



Waynesboro City Council Agenda Briefing

Meeting Date:	November 14, 2022	Staff/Council Member(s): Leslie Tate, Director of Community Development
Agenda Item #	10	
Department:	Community Development	
Subject:	Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program (VHSIP) - Resolution of Support	
Attachments	1. Resolution of Support	

Background:

The Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program (VHSIP) is funded by federal and state safety funding to implement safety improvements across the Virginia roadway network. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has a list of eight systemic safety countermeasures that are part of VDOT's Systemic Safety Implementation Plan approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. In addition, the systemic safety initiatives for locally-maintained streets and roads include the following:

1. Flashing Yellow Arrow
2. High-Visibility Signal Backplates
3. Pedestrian Crossings
4. Curve Signage
5. Unsignalized Intersections
6. Road Reconfiguration (Road Diet)

Through the Safety Circuit Rider program and in consultation with local VDOT staff, the City evaluated crash data to identify potential locations for the above-mentioned systemic safety initiatives. Based on that analysis, staff completed two separate HSIP applications. One application was for high-visibility backplates for twenty intersections within the city. For nine of those intersections, the application also included a flashing yellow arrow treatment.

The second HSIP application focused on pedestrian improvements for fifteen intersections. The treatments vary depending on the location but may include: advanced warning signage, rapid flashing beacons, high visibility crosswalk markings, and/or pedestrian push signals.

The application process focuses on a crash benefit factor based on the crash data and the recommended treatments. Staff completed the applications on November 1st and submitted for processing and scoring. The applications for funding do not involve any local match. VDOT staff has identified that a resolution of support from the locality would help support the submitted applications and would be considered during the evaluation stage.