Town Council And Planning Commission
Joint Work Session
Agenda Item 2.c.

Agenda Item: **Roadway Safety Action Plan Update**

Meeting Date: February 17, 2026

Category: Discussion

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Description:
This update summarizes project team activities for the Roadway Safety Action Plan since the Town Council meeting on August 6, 2025. Key topics include community input, data analysis, and the development of roadway safety project prioritization. The project team will also brief the Town Council on the draft Roadway Safety Action Plan, soliciting input prior to the anticipated Town Council resolution for Plan adoption in April 2026.

Background/Timing Impact:
The Roadway Safety Action Plan process kicked off in June 2025 and is anticipated for adoption in April 2026. As a precursor to this project, the Town of Herndon Council 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 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.

This discussion, facilitated by the Town’s consultant, summarizes the project activities to date and introduces the elements of the draft Roadway Safety Action Plan. This discussion is a precursor for anticipated plan adoption in April 2026.

- 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 the work session on August 6, 2025: https://herndonva.portal.civicclerk.com/event/581/overview

Timing Impact:
The draft Roadway Safety Action Plan is anticipated for community review throughout the remainder of Winter 2025/26 with anticipated adoption by Town Council resolution in Spring 2026. The project is on an accelerated timeline in order to prepare a potential Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant funding application in Spring 2026. This future grant request will be for either a demonstration or implementation project as identified in the adopted Safety Action Plan.

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 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:
This item does not currently have a staff recommendation. Following incorporation of Town Council, Planning Commission, Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee, and public feedback, staff will recommend adoption of the Roadway Safety Action Plan in April 2026.

Attachments:
1. Roadway Safety Action Plan - Update #2 Presentation