Planning Commission
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Agenda Item: **Resolution to Recommend Adoption of the Town of Herndon Roadway Safety Action Plan**

Meeting Date: March 23, 2026

Category: Old Business

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Description:
This item formally demonstrates the Planning Commission's support for the Town of Herndon Roadway Safety Action Plan and recommends adoption of the plan by Town Council.

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 application 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 the 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:

1. 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
2. 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
3. Town Council identified draft goals and timeline during work session on August 6, 2025: https://herndonva.portal.civicclerk.com/event/548/overview
4. 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:

https://herndonva.portal.civicclerk.com/event/2636/overview

The final Roadway Safety Action Plan is now complete following nearly nine months of public engagement and technical analysis. The plan may be found at www.herndon-va.gov/RSAP.

The second and final round of public engagement occurred in February 2026 where over three dozen key stakeholders and the broader community provided comments on the draft plan. Nearly all respondents felt the RSAP was important, valuable, and demonstrated a meaningful path forward for transportation in the Town. This includes input from community members, Town Council, Planning Commission, Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee, business owners, adjacent jurisdictions, and regional funding partners. The final version to be sent for Town Council adoption incorporates the following changes based on stakeholder and community comments:

1. Improve the clarity of plan elements by removing acronyms and jargon
2. Enhance graphics to present data more clearly
3. Adjust objectives and strategies to better align with residents' goals
4. Add new countermeasures and adjust recommended countermeasures and/or issues for HIN locations.

Once adopted, the final plan sets a formal path toward achieving a goal of zero traffic deaths or serious injuries within 12 years.

Timing Impact:
The project is on an accelerated timeline in order to prepare a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant funding application in May 2026. This future grant request will be for either a demonstration or implementation project as identified in the adopted Safety Action Plan. Formal resolution of adoption by the Town Council is required prior to the grant application.

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 a grant application in Spring 2026 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 supporting the Town of Herndon Roadway Safety Action Plan and

recommending for Town Council adoption.

Attachments:

1. RSAP Resolution (Proposed)
2. RSAP Presentation