

City Council Agenda Item Memo

From: Charlie Richter, City Engineer

Council Meeting: May 26, 2026

Subject: Presentation: Brookings Area Transportation Plan

Presenter: Thomas Cook, HDR Inc.
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Summary and Recommended Action:

The Study Advisory Group, Public Works, and the City's consultant, HDR, Inc., have worked over the past several years to update the Brookings Area Transportation Plan (Plan). The Plan will serve as a guiding document for future improvements to the City's transportation network.

As part of this effort, the Brookings Area Safety Plan was also developed to make the City eligible for the Federal Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program.

Both plans will be presented and later brought to the City Council for acceptance in June. No action is recommended at this time.

Item Details:

In 2011, the City developed its first Brookings Area Transportation Plan through a grant from the Department of Transportation. This plan reviewed the following: existing transportation network conditions including performing traffic counts; forecasted future conditions; reviewed and suggested standards; and identified projects which could improve the City's transportation needs. DOT recommends cities update Master Transportation Plans every 10 years to properly identify areas for transportation improvement. In 2024, the City applied for and received a grant from DOT to update this plan.

The updated plan includes the following: traffic counts throughout the community; traffic forecasting; identification of existing and future transportation issues; and ways to incorporate traffic generated from new developments. This update will provide the City with a guide for future road projects, development for the next decade, and make the City eligible for future federal SS4A funding.

Legal Consideration:

None.

Strategic Plan Consideration:

- Fiscal Responsibility – The City of Brookings will responsibly manage resources through transparency, efficiency, equity, and exceptional customer service.
- Safe, Inclusive, Connected Community – The City of Brookings will create an environment for inclusive programs, gathering places, and events where the community can safely live, work and come together to participate in opportunities for learning, recreation and enjoyment.
- Service and Innovation Excellence – The City of Brookings will provide an accessible environment committed to ongoing innovation and outstanding service through listening and engagement.
- Sustainability – The City of Brookings will meet environmental, community and economic desires and needs without compromising future generations' quality of life by strategically planning, implementing and maintaining infrastructure and facilities.
- Economic Growth – The City of Brookings will support effective diversified community investment and equitable opportunities for prosperity.

Financial Consideration:

The cost for the planning study is \$225,056.88, of which the grant would cover \$180,045.50 (80% of the total cost) and the City would be responsible for \$45,011.38 (20% of the total cost). The City's portion will be paid for through the City's CIP.

Supporting Documentation:

Executive Summary

Presentation