Town Council Regular Meeting
Agenda Item 7.b.

Agenda Item: **Resolution 26-G-29 to Adopt the Roadway Safety Action Plan**

Meeting Date: April 28, 2026

Category: Consent

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Description:
This resolution formally adopts the Town of Herndon Roadway Safety Action Plan.

Background/Timing Impact:
The Roadway Safety Action Plan process kicked off in June 2025. As a precursor to this project, the Town Council of Herndon resolved to apply for a grant under the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Program of the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) under Resolution 24-G-17 on March 26, 2024. The town was successful in its application and executed a grant agreement with the Federal Highway Administration effective January 8, 2025. The town subsequently retained the services of a consulting firm in June 2025 to aid in the development of the Safety Action Plan.

The SS4A program supports the USDOT National Roadway Safety Strategy and goal of zero roadway deaths using a “Safe System Approach”. Funds are awarded on a competitive basis to support planning, infrastructural, behavioral, and operational initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets involving all roadway users, including pedestrians; bicyclists; public transportation, personal conveyance, and micromobility users; motorists; and commercial vehicle operators.

Actions preceding this resolution consist of:

- The initial request to Town Council to approve a grant application was presented on March 26, 2024: https://herndonva.portal.civicclerk.com/event/18/overview
- An update on the Roadway Safety Action Plan was presented with approval for contract award May 27, 2025: https://herndonva.portal.civicclerk.com/event/581/overview
- Town Council identified draft goals and timeline during work session on August 6, 2025: https://herndonva.portal.civicclerk.com/event/581/overview
- The draft Roadway Safety Action Plan was presented to Town Council during a joint work session with the Town's Planning Commission on February 17, 2026.
- The town's Planning Commission resolved to support adoption of the Roadway Safety Action Plan on March 23, 2026.
- The town's Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee issued a memorandum

supporting adoption of the Roadway Safety Action Plan on March 25, 2026.

The final Roadway Safety Action Plan is now complete following nearly nine months of public engagement and technical analysis. The second and final round of public engagement occurred in February 2026 where key stakeholders and the broader community provided comments on the draft plan. This final version incorporates community comments and sets a formal path toward achieving a goal of zero traffic deaths or serious injuries within 12 years.

Timing Impact:
The Roadway Safety Action Plan commits the town to the goal of eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries by 2038.

Strategic Focus Area:
Secure and Interconnected Community
Thriving Community

Fiscal Impact:
The adoption of the Roadway Safety Action Plan will not obligate town funds, though two fiscal impacts may precipitate from adoption in future fiscal years. The plan outlines that town staff anticipate submitting grant applications following adoption of the plan which may obligate funds pending award, and execution of the Roadway Safety Action Plan will incur both capital and programmatic costs in future fiscal years.

Legal Impact:
This item does not have a direct legal impact. Elements of the draft Roadway Safety Action Plan include recommendations for new and modified town ordinance(s).

Staff Recommendation/Next Steps:
Staff recommends adoption of the Town of Herndon Roadway Safety Action Plan.

Attachments:
1. Resolution (Proposed)
2. Herndon Roadway Safety Action Plan 2026