

RESOLUTION NO. 1232-24

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING SAFE STREETS FOR ALL
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

WHEREAS, the Bel Air Board of Town Commissioners is moving forward in partnership with the City of Aberdeen and the City of Havre de Grace to create a Safe Streets for All Action Plan based on established principals to reduce injuries and deaths on municipal roads; and

WHEREAS, the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#) established the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program. The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, the SS4A program supports the U.S. Department of Transportation [National Roadway Safety Strategy](#) and the goal of zero roadway deaths using a [Safe System Approach](#); and

WHEREAS, reaching zero deaths requires the implementation of a Safe System approach, which was founded on the principles that humans make mistakes and that human bodies have limited ability to tolerate crash impacts. In a Safe System, those mistakes should never lead to death. This effort involves anticipating human mistakes by designing and managing road infrastructure to keep the risk of a mistake low; and when a mistake leads to a crash, the impact on the human body does not result in a fatality or serious injury; and

WHEREAS, making a commitment to zero traffic deaths means addressing all aspects of safety that create a holistic approach with layers of protection for road users including safe road users, safe vehicles, safe speeds, safe roads, and post-crash care; and

WHEREAS, that by implementing the improvements outlined in the Safe Streets for All Action Plan, Bel Air is committing to incorporating a Vision Zero approach to transportation policy;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bel Air Board of Town Commissioners hereby endorses the guiding principles, strategies, and priorities of the Safe Streets for All Action Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bel Air Board of Town Commissioners commits to the goal of reaching zero traffic deaths and severe injuries by 2040; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Bel Air Board of Town Commissioners that this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED: _____

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Paula Etting, Chair
Board of Town Commissioners

Michael Krantz, Town Clerk