



Albemarle County

Legislation Text

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AGENDA DATE: 2/7/2024

TITLE:

Safe Streets For All Grant Goal Determination

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Resolution to commit Albemarle County to reduce roadway-related deaths and serious injuries

ITEM TYPE: Regular Action Item

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LEGAL REVIEW: Yes

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BACKGROUND: The TJPDC was awarded a \$857,600 Safe Streets and Roads for All grant to develop a safety action plan for the region. Albemarle County committed to participating in the multi-jurisdictional initiative, including providing a portion of the required local match for the project. This safety action plan, which has been branded "Move Safely Blue Ridge," will identify strategies to reduce and eliminate deaths and serious injuries on the roadway. The TJPDC is seeking Resolutions from each of the participating jurisdictions to support the planning efforts and establish a goal for reducing deaths and serious injuries.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Safety & Well-Being - Nurture a safe and healthy community

DISCUSSION: Following the completion of Move Safely Blue Ridge, jurisdictions will be eligible to apply for implementation funding for projects or initiatives identified in the plan. The Resolution will satisfy one of the eligibility criteria established in the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program, which requires a leadership commitment to reduce and eliminate roadway-related deaths and serious injuries.

In the five-year period from 2018 to 2022, a total of 875 people were killed or seriously injured in crashes that took place in Albemarle County (77 fatalities and 798 serious injuries). The goal set in this Resolution (Attachment A) is consistent with the goals set in the Virginia Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) - to reduce roadway fatalities and serious injuries by half by 2045. Approving this Resolution indicates Albemarle County's commitment to actively participating in a robust planning process as part of the development of this plan. For reference, Attachment B provides crash statistics for Albemarle County (Attachment B).

BUDGET IMPACT: The Resolution before the Board does not commit Albemarle County to any additional spending beyond the local match already provided. The strategies to reduce and eliminate deaths and serious injuries on county roadways identified at the conclusion of the Move Safely Blue Ridge process may require funding to implement. Staff will return to the Board of Supervisors to seek implementation funding, if needed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that Board of Supervisors adopt the Resolution to Commit Albemarle County to Reduce Roadway-Related Deaths and Serious Injuries (Attachment A).

ATTACHMENTS:

A - Resolution to Commit Albemarle County to Reduce Roadway-Related Deaths and Serious Injuries

B - Albemarle County Crash Facts