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SHEPHERDSTOWN RESOLUTION No. 26-006

**Supporting the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program
and Committing to the Elimination of Roadway Fatalities and Serious Injuries**

WHEREAS, the Corporation of Shepherdstown values the life and safety of every person who travels the Town's streets — residents, students, visitors, commuters, and workers alike; and

WHEREAS, Shepherdstown is West Virginia's oldest incorporated town, a nationally recognized historic community, and home to Shepherd University, whose approximately 3,700 students share a compact 1.5-square-mile street network with permanent residents, tourists, regional commuters, and freight traffic on corridors not designed for modern multimodal demands; and

WHEREAS, West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) crash records for 2019–2023 document 93 crashes within the Shepherdstown municipality geography, including 3 serious injuries and pedestrian-vehicle conflicts on the Town's primary state-route corridors; and

WHEREAS, the Town's zero motor vehicle fatality record over 2019–2023 is a baseline to be actively preserved, not taken for granted, as traffic volumes, pedestrian activity, commuter growth, and new bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure on WV Route 480 place increasing demands on the Town's roadway network; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County is among the fastest-growing counties in West Virginia, with expanding residential development along the rural approach corridors serving Shepherdstown, generating increased commuter traffic through the historic district; and

WHEREAS, the Town’s vibrant civic and cultural event calendar — including the Contemporary American Theater Festival, the American Conservation Film Festival, Street Fest, the Pride Parade, and the Back Alley Garden Tour — draws significant volumes of out-of-town visitors unfamiliar with local road patterns, creating periodic and growing pedestrian-vehicle safety challenges; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program provides federal funding to municipalities to develop and implement comprehensive roadway safety action plans consistent with the Safe System Approach; and

WHEREAS, in coordination with the Hagerstown-Eastern Panhandle Metropolitan Planning Organization (HEPMPO), and is applying for an SS4A FY 2026 Planning and Demonstration Grant to complete, formally adopt, and implement a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP); and

WHEREAS, the SS4A program requires that an eligible Action Plan reflect a formal commitment by the applicant’s governing body to the goal of eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Corporation of Shepherdstown finds that the adoption of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan is a core function of responsible local governance and is consistent with the current Administration’s priorities of public safety, infrastructure investment, historic district stewardship, and economic vitality;

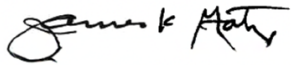
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Corporation of Shepherdstown, Jefferson County, West Virginia, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Town Council of the Corporation of Shepherdstown hereby commits to the goal of achieving zero roadway fatalities and zero serious injuries within the Town’s jurisdiction by 2050, and to support and partnering with the region and State of West Virginia in meeting the statewide goal of zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries by 2050.

SECTION 3. The Town Council authorizes and directs the Mayor, or the Mayor's designee, to submit an application for an SS4A FY 2026 Planning and Demonstration Grant on behalf of the Corporation of Shepherdstown for purposes of developing a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, and to execute any agreements, certifications, or other documents necessary to receive and administer such a grant.

SECTION 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 13th day of May, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Gatz".

James Gatz, Mayor
Town of Shepherdstown