

TOWN OF WINDSOR AGENDA REPORT

Joint Windsor Town Council, Windsor Redevelopment Successor Agency and Windsor Water District Meeting Date: November 19, 2025

To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Greg Piccinini, Chief of Police
Subject: Office of Traffic Safety – Law Enforcement Grant

Recommendation to Council:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Town of Windsor Police Department to accept a grant from the State of California Office of Traffic Safety in the amount of \$90,000 for the Town of Windsor Police Department to implement a traffic enforcement program and authorizing the Town Manager to execute all grant documents on behalf of the Town.

Strategic Plan Element:

The recommended action supports the goal of Organizational Effectiveness. Goal Statement: Achieve a high performing organization by nurturing an engaged workforce committed to a shared vision of public service.

Background:

In January of 2025, the Town of Windsor Police Department applied to the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to receive up to \$160,000 in grant funding. The grant, sponsored by the State of California, through the Office of Traffic Safety awarded the Town of Windsor Police Department a maximum of \$90,000 in funding. The OTS grant funds allow the Windsor Police Department to perform dedicated traffic enforcement operations to mitigate traffic safety issues. In part, the funding supports collaborative operations allowing assistance by allied Sonoma County law enforcement.

Discussion:

Traffic enforcement and safety are a top priority for the Town. In recent years, the Town has experienced the need to manage its growth and increase its public safety needs on its roadways. Due to the Town of Windsor's proximity to the 101 Freeway, the Town experiences clusters of crashes on busier roadways that are close to the 101 Freeway, including Shiloh Road and Old Redwood Highway, especially during times of increased traffic and at night, as these roads are not as well-lit as other town streets.

Windsor's roundabout at Windsor Road and Windsor River Road, which was installed in March 2022 to alleviate heavy traffic, has required drivers to adapt to new traffic rules at the intersection, causing confusion or failures to yield. Due to the roundabout's location near the high school, its proximity to a residential area, and the Town Green, there has been an increase in crashes since it opened.

The Windsor Police Department is most concerned with (1) speeding offenders who take to dangerous speeds on the roadways, especially on roads that have no stoplights, (2) drunk drivers who may be leaving one of Windsor's many wine or brewing establishments and putting themselves and others at risk by getting behind the wheel after drinking, and (3) general unsafe driving practices including reckless driving and distracted driving which are growing in numbers of crash causes. Finally, a

persistent issue for the Windsor Police Department is pedestrian safety. The Windsor Police Department responds to frequent calls in the downtown Town Green area, as well as near several schools in the Town; these locations experience high volumes of pedestrian and bike activity that are not always protected by crosswalks and lights. Windsor Police has seen increases in seatbelt citations (9 in 2024) and DUI arrests (39 in 2024), these are key areas to address during DUI checkpoints and traffic enforcement operations this year.

Top 3 Primary Crash Factors (PCF)

- Total number of Improper Turning related crashes in 2022 was 17, in 2023 was 22, and in 2024 was 23. Steady increase from 2022 to 2024.
- Total number of Unsafe Speed related crashes in 2022 was 8, in 2023 was 12, and in 2024 was 16. Steady increase from 2022 to 2024
- Total number of Driving Under Influence related crashes in 2022 was 7, in 2023 was 13, and in 2024 was 6. Decrease from 2023 to 2024.

The grant operation period is October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026. *Please note, these dates were updated due to a typographical error.

Fiscal Impact:

The California Office of Traffic Safety does not have a match requirement. The Town of Windsor will be responsible for any administrative costs associated with the implementation of the grant award.

Environmental Review:

This action does not constitute a “project” within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378 and required no environmental review.

Attachment(s):

[1. Resolution](#)

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