



INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: **Transportation and Infrastructure Services Committee**
FROM: **Jen Tetatzin, Public Works Director**
BY: **Catrien de Boer, Public Works Grant Analyst**
CC: **Mayor McLeod**
DATE: **July 25, 2025**
SUBJECT: **USDOT Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Application**
Project No. 92510404
S Ryan Way

ISSUE

Approval is required to authorize the submittal of a grant application to the USDOT Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Program for design and construction funding for S Ryan Way road reconfiguration and repairs.

BACKGROUND

The primary goals of this project are to restore the pavement condition of S Ryan Way, improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and modify roadway drainage systems. This project was identified as a priority in the City's Transportation Element of the 2024–2044 Comprehensive Plan and in the Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP), which was developed through a Planning Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant. This project is currently listed in the City's 6-Year Capital Improvement Plan.

DISCUSSION

The City is requesting implementation funding to support the design, permitting, right-of-way acquisition, and full reconstruction of S Ryan Way between Martin Luther King Jr. Way and 51st Ave S. The S Ryan Way improvement project will likely consist of the following project elements: Improving surface transportation facilities by repaving and restriping the roadway to a three-lane section, improving pedestrian and bicycle facilities with buffered bike lanes, enhanced pedestrian crossings, and ADA sidewalk improvements. Most of this roadway has a poor pavement condition rating and needs full reconstruction.

In April 2025, the Local Road Safety Plan was adopted by the City Council which, among other things, identified high priority safety projects like S Ryan Way. Soon after, the next round of SS4A grants was released and City staff began preparing an application for implementation funding. This is a highly competitive national grant program with only two years of appropriated funding left under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

Due to the granting agency's timeline, City staff submitted an application for the design, right of way, and construction of S Ryan Way in early June and are now requesting the Committee's approval for this application. While the likelihood of winning a grant this cycle is low, we believe that submitting the application will at least result in valuable insights from USDOT staff to strengthen our application next year.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City is seeking \$12,240,000 from the SS4A program for the design and construction of the S Ryan Way project. The program requires a 20% non-federal match of \$3,060,000. The City currently has \$1,175,000 in dedicated non-federal funding budgeted for this project in 2025-2026. The project team has discussed this project with the Northwest Region Engineer at the Transportation Improvement

Board (TIB) who is interested in funding this project. We feel reasonably confident the City will secure a TIB grant to augment the City's contribution if we are awarded the SS4A grant.

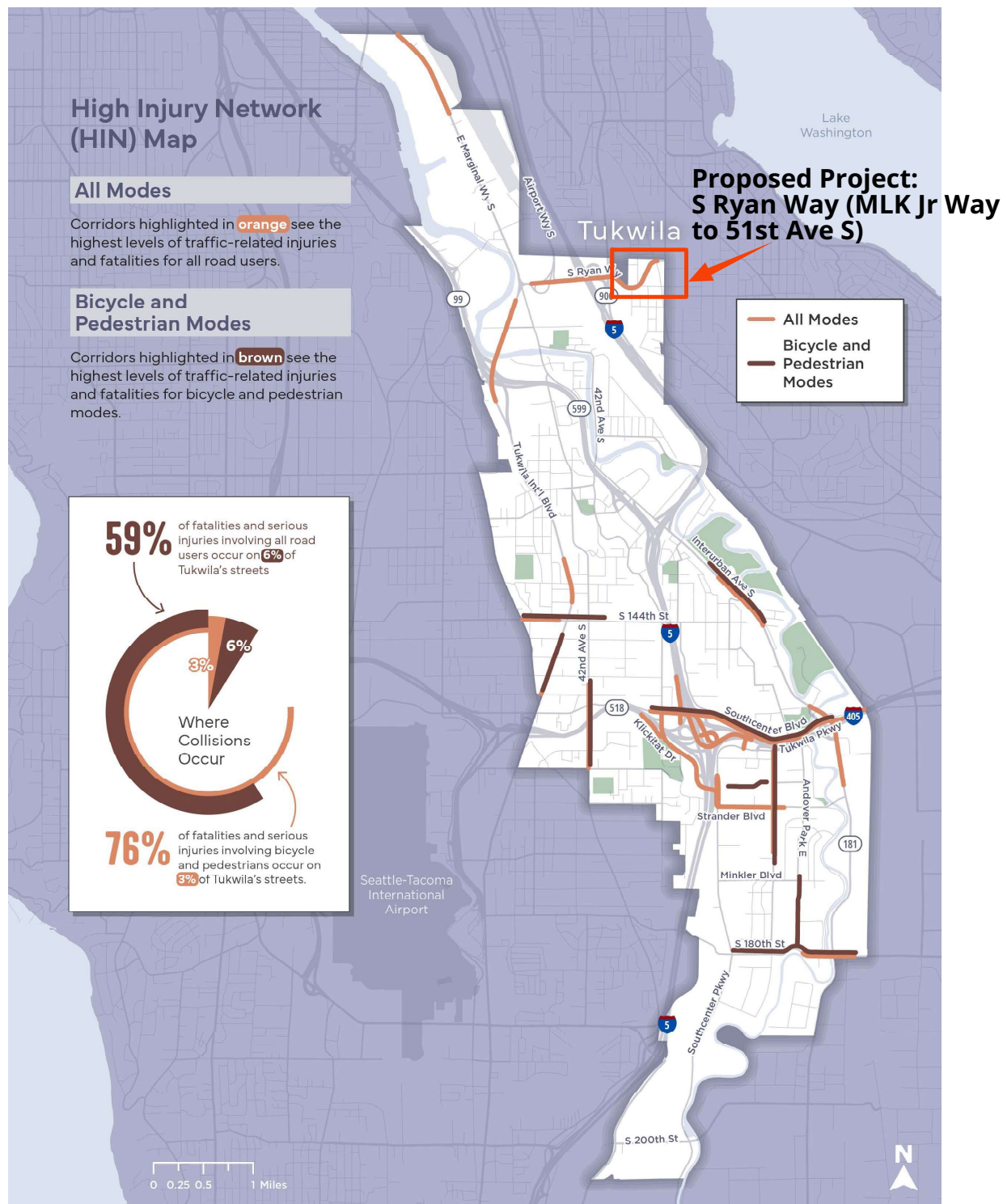
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Notes</u>
USDOT Request	\$12,240,000	Design, Permitting, Right of Way, Construction
Budgeted City Funds	\$1,175,000	City 104 Funds (in 2025-2026 Budget)
Remaining Non-Federal Match	\$1,885,000	Potential Transportation Improvement Board Grant
Total	\$15,300,000	

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the submittal of the USDOT SS4A grant application for the S Ryan Way Project. Alternatively, the Committee may recommend that the City rescind its application.

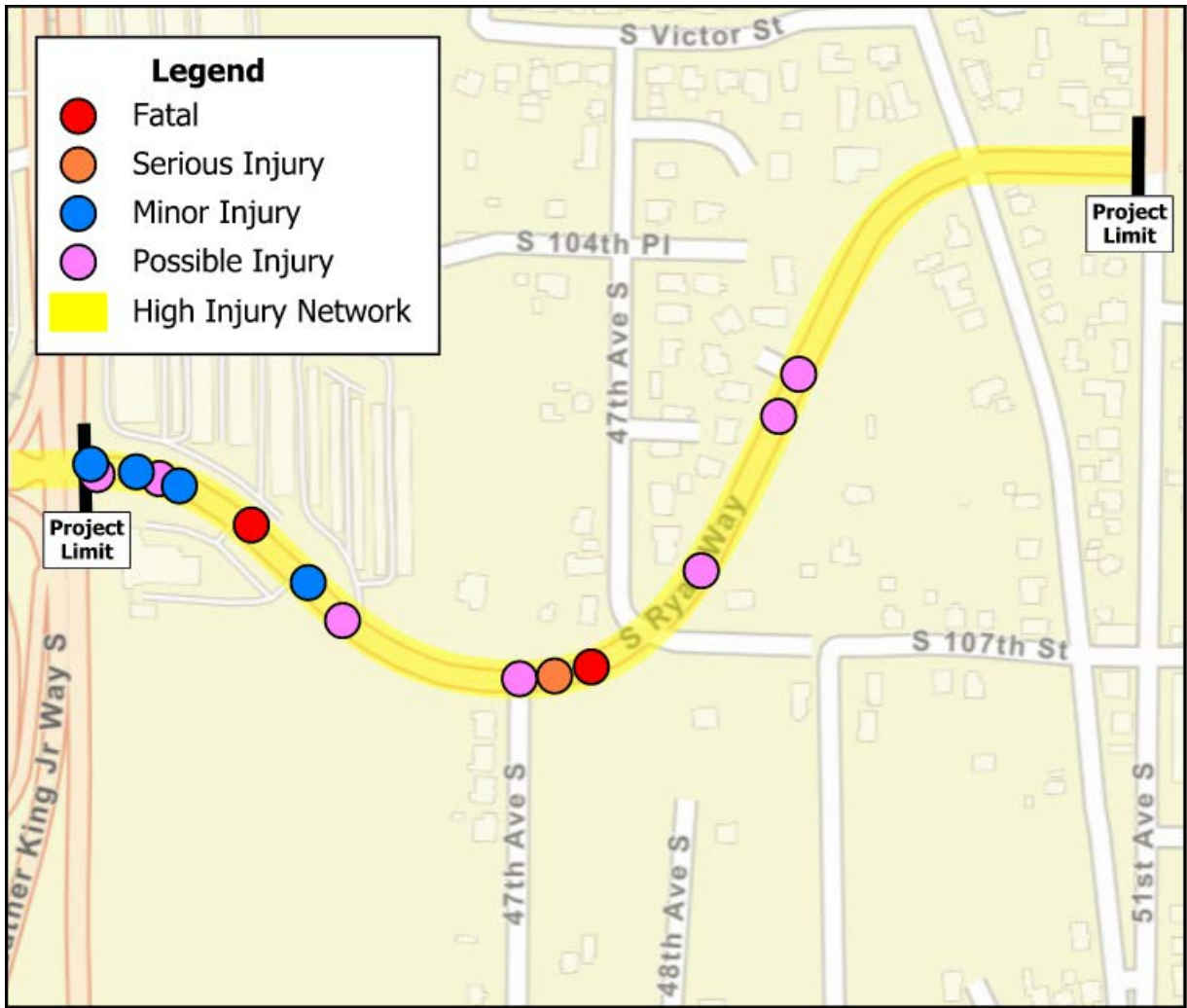
Attachments: Maps
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All Modes and Vulnerable Road Users High Injury Network



