

Meeting Summary

Winchester SS4A Committee Meeting 1

To: Attendees

Attendees: See Attached List

From: Tighe & Bond

Date: April 7, 2026

On April 7, 2026, the first Winchester Safe Streets & Roads for All SS4A Committee Meeting was held in a hybrid format via Microsoft Teams and at the Winchester Town Hall. The following are discussion items from this meeting. A copy of the PowerPoint slides presented at the meeting and a list of meeting attendees are included for reference.

Presentation

1. Tighe & Bond opened the meeting with an introduction to the consultant team, committee members, and project purpose, and provided a presentation on the following items:
 - a. The team provided an overview of the Safe Streets and Roads for All program, the overall study framework, the Town's prior Vision Zero commitment, the FHWA Safe System Approach, and the major components of the study process.
 - b. The consultant team also reviewed the role of the committee, emphasizing that the committee will provide local perspective, help guide the direction of the study, review materials, and support public engagement.
 - c. The team noted that public outreach has already begun through a press release, the project webpage, and the online map survey, with a public information meeting anticipated in June.

Open Discussion

1. A committee member asked how broadly "Safe Streets and Roads for All" should be interpreted and whether the effort is focused only on sidewalks and crossings or whether it also includes issues such as lighting, speeding, roadway conditions, and icy areas.
 - a. The consultant team responded that the plan is intended to be broad and will consider safety for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers, transit users, and school populations. The team explained that the study is centered on reducing serious injuries and fatalities, and that safety concerns may include roadway design, sight distance, crossing improvements, lighting, and/ or driver behavior. While routine maintenance is not the central purpose of the study, maintenance-related conditions may still be relevant where they directly contribute to unsafe situations.
2. The committee raised the concern that crash history alone will not fully capture the Town's safety issues, especially in places where residents regularly experience near misses or feel unsafe even if severe crashes have not been formally recorded.
 - a. The consultant team agreed and explained that the public survey is intended to capture those additional concerns, including near misses, repeated unsafe driver behavior, and locations where people feel vulnerable or uncomfortable. The team emphasized that this public input will be analyzed alongside crash data to identify patterns, validate community concerns, and support stronger future grant applications.

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3. It was noted that Northwest Hills Council of Governments (NHCOG) received an SS4A Safety Action Plan grant for FY2025 and will be advancing that study over the next couple years.
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5. Main Street was discussed in detail during the open discussion. Committee members described it as a long-standing safety issue, particularly due to speeding, wide roadway conditions, parking conflicts, poor pedestrian comfort, and frequent near misses.
 - a. Town representatives noted that Main Street had already been identified as a defining issue during the consultant selection process. A conceptual Main Street redesign previously developed by the consultant team was referenced during the discussion to illustrate one potential improvement option. Main Street is expected to be a focus corridor as the study progresses.
 - b. While there was support for rethinking Main Street, committee members raised potential concerns about how certain design concepts would function, including whether diagonal or nose-in parking could pose challenges for drivers when backing out, and whether traffic speeds would remain high despite roadway changes.
 - c. The consultant team emphasized that the concept shown is only one option, and that any roadway changes would be part of a broader corridor redesign strategy and may include elements like lane reductions, medians, bump-outs, raised crossings, and other traffic calming measures.
 - d. The committee raised concerns related to Main Street being a state-owned roadway and the potential challenges with implementing improvements on a state roadway.
 - e. The consultant team acknowledged that coordination with CTDOT will be a critical part of the planning process. The team stated that the District committee member and CTDOT liaison staff will be kept informed and that project materials will be shared with appropriate CTDOT staff as the study progresses.
 - f. The team clarified that a project on a state route should not be viewed as a reason not to pursue meaningful safety improvements. Both the consultant team and Town representatives noted that the state has been receptive to improvements on state routes in recent years.
6. Several committee members and residents expressed frustration that many known safety problems have persisted for years without meaningful action. Specific concerns included speeding, repeated crosswalk violations, poor winter accessibility at sidewalks and crossings, and poor sight lines at intersections.
7. Some comments reflected concern that obvious problems appear simple enough to address now and should not have to wait for a long planning process.
 - a. Town representatives emphasized that the purpose of the Action Plan is to move beyond another study and create a prioritized set of improvements that can be funded and implemented. The Town also noted that enforcement is a part of the safety discussion and that

- the completed plan may help support future funding or justification for additional enforcement resources. The Town noted ongoing efforts to implement automated traffic enforcement.
8. School-area safety was identified as another major issue. The school safety officer described recurring problems near Hinsdale Elementary and Pearson School, including speeding, failure to yield near crossings, disregard for crossing guards, and vehicles passing stopped school buses.
 - a. The discussion also touched on conflict points near schools and the challenges of managing traffic in those areas. Committee members and Town representatives discussed possible strategies such as speed cameras, school bus-mounted cameras, and other enforcement or traffic control measures.
 9. The discussion clarified that the Town does not need to wait for the Action Plan to be completed before advancing practical safety measures that are already understood to be beneficial.
 - a. The consultant team stated that if the Town identifies improvements that are low cost, high benefit, and responsive to obvious safety concerns, those actions should continue to move forward in parallel with the planning effort.
 10. The committee asked what residents should be encouraged to submit through the public survey and whether the Town should seek only problems or also ideas for solutions.
 - a. The consultant team responded that both are useful. Residents should identify exact locations, describe the issue in detail, and include information about speeding, crossing issues, sight distance, near misses, or other concerns. Potential solutions are also helpful because they provide insight into what the community may support.
 - b. The team explained that the map-based survey allows participants to add comments, respond to existing comments, and build a weighted picture of concern areas. Specific comments are more useful than general statements, and repeated input can help validate recurring issues.
 11. The final portion of the discussion focused on the need for broad and repeated outreach. The consultant team noted that survey participation tends to spike when the Town actively re-promotes the survey.
 - a. Committee members agreed that outreach needs to extend beyond online audiences and should include residents who may be less comfortable with technology. There was support for continued promotion through Town channels, community networks, and other local points of contact to ensure broader participation. The committee also recognized that stronger public participation will improve both the quality of the final plan and the Town's competitiveness for future funding.

Next Steps

1. The project team is currently working through the data collection and safety analysis phase.
2. The next SS4A Committee Meeting will be held prior to the first public information meeting in June to present the findings of the Data Collection and Safety Analysis (date TBD).
3. The first public information meeting is anticipated to be held in June to present the results of the Data Collection and Safety Analysis (date TBD).

Town of Winchester Safety Action Plan
SS4A Committee Meeting 1 - April 7, 2026
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Invited, Not in Attendance

