CITY OF HARRISONBURG

November 12, 2026, Planning Commission Meeting

Title
Presentation on Safe Streets Harrisonburg – Jakob zumFelde and Max Irwin, Public Works

Summary
The Public Works Department will present an introduction to the Safe Streets Harrisonburg planning effort to the Planning Commission.

Context & Analysis
In 2024, City Council approved an application for grant funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program. The Public Works Department applied for a Planning Grant to create the City's first Transportation Safety Action Plan, and to update the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, create a Safe Routes to School Plan, and create a Complete Streets Design Guide. Following award of the grant by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the RFP process was completed and the City selected the consulting firm Kimley-Horn. City staff have been working with Kimley-Horn staff, and their subconsultants, to kick off these planning efforts.

These efforts, now named "Safe Streets Harrisonburg", will establish goals and provide clear next steps for actions to be taken by the City, other governmental agencies, and private entities such as developers, to ensure equitable access to safe transportation options for people using all travel modes in the City. Public Works will present the key aspects of Safe Streets Harrisonburg, including a brief introduction to the Complete Streets Design Guide. City staff and the consultant team are completing a significant public engagement effort in the coming months to gather the thoughts, concerns, and desires of those who live, work and play in Harrisonburg.

A public open house will take place on November 17, 2026, from 4:30pm-7:00pm at the Lucy F. Simms Continuing Education Center, 620 Simms Avenue, Harrisonburg, VA.

Additional project information is available at: https://engagekh.mysocialpinpoint.com/safe-streets-hburg.