Source: Fehr & Peers, 2024.

High Injury Network Map at Proposed Project Location: S Ryan Way (MLK Jr Way to 51st Ave S)



CITY OF TUKWILA CAPITAL PROJECT SUMMARY

2025 to 2030

PROJECT:		S Ryan Way					Project #	92510404
Project Manager	Cyndy Knighton				Department	Arterial Streets		
DESCRIPTION:	Design and construct major road improvements on S Ryan Way from east of Martin Luther King, Jr. Way to east City limits. Project will include full overlay/roadway reconstruction, re-channelization to a 3-lane roadway section with protected bike lanes, new and/or replacement sidewalk and curb ramps to meet ADA requirements, enhanced pedestrian crossings, intersection realignment at 47th Ave S/S 107th St, and new illumination. New water for project length and new sewer main to extend existing sewer limits. New drainage system for length of project with treatment and detention. Undergrounding of certain overhead utilities may be included. New walls may be required for sidewalk construction. ROW acquisition will be necessary.							
JUSTIFICATION:	Pavement condition is extremely poor. History of speeding and safety concerns warrant the road diet. Area development off 47th Ave S require channelization changes. Improvements to pedestrian and bicycle network are needed.							
STATUS:	New project for 2025. Project scope under development in 2024.							
MAINTENANCE IMPACT:	Reduction in Streets maintenance will come from the overlay. Increases in Streets will result from new illumination and bike lanes. Overall reduction in impacts to Streets is anticipated.							
COMMENT:	Improvements to S Ryan Way have been needed for many years. A full overlay is warranted due to poor pavement condition. Full reconstruction of the road may be warranted in some locations. Speeding and safety concerns can be addressed by road diet to 3 lane section and intersection realignments. Pedestrian and bike facilities are needed.							
FINANCIAL (in thousands)	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Beyond	TOTAL
Project Costs								
Project Mgmt (Staff Time/Cost)	\$ -	\$ 15	\$ 21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36
Design	\$ 675	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,275
Land (R/W)	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300
Construction Mgmt.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,530	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,530
Construction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,960	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,960
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,270	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,270
Total Project Costs	\$ 675	\$ 915	\$ 12,781	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,371
Project Funding								
Proposed Grant	\$ -	\$ 400	\$ 8,650	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,050
Dedicated/Restricted Rev	\$ 675	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,175
Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ 15	\$ 21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36
Utility Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,690	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,690
General Fund Transfer	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,420	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,420
Total Project Funding	\$ 675	\$ 915	\$ 12,781	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,371