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U.S Department of Transportation awards Douglas \$440,000 for Safety Action Plan

Douglas, AZ (November 19, 2024) – U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg announced \$172 million in grants to 257 communities through the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) program created in President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

The City of Douglas has been selected as a recipient of this program for its project titled "City of Douglas Safety Action Plan." The project is dedicated to crafting a robust Safety Action Plan aimed at elevating public safety and accessibility for all road users. Not only will this plan set forth definitive objectives from City officials to forge a secure transportation network across the community, but it will also place a strong emphasis on social equity. Ensuring the involvement of all stakeholders in the planning stages, the City is steadfast in its commitment to creating safer and more inclusive streets. Furthermore, this plan will lay the groundwork for forthcoming innovative and sustainable transportation strategies, particularly focusing on pedestrian and cyclist safety initiatives while embracing the principles of Complete Streets. This grant will complement the recent RAISE grant awarded to the City for the Commercial Roads Resurfacing project.

"According to the National Complete Streets Coalition, typical elements that make up a complete street include sidewalks, bicycle lanes (or wide, paved shoulders), shared-use paths, designated bus lanes, safe and accessible transit stops, and frequent and safe crossings for pedestrians, including median islands, accessible pedestrian signals, and curb extensions¹." It's important to note that not all elements will be incorporated into the implementation of the Safety Action Plan and will be guided by robust engagement and collaboration through the planning process with the community.

On receiving the grant, Mayor Donald Huish said, "This grant will be instrumental in creating safer roads for our most vulnerable users, pedestrians and cyclists". Huish continued, "Certain areas of our old township require the need to incorporate modern safety measures to create safer streets within our community. I would like to thank USDOT for their support and their recognition on the importance of creating safer streets for community."

City of Douglas officials expect the project to begin Fall 2025.

¹ [Street Design: Part 1—Complete Streets | FHWA](#)