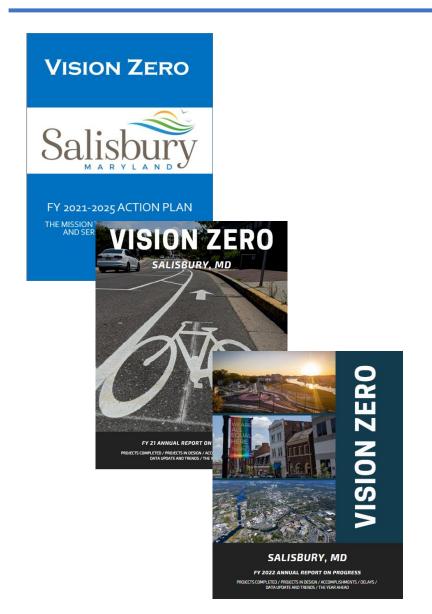


# Vision Zero and Local Road Safety Plans



## Salisbury's Vision Zero Program



Mission to End Traffic Fatalities and Serious Injuries by January 1, 2030

- Early Discussion Started in Jan 2018
- Interdepartmental coordination in May 2018
- Gathering data, demonstration projects and drafting the plan lasted throughout 2019
- Officially adopted by City Council in April of 2020 in preparation for FY 21 (July 2020)
  - Plan covers City streets, Salisbury University Streets and State Roads (somewhat)
- FY21 Annual Report Presented in May 2021
- FY22 Annual Report due by June 30, 2022



## First Implementations

#### **Early Demonstration Projects**

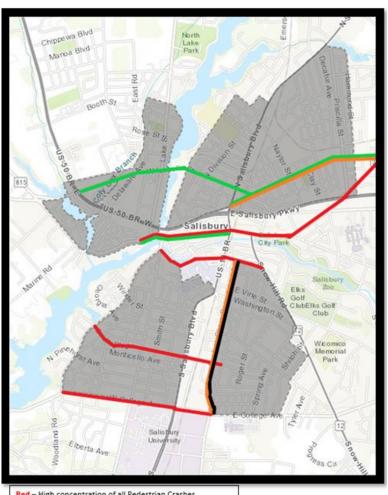
- Preceded the Action Plan in high profile places, performed quickly with oncall contracts
- Removed six slip lanes in high pedestrian areas, installed three miniroundabouts and realigned curbs at dangerous intersections
- Served as a demonstration for what future projects would look like





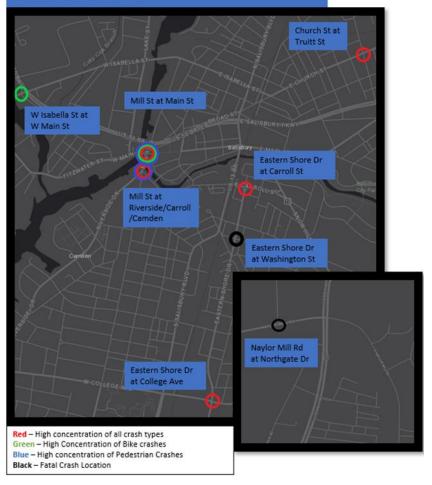


#### **Data Driven Planning**



Red – High concentration of all Pedestrian Crashes Green – High Concentration of Bike crashes Orange – High concentration of Serious Injury Crashes Black – Corridor with Fatal Crashes on record

# The High Injury Network – Intersections



#### Data revealed that:

- Fatal crashes were occurring on just 2% of the City's Transportation Network
- Nearly 50% of Serious Injury Crashes on City Streets occurred 6.4% of City streets, all urban collectors with 35MPH operating speeds, excessive conflicts/driveways
- 37.8% of Ped crashes occurred on 5 streets;
- 24.5% of bike crashes occurred on 3 streets.



