



AGENDA ACTION ITEM

DATE: March 25, 2024

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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ITEM TITLE: **DISCUSSION ITEM: Wildlife-Vehicle Collisions.**

This Discussion Item is for the Board of County Commissioners to discuss whether and how they would like to address Wildlife-Vehicle Collisions, and whether there is a funding opportunity that they should prioritize for this topic.

Teton County, Idaho and regional stakeholders have discussed the alarming rate of wildlife-vehicle collisions (WVC) and possible mitigations. The data, from a recent presentation to the Board of County Commissioners, suggests that wildlife crossings are the most effective strategy for reducing the number of collisions. Teton County, Wyoming is working with State and Federal partners to develop wildlife crossings along Wyoming 22.

Teton County has recently been awarded a Federal grant, [Safe Streets and Roads For All](#), for the development of a safety action plan and has realized it can reapply for the same grant during the current grant cycle. The expected minimum for this grant is \$100,000 and there is a required 20% match. This grant is due April 4th, May 16th, or August 29th. The goal of this grant would be to create a Safety Action Plan that focuses on WVC mitigations.

Alternatively, last year, the Federal Highway Administration released funds through the Wildlife Crossings Program. This program funded construction and non-construction projects that reduced WVCs and improved habitat Connectivity. [According to the program webpage](#), future Notice-of-Funding-Opportunity's will be released in April 2024.

SUGGESTED MOTION: