

**CITY OF BILOXI  
AGENDA ITEM  
FACT SHEET**

Item No.: 50

Council Meeting Date: May 26, 2026

**ITEM TITLE:** RESOLUTION  
**INTRODUCED BY:** Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich  
**CONTACT PERSON:** Richard Weaver, Chief Administrative Officer  
 Christy LeBatard, Director of Engineering

**SUMMARY EXPLANATION:**

Resolution authorizing submission of a grant application to the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, United States Department of Transportation, for funding to be utilized for the installation of sidewalks on the south side of Pass Road from McDonnell Avenue to just west of Tara Lane

Resolution \_\_\_\_\_ Ordinance \_\_\_\_\_ Public Hearing \_\_\_\_\_ Routine Agenda \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibits for Review

Contract \_\_\_\_\_ Minutes \_\_\_\_\_ Plans/Maps \_\_\_\_\_ Deed \_\_\_\_\_ Lease \_\_\_\_\_

Other (Specify):

Submittal Authorization: Council President \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval

**COUNCIL ACTION:** Motion By: \_\_\_\_\_ Second By: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote:	Councilmember	Yes	No	AFR	ABST	Councilmember	Yes	No	AFR	ABST
	Gray	___	___	___	___	Tisdale	___	___	___	___
	Marshall	___	___	___	___	Glavan	___	___	___	___
	Nail	___	___	___	___	Shoemaker	___	___	___	___
	Creel	___	___	___	___					

**ACTION TAKEN:**

Resolution No.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR FUNDING TO BE UTILIZED FOR THE  
INSTALLATION OF SIDEWALKS ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF PASS ROAD FROM  
MCDONNELL AVENUE TO JUST WEST OF TARA LANE

WHEREAS, the Safe Street for All Program (“SS4A”), a competitive, federal grant program administered by the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, United States Department of Transportation (“USDOT”), is accepting Applications for Federal Assistance for FY 2026;

WHEREAS, all projects submitted to USDOT for SS4A funding must first be identified in a safety action plan;

WHEREAS, Gulf Regional Planning Commission (“GRPC”) has developed a Local Road Safety Plan along with a Vision Zero Action Plan for the three coastal counties, which identifies roadways that need additional safety enhancements based on historical crash data;

WHEREAS, the Pass Road corridor was identified in this plan as needing additional pedestrian safety improvements, namely sidewalks;

WHEREAS, GRPC has developed a preliminary project for the installation of sidewalks on the south side of Pass Road from McDonnell Avenue to just west of Tara Lane, completed thirty percent (30%) design for such a project, and provided a cost estimate for use by the City for the purposes of submitting a grant application to USDOT;

WHEREAS, the estimated total cost of such project, including design, property acquisition, and construction, is Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$750,000.00);

WHEREAS, with such project having been identified in the GRPC plan, the City is eligible to receive funding from USDOT under the SS4A grant program, which has been established to support planning, infrastructure, and behavioral and operational initiatives to prevent fatalities and

serious injuries on roads and streets involving all roadway users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation, motorists, and commercial vehicle operators;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to submit a grant application, requesting federal funding in the amount of Five Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$562,500.00) from USDOT;

WHEREAS, if awarded, a match of twenty-five percent (25%), or One Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$187,500.00) will be required;

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that awards will be announced no later than December 22, 2026; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of Christy LeBatard, Director of Engineering, that the City submit the request for funding described herein to USDOT.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI, THAT:

SECTION ONE: The statements, findings, determinations and conclusions contained in the preamble of this resolution are hereby adopted, ratified and incorporated herein.

SECTION TWO: The Mayor, on behalf of the City of Biloxi, is hereby authorized to execute and submit a grant application to Office of the Secretary of Transportation, United States Department of Transportation requesting federal grant funding in the amount of Five Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$562,500.00), with a required local match of twenty-five percent (25%), or One Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$187,500.00).

SECTION THREE: The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution and to provide any information required

by the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, United States Department of Transportation, in order to complete its review of said application.

SECTION FOUR: This resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after adoption.