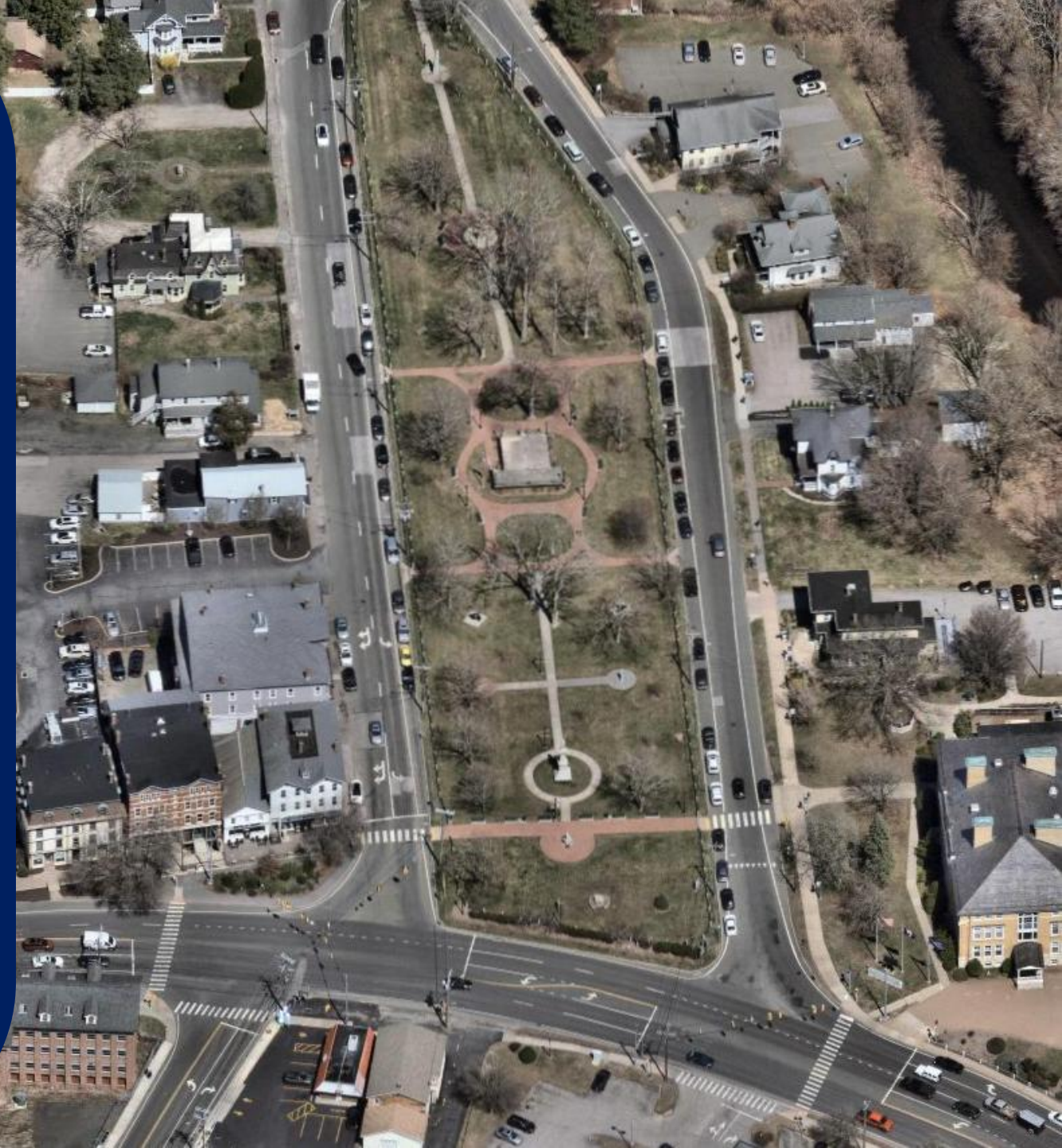
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Tighe & Bond

Partnership
with purpose

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April 7, 2026

Partner:



Agenda

- Introductions
- Safe Streets & Roads for All Program
- Town Vision Zero Resolution
- Study Process
- Role of SS4A Committee
- Public Outreach
- Schedule & Next Steps

Project Team

Project Management



Christopher Granatini, PE
Project Director
29 Years of Experience



Matt Stoutz, PE, PTOE, RSP1
Project Manager
11 Years of Experience

Key Personnel



Collene Byrne, EIT, RSP2I
SS4A Compliance
19 Years of Experience



Craig Yannes, PE, PTOE, RSP1
Technical Advisor
16 Years of Experience



Stephen Edwards, PE, PTOE, PTP, RSP1
Public Engagement
20 Years of Experience

SS4A Committee Members

- Town Staff
- School District
- Emergency Services
- CTDOT
- NHCOG
- Senior Center
- Residents



Safe Streets and Roads for All Program Overview

- SS4A Grant Program Overview
- Safety Action Plan
- Supplemental Planning/
Demonstration Grants
- Implementation Grants



Safe System Approach



Safe Streets and Roads for All Action Plan Components



Vision Zero Resolution

- “...eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2034 and endorses Vision Zero as a comprehensive and holistic approach to achieving this goal...”



