



Town of Weymouth

# Safe Streets and Roads for All Safety Action Plan | Vision Zero Plan



## Town Council Briefing

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# Safe Streets and Roads for All - What is it?

- A federal grant program – US Department of Transportation – Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- Goal is to create a transportation system and mindset of users and its designers that eliminates all traffic related fatalities and substantially reduces serious crashes
- Program includes funding Action Plans (up to \$10M) and Implementation (up to \$25M) grants
- Allows municipalities to apply directly FHWA and not go through DOT and regional agencies



# Taking a Safe Systems Approach

- Bring Proactive
- Understanding that humans are vulnerable and make mistakes





# Vision Zero

- Goal is to create a transportation system and mindset of users and its designers that:
  - eliminates all traffic related fatalities, and
  - substantially reduces serious crashes



# The Town's Award

- Town was awarded a grant of \$336,000 in early 2023 to develop its own Safety Action Plan.
- Federal Highway gave Notice to Proceed in late 2023.
- Grant required 20% match by the Town that is a combination of \$ and in-kind services.



# Why important?

- 6,463 reported crashes between 2018 and 2023
- 20 fatal crashes occurred
- More than 400 crashes resulted in injuries with about 100 considered incapacitating
- More than 120 crashes involved pedestrians or bicyclists



# Safety Action Plan Requirements

- Leadership Commitment & Goal Setting
- Create a Planning Structure
- Meaningful Public Engagement
- Policy and Process Changes
- Comprehensive Safety Analysis
- Equity Considerations
- Strategy and Project Selections
- Transparency and Measuring Progress





# Our Study Scope

- Create a substantial public knowledge and engagement program
- Identify all fatal and high risk crash locations within the town
- Consider safety actions for all modes of travel
- Include enforcement and education in addition to engineering solutions
- Develop a Safety Action | Vision Zero Plan that meets the federal certification requirements





# Meaningful Public Engagement

- Project webpage and dashboard
- Vision Zero Advisory Committee (VZAC)
- Residential representation from each district appointed by Mayor
- Town Council participation via Public Safety Committee
- Social media messaging
- In-person meetings in each district
- Online mapping and survey tool to gather public input



# Expectations from Town

- Active participation from key town departments and encourage public input
- Commitment by town officials and all departments to embrace goal and work towards eliminating fatal crashes
- Adopt a Vision Zero Policy to demonstrate leadership commitment



# The Benefits of the Plan

- Improved safety including reducing loss of life
- Enable town to pursue Implementation grants from Federal Highway for improvements
- Actions can include physical changes as well as enforcement and educational programs



# Our Timeline

## Winter 2023

Project Kickoff

## Early 2024

Analysis – ID High Crash  
Network (HIN)

## Summer 2024

Setting Project Priorities

## Early 2025

Implementation Grant  
Application

## Winter 2023

Begin Stakeholder and  
Public Engagement

## Late Spring-Early Summer 2024

Evaluating Countermeasures  
and Programs

## Fall 2024

Final Safety Action |  
Vision Zero Plan



# Questions?