#### **Data Driven Planning**

City developed 5 goals to increase safety

- Reduce Crashes in a short time frame
- Focus on City Street first
- Reduce Overall Speeds
- Utilize rapidly-implemented interim countermeasures
- Plan for "big-ticket" overhauls later

#### Reduce Speeds to Safe Levels

- Use the Context of each street to set a safe limit
- · Reduce occurrences of speeding in the City

Eliminate Fatal Crashes on the High-Injury Network

- Enact countermeasures to decrease the severity of crashes when they do occur
- Prioritize Streets in the High Injury Network to eliminate the most dangerous hazards first

Reduce occurrences of all crashes on City Streets by 50% by 2030

(5% per year)

- · Reduce conflict points and manage access
- Design with the principle that humans make mistakes, and mistakes should not be fatal

Reduce VMT (Vehicle Miles Traveled) by 15% by 2030 (1.5% each year)

- Work to expand Transit and multi-modal options
- Provide multiple safe options for reaching destinations
- Reductions in VMT is directly related to reductions in crashes

Educate the Public Expand the Understanding that Speed is the leading factor in fatal crashes

- Increase the awareness around the danger of speed
- Help the public adapt to new ways of thinking and design



## **Projects/Programs Since Acceptance**

- Resulted in a shift for ongoing projects:
  - Planned Roundabout at the most dangerous intersection for Bikes/Peds was accelerated and shared use path around the roundabout was added;
  - Planned Bikeways Projects were reprioritized for the three streets taking the majority of bike crashes.
- New Projects/Programs:
  - A Rail Trail Project that parallels US 13 Business received a Masterplan and is now receiving dedicated funding;
  - Thirteen Bikeway Projects Completed;
  - New dedicated Sidewalk infill and traffic calming programs that did not previously exist;
  - Created a pavement surface friction program to address high number of wet-weather crashes
- New City Design Typical Details:
  - Finalized new street cross-section typical details to prevent the construction of dangerous corridors in the future.
- Future Projects
  - Citywide traffic calming
  - Fifteen more bikeways
  - Major sidewalk infill project
  - Roundabouts at Key Intersections



### **Leveraging Funding – Paying for It**

Being able to leverage safety data and show that you have a plan is the best way to access funding to pay for the safety improvements. Since VZ was adopted Salisbury has been awarded:

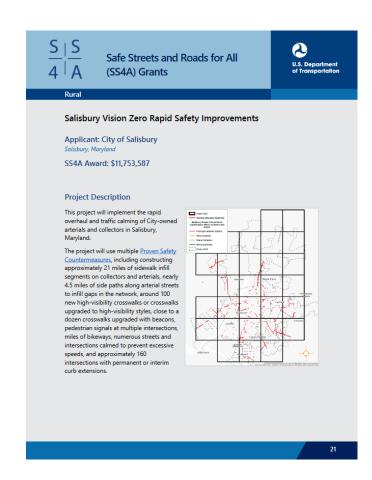
6 Bikeways Grants ------ \$ ~700,000 1 HSIP Grant ------ \$225,000 USDOT Safe Streets for All Grant-- \$11,753,586.67

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(City's Annual Budget is \$36-57 million)

Don't forget to maximize other programs, current dollars, etc.

Since adoption of VZ Action Plan Salisbury has a 70% success rate in applying for transportation grants and a near 90% success rate in safety specific grants



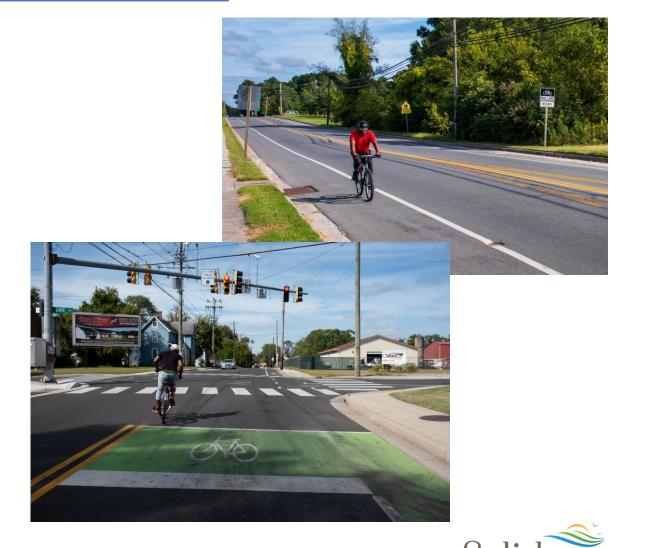


### **Path to Grant Funding**

The SS4A Grant Program will fund either Action Plan Development or Project Design and Implementation, but you must have a compliant Action Plan before applying for Implementation funding.

State funded grant programs like Bikeways are very easy to manage compared to federal pass-thru funds from the State (such as Transportation Alternatives)

Reach out to your peers here in MD for help. Out of 500 SS4A Awards, only 37 were for implementation & 3 of those are in MD.





#### Thank You!

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