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Town Hall – 338 Main Street

Winchester, Connecticut

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RESOLUTION 24-07

Endorsing Vision Zero to Eliminate Roadway Fatalities and Serious Injuries in the Town of Winchester by 2034

WHEREAS, the life and health of all persons living and traveling within the Town of Winchester are our utmost priority, and no person should die or be seriously injured while traveling our streets,

WHEREAS, crashes that result in death or serious injury are not inevitable but largely preventable and stem in part from streets designed for maximizing vehicular capacity and mobility, and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero provides a framework for eliminating all traffic fatalities and severe injuries suffered by all road users while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all, and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero focuses on safety as a primary objective for our transportation systems;

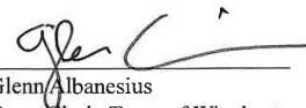
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Winchester hereby adopts the goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2034 and endorses Vision Zero as a comprehensive and holistic approach to achieving this goal,

AND I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the above resolution has in no way been altered, amended or revoked, and is in full force and effect.

YES: 5

NO: 2

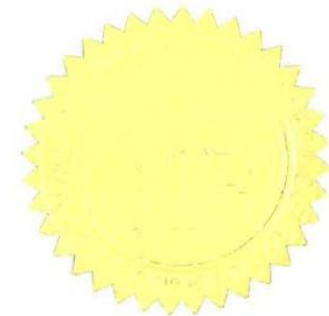
ABSENT: None



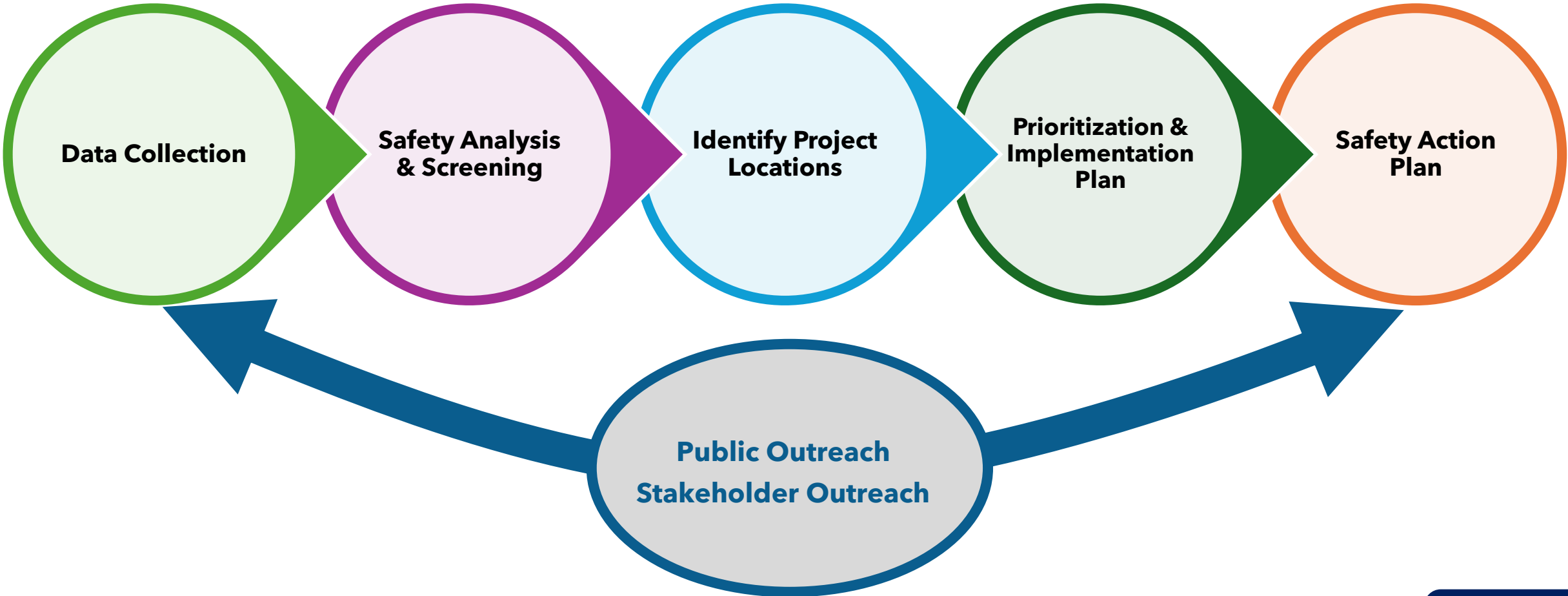
Glenn Albanusius
Town Clerk, Town of Winchester

