOFO (p. 14): "The purpose of SS4A grants is to improve roadway safety by significantly reducing or eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries through the development, refinement, and implementation of Action Plans focused on all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, motorists, and commercial vehicle operators. The Action Plans include strategies to implement the Safe System Approach. The program provides funding to develop tools to strengthen a community's approach to roadway safety and is designed to meet the needs of local, Tribal, and regional communities". The proposed project will identify key corridors on which the County can implement projects that will reduce fatalities and serious injuries while also implementing the Safe System Approach described in the soon-to-be-updated TSAP.

Other information necessary to understand this award, if any.

N/A

Program Approval:

Carl Olson

5/5/2026

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Name (Typed/Printed)

Date

Signature

**** NOW READY FOR PROGRAM MANAGER SUBMISSION TO DIVISION DIRECTOR ****

****ATTACH ANY CERTIFICATIONS REQUIRED BY THE FUNDING AGENCY. COUNTY FINANCE OR ADMIN WILL SIGN****

