
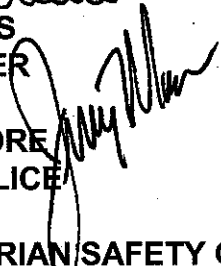


FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF
AGENDA ITEM NO:

February 28, 2011
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TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
THROUGH:  LINDA NORRIS
CITY MANAGER
FROM:  GERALD MOORE
CHIEF OF POLICE
SUBJECT: 2011 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY GRANT

ISSUE:

Shall the City Council authorize the City Manager to apply for and accept a Bicycle Transportation Alliance Pedestrian Safety Grant of \$3850 to fund overtime enforcement of traffic laws that are intended to protect pedestrians and bicycles along roadways?

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to apply for and accept a Bicycle Transportation Alliance Pedestrian Safety Grant of \$3850 to fund overtime enforcement of traffic laws that are intended to protect pedestrians and bicycles along roadways.

BACKGROUND:

The Bicycle Transportation Alliance is offering a grant to law enforcement agencies to be applied toward the costs of enforcing traffic laws intended to insure the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists along roadways, including laws that address pedestrian crosswalks, bicycle lanes, and shared roadway issues.


FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. The City of Salem and the Salem Police Department are committed to traffic safety and the enforcement of traffic laws and to projects which enhance community-wide traffic safety.
2. The grant from the Bicycle Transportation Alliance would allow the Salem Police Department to provide additional enforcement of traffic laws intended to protect pedestrians and bicyclists.
3. Many serious crashes between vehicles and pedestrians and vehicles and bicyclists occurred within the City limits in 2010. In the majority of these accidents, the driver of the vehicle was at fault. Two of these accidents

involved fatalities. Additional enforcement of the traffic laws designed to protect pedestrians and bicycles may help prevent such accidents in the future.

4. There is a no match amount associated with this grant.

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