September 16, 2024

Date



Study Process



Project Timeline

Data Collection & Safety Analysis

(March - May 2026)



Prioritization & Implementation

(Aug - Oct 2026)



Project Locations & Countermeasure Selection

(June - Aug 2026)



Draft Safety Action Plan

(Oct - Dec 2026)



Final Safety Action Plan

(June 2027)



Role of SS4A Committee

- Provide a study vision to guide the project team
- Define the study direction from a local perspective
- Review project materials and provide input
- Support the initiative, share information, and solicit feedback

Public Outreach

TOWN OF WINCHESTER LAUNCHES ROADWAY SURVEY TO DRIVE SS4A SAFETY ACTION PLAN

Posted on April 6, 2026 by [Safe Streets for All \(SS4A\) Committee](#)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Town of Winchester Launches Roadway Survey to Drive SS4A Safety Action Plan

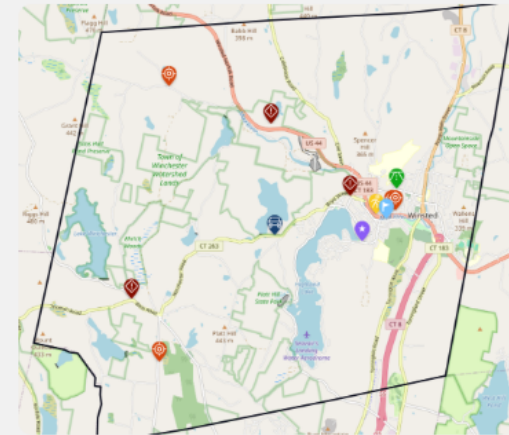
April 6, 2026, WINCHESTER, CT – The Town of Winchester is pleased to announce the launch of a town-wide traffic safety survey as a central component of Winchester’s Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Comprehensive Roadway Safety Action Plan. This initiative is designed to gather direct, location-specific input from residents to inform a federally recognized planning document that will guide future roadway safety improvements across our community.

A key feature of this survey is its interactive mapping tool, which allows respondents to precisely pinpoint the exact locations of safety concerns. Participants can identify and document issues such as speeding, poor roadway conditions, limited visibility, and pedestrian safety challenges directly on a map. This level of detail provides critical, ground-level data that traditional planning methods often lack. Residents are strongly encouraged to provide as much information as possible. Upon completing the survey, participants may return at any time to add additional locations and concerns, ensuring that the Town captures a comprehensive and geographically diverse dataset.

The information collected through this survey will be used by the Town, in partnership with Tighe & Bond and the Town’s ad hoc SS4A Committee, to identify priority roadways and develop targeted safety solutions. Importantly, the breadth and quality of public participation will directly influence the Town’s ability to secure additional federal funding. The more input received, the more clearly the Town can demonstrate need and justify investment in roadway and safety improvements using non-local taxpayer dollars.


“This survey is a critical step in turning local knowledge into real, fundable solutions,” said Town Manager Paul Harrington. “The more detailed and widespread the participation, the stronger our position will be to bring meaningful improvements to our roadways without placing additional burden on local taxpayers.”


The survey is available at [this link](#). All residents, business owners, and stakeholders are encouraged to participate and contribute multiple entries as needed to fully capture safety concerns throughout the



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SAFE STREETS FOR ALL (SS4A) COMMITTEE

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About

The Town of Winchester has established a Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Committee to guide the development of a comprehensive roadway safety [Action Plan](#). This effort is supported by the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program, which helps communities implement [Vision Zero](#) strategies at the local level.

