

**CITY OF BUCKEYE
Regular Council Meeting
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 05/05/26	AGENDA ITEM: 4.H. FIN - Fiscal Year 2027 Congressional Directed Spending: State Route 85 and Southern Avenue Application
DATE PREPARED: 05/04/26	DISTRICT NO.: All
STAFF LIAISON: Rob Roach, Grant Program and Procurement Manager, rroach@buckeyeaz.gov, (623) 349-6165	
DEPARTMENT: Financial Services	AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Consent Agenda Items / New Business

ACTION/MOTION: (This language identifies the formal motion to be made by the Council)
Council to take action to ratify and approve the submission of a \$6,223,965 grant application through the Fiscal Year 2027 Congressional Directed Spending Opportunities through the offices of Senators Mark Kelly and Ruben Gallego for the deployment of technologies to improve safety, reduce traffic-related fatalities and injuries, reduce traffic congestion, reduce transportation-related emissions, and improve system performance and connectivity at the intersection of State Route (SR) 85 and Southern Avenue, with a federal grant request of \$4,979,172, and a local match of \$1,244,793 from the City of Buckeye; and authorize and direct the Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to take all steps necessary to cause the execution and delivery, and carry out the purpose and intent, of said application.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS AREAS:

Innovative and High Performing Organizations

SUMMARY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The City of Buckeye seeks to address the safety concerns at the intersection of SR 85 and Southern Avenue by submitting a grant application that entails installing a traffic signal at each intersection, widening Southern Avenue to provide two eastbound and westbound through lanes through the intersection, the creation of northbound and southbound turn lanes, installation of conduit and fiber optic cables for traffic signal timing optimization, installation of Wrong Way Vehicle Detection Equipment, and the installation of overhead Variable Message Signs that are connected to the ADOT Traffic Management Center to allow messages to be displayed to drivers to warn them of potential hazards.

BENEFITS:

The proposed and requested technology will increase roadway safety at SR 85 and Southern Avenue for all roadway users. Safety for all roadway users is the primary goal, and the City hopes to reduce the number of crashes and fatalities through the installation of traffic signals and the overhead Variable Message Signs, as drivers will be informed prior to facing potentially dangerous roadway hazards and conditions. Another benefit is the installation of integrated traffic signal timing optimization, which will help reduce traffic-related emissions.

FUTURE ACTION:

After all grant funds have been expended, any future maintenance for this intersection will become a part of the Public Works Department's budget.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The Federal grant portion is \$4,979,172, with a \$1,244,793 match from the City of Buckeye, if awarded. This project is included in the City's Capital Improvement Program, CIP 108070.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR TOTAL COST:

The total fiscal year 2027 cost is \$6,223,965, of which \$4,979,172 is reimbursable under the budget. This project is part of the City of Buckeye's Capital Improvement Program, CIP 108070.

BUDGETED:

Yes

FISCAL YEAR:

2027

Items related to a project or facility location must include an attached vicinity map for Council Review.

ATTACHMENTS:

[App Submitted 3.18.26.pdf](#)

[CAR Recap Summary SR 85 & Southern.docx](#)