

RESOLUTION

of the
ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
regarding
**ORANGE COUNTY'S ADOPTION OF A VISION ZERO PLAN WITH
A GOAL OF ELIMINATING ALL TRAFFIC-RELATED FATALITIES
AND SERIOUS INJURIES BY 2040**

Resolution No. 2022-M-42

WHEREAS, traffic crashes are among the leading cause of death and injury within the United States, State of Florida, and Orange County; and

WHEREAS, death and injury on our streets is unacceptable and serious crashes can be reduced or even prevented; and

WHEREAS, traffic deaths and injuries in the United States have disproportionately impacted cyclists, pedestrians, and vulnerable, underserved, disadvantaged, and low-income populations; and

WHEREAS, Orange County experienced from 2017 to 2021 the number of 335 pedestrian/bicycle fatality crashes and 912 pedestrian/bicycle severe injury crashes, which averages out to having a bicycle or pedestrian crash occur more than once every two days for the past five years in Orange County; and

WHEREAS, the County hereby declares that these crash statistics are unacceptable for residents, commuters, and tourists who live, work and play in Orange County; and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes that if these crash trends continue for the foreseeable future, they would put into jeopardy the future growth of the residential population and employment base, and our reputation as a desirable community for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the County hereby commits to decreasing these crash statistics by endorsing Vision Zero, which is a safe systems approach and strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all; and

WHEREAS, the County will implement the Vision Zero initiative by adopting a Vision Zero Action Plan that continues to utilize a data-driven approach and innovation in our traffic engineering systems to enhance infrastructure resilience, technology readiness, and vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian safety.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1: Vision Zero Action Plan. Orange County hereby adopts a goal of eliminating traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2040 and endorses Vision Zero as the strategy by which that goal will be achieved. The Board directs the Orange County Traffic Engineering Division to create a Vision Zero Action Plan in order to achieve this goal and to work comprehensively and collaboratively with all applicable County departments in the creation of such Vision Zero Action Plan.

Section 2: Vision Zero Priorities. The Vision Zero Action Plan will prioritize vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian roadway safety, ADA accessibility, and resilience through technology retrofits and will ensure the Vision Zero approach addresses traffic deaths and