RESOURCES

SUBPAGES

 [Roadway Survey Access and Information](#)

Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Committee File Directory

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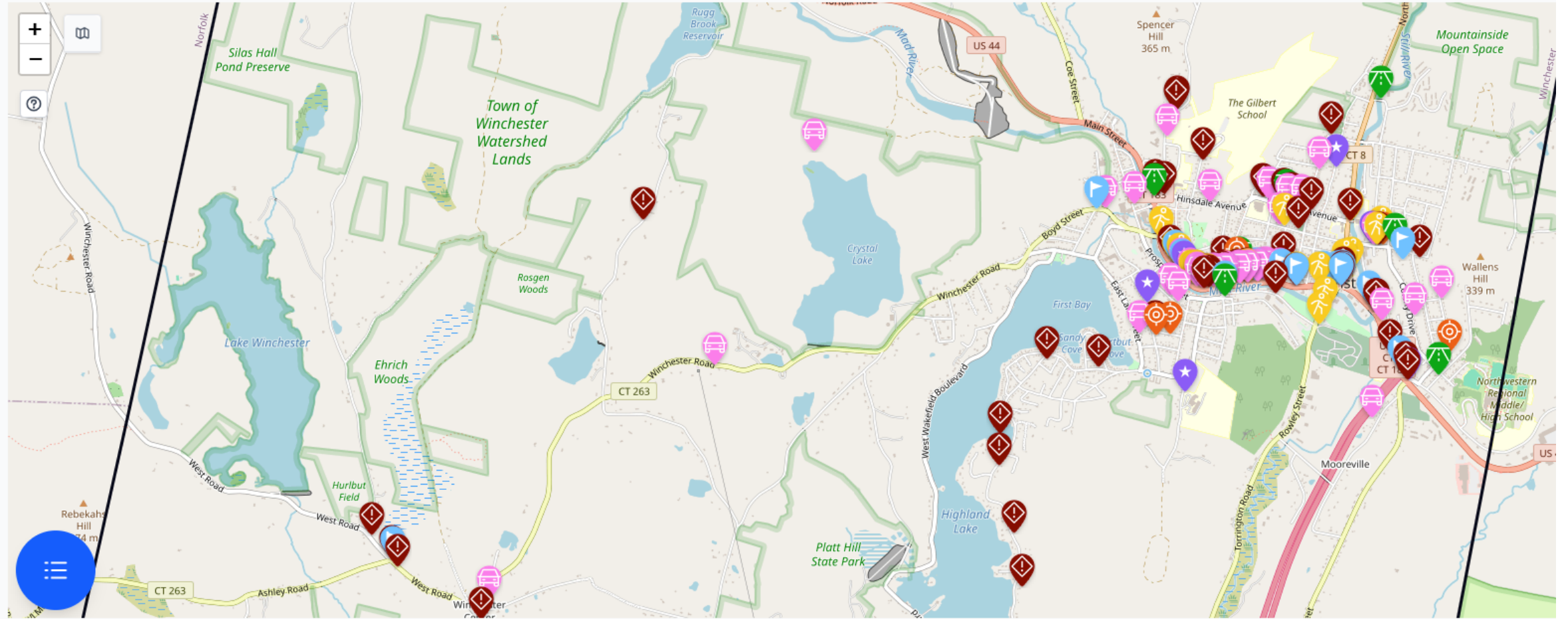
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DATE	TITLE	TYPE
Apr 6, 2026	Town of Winchester Launches Roadway Survey to Drive SS4A Safety Action Plan	General
Oct 7, 2025	SS4A Committee - Introductory Meeting PowerPoint 10.7.25 PDF	General
Sep 16, 2024	Resolution Endorsing Vision Zero	General
Sep 3, 2024	Resolution Accepting SS4A Funding	General

Public Outreach

Winchester SS4A Live Engagement Map



Next Steps

- Data Collection & Safety Analysis (ongoing)
- Public Map Survey – **Now Open!**
- Public Information Meeting 1 – June 2026
- Contact Information

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Questions?
Let's Talk