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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Michael Smith, Public Works Director

Date: June 16, 2025

Subject: **Authorization to Submit a Safe Streets For All Grant for Safety Assessments on High Injury Network**

ACTION

Authorize the Mayor, City Manager, or designee to execute all documents necessary and proper to apply for a Safe Streets For All (SS4A) Planning Grant and provide the required 20% local matching funds.

SUMMARY

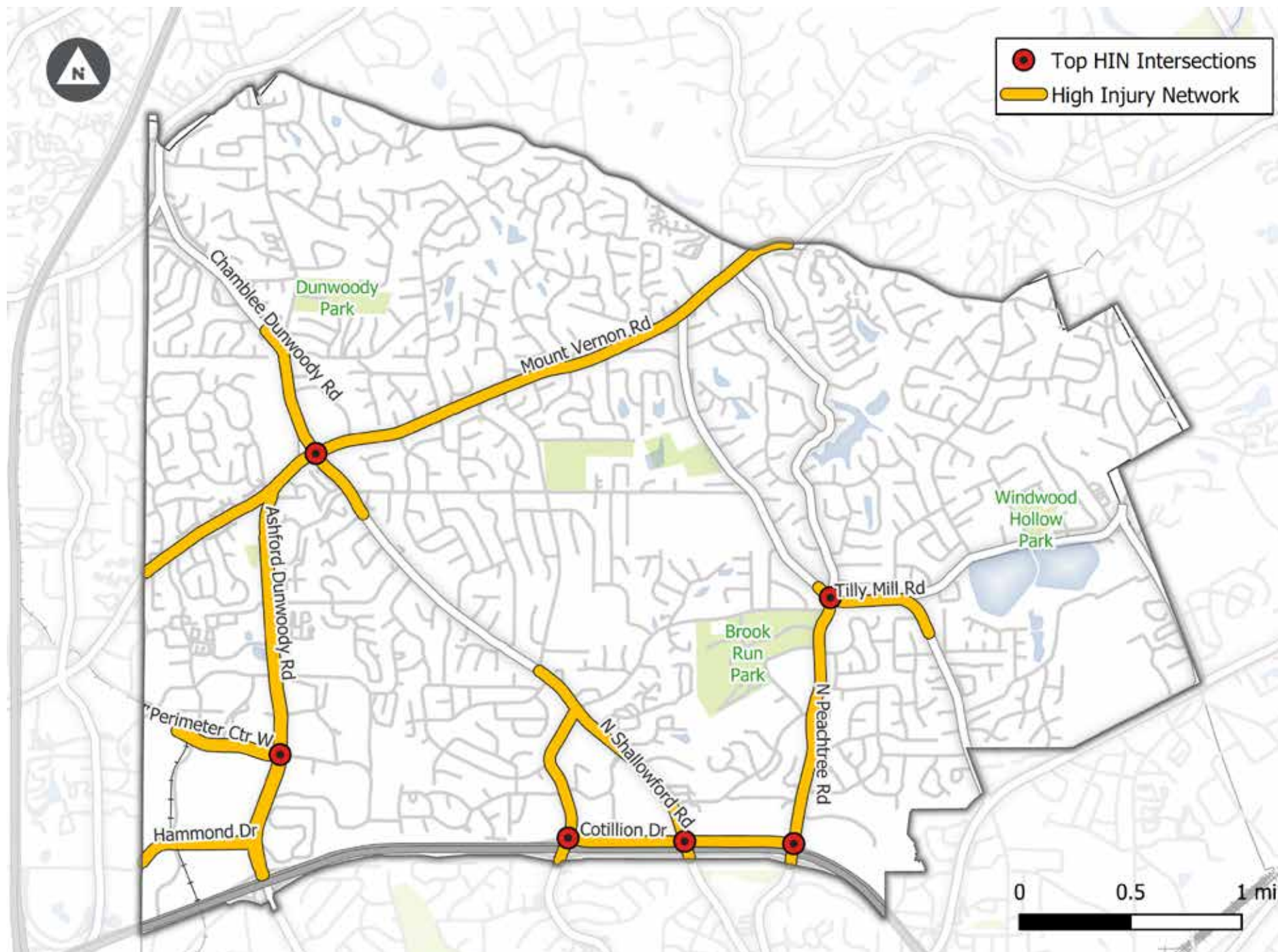
The United States Department of Transportation has issued a notice of funding opportunity for its Safe Streets For All program. Staff is proposing to apply for \$200,000 to conduct safety studies on the high injury network (map attached) identified in the city's Road Safety Action Plan (RSAP). The studies would include walking audits (RSAP Action Item H1) and analysis of the frequent crash types, travel speeds, multimodal facilities, crosswalk usage and spacing and lighting (Action Item H2). These evaluations would be used to identify corridor-specific strategies and improvements to be implemented. The grant requires a 20% local match which would be \$50,000 for a \$200,000 request. The local match would be funded out of the ARPA II funding designated for safety implementation.

DETAILS

There are two types of grants funded through the program: Implementation Grants and Planning and Demonstration Grants. The city applied for an Implementation Grant for the North Peachtree corridor in 2024 but was not awarded funding. After evaluating the competitiveness of the 2024 application, staff recommends applying for a Planning Grant which is expected to have funding for 400 to 700 projects versus 40 to 70 for an Implementation Grant.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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Map 7: Dunwoody High Injury Network and Top HIN Intersections



High Injury Network

The HIN is a tool for focusing city resources on locations with reoccurring crashes or prominent crash risks. The HIN helps determine priority locations for detailed corridor studies, project identification, and community outreach. HIN actions provide next steps for the Road Safety Program to begin addressing the highest risk locations.

	Action	Timeframe	Major Needs				Funding	Emphasis Area
			Staffing	Study	Partnership	Legislation		
H1	Conduct walking audits with the Road Safety Committee (Community Development, Communications, Police, and Public Works) and key stakeholders along the entire High Injury Network.	Short	X				\$	
H2	Develop corridor studies focusing on safety for the High Injury Network, including frequent crash types, travel speeds, multimodal facilities, crossing frequencies and distances, and lighting.	Medium		X			\$\$	
H3	Mark crossings consistently along the High Injury Network.	Medium	X	X			\$\$	+
H4	Install lighting consistently along the High Injury Network.	Medium	X	X			\$\$\$	
H5	Utilize best practices for reducing speeds along arterials on the High Injury Network with a goal of 35 MPH or less.	Medium	X	X		X	\$\$	+
H6	Build a complete and connected pedestrian network on the High Injury Network, including pedestrian refuge islands at locations with long crossing distances.	Long	X	X			\$\$\$	+
H7	Integrate the HIN into project and development reviews.	Long	X		X			