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**From:** jacqueline schindele <jacquelineandtazio@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 13, 2024 11:08 AM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Subject:** Funding for Crosswalks

It is my understanding that there will be a discussion at tonight's Council meeting concerning federal funding for crosswalks.

I would like to stress the importance in assigning criteria in considering which crosswalks to fund for the safety of pedestrians (especially of children, the elderly, the disabled and those in motorized wheelchairs). Attention should also be paid to those locations on bus routes the above-mentioned populations use. Also, those locations on walking routes to schools and parks should be highlighted and given extra consideration. When there are several blocks to the nearest signal light, young people have a tendency to engage in jaywalking. If there is an existing crosswalk and there is a history of serious injuries and death, a lighted crosswalk needs the most serious consideration, as the existing solution is simply not effective.

The intersection that more than meets the above considerations is located at 14/15th Streets NE and Market Street NE. This was the scene of 2 serious injuries requiring hospitalization and the death of an handicapped woman in a motorized wheelchair. The former mentioned injuries happened on a beautiful, quiet Sunday morning when the 2 women left church and attempted to cross using the existing crosswalk. The latter death occurred at night, so poor lighting was also a factor.

Pedestrians are as important as vehicle owners and drivers. They are at a significant disadvantage in confrontation. Please be careful in assigning placement of future crosswalks and the enhanced lighted crosswalk structures.

Let's join together to make Salem immensely more liveable!

Thank you.

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**From:** Victor Dodier <vjdodier@teleport.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 13, 2024 1:44 PM  
**To:** CityRecorder  
**Cc:** Linda Nishioka  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.3d: 24-182, Grant Application for Pedestrian Crossing Improvement Projects

Mayor Hoy and City Councilors:

I am writing to support the request to authorize the City Manager to apply for federal funding through the Safer Streets for All program.

The City requested input about the location of pedestrian crossings from Salem residents to be funded by \$3,540,000 million from the Salem Safety and Livability Bond Measure. A large number of requests were made using the City's Request Portal indicating that the need for better pedestrian crossings is widespread.

The request will use \$2.5 million from the Salem Salem and Livability Bond Measure as match / leverage for \$10 million in federal funding. The federal funding will allow the City to improve many more crossings than it could improve with bond funding alone.

I hope that the balance of the bond money set aside for pedestrian crossing improvements can also be matched with money from other federal programs. Again, the need for better, safer pedestrian crossings is great while the City's resources for these improvements is limited.

Victor Dodier