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City of Osage Beach to receive \$800,000 from the 2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program

Osage Beach, MO – The City of Osage Beach recently received notice from the U.S. Department of Transportation of an \$800,000 grant award from the *FY 2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)* grant program, a Planning and Demonstration Grant, for the *Safety and Equity for Osage Beach Streets* project. Total project costs, \$1 million; awarded grant of 80%.

The Osage Beach Board of Aldermen approved Resolution 2023-03 on June 15, 2023, supporting an SS4A grant application to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the purpose of feasibility, preliminary engineering and design, review, and planning. This award is specific to the *Safety and Equity for Osage Beach Streets* project and funds will be used by the City of Osage Beach to develop a comprehensive safety action plan; pilot temporary bike lanes on Osage Beach parkway and several collector streets using high visibility striping, signage, and delineators; and complete conceptual design to increase safety on City streets and eliminate fatal crashes.

In conjunction with the Magic Dragon Trails Initiative to develop multi-surface destination trails throughout the City of Osage Beach and the Lake of the Ozarks Area, this grant project will significantly assist in improving quality of life, increase property values, showcase the beauty of the Lake of the Ozarks, spur economic growth, and increase safety on our roads and highways.

The *Safety and Equity for Osage Beach Streets* project is included in the Osage Beach Board of Aldermen's adopted FY2024 Operating Budget, with matching funds provided by the City of Osage Beach and the Magic Dragon Trails, DBA Branches of the Lake.

“This grant will significantly contribute to our vision of creating a network of multi-use recreational trails that connect throughout the Lake area,” Branches of the lake President and CEO Janice Gentile said. “We are looking forward to working with the community as well as state and city officials on the next phase of the project.”

City staff will begin working on the grant agreement development process with the Federal Highway Administration, Missouri Division, for additional Board of Aldermen approvals. More exciting news forthcoming as we work through the process to kick off this project.