

Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board

Meeting Date: October 17, 2024

Agenda Item: Review, Discussion, and Directive Action regarding the use of state-allocated safety funds for the purchase of traffic trailers.

Comments:

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program provides grants to local, regional, and Tribal communities for implementation, planning, and demonstration activities as part of a systematic approach to prevent deaths and serious injuries on the nation's roadways. Project proposals for implementation grants must be previously identified in a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP). All Texas MPOs were allocated \$50,000 by the State in safety funding for the development of CSAPs.

The MPO did not have a need to utilize these funds to develop a CSAP, as it was previously awarded funding to do so with an FY 2022 SS4A award. As an alternative, it proposed and received agreement from TxDOT that its allocated safety funds be used instead for the purchase of speed feedback trailers to improve roadway safety in McLennan County. A strategic leveraging of the use of these units will offer a low-cost, high-impact solution to address critical safety concerns, particularly in small cities and rural areas that lack adequate resources for extensive traffic management.

Following the purchase of these trailers, interlocal agreements will be drafted between the MPO and its member governments for the temporary use of these trailers as needed. When not in use, the City of Waco will provide storage facilities for the trailers.

The MPO received several quotes from industry leaders and requests directive action from the Policy Board before proceeding with the trailer purchase.

Action Required:

1. Receive update from staff
2. Consideration and directive action

Motion By:

Seconded:

Content of Motion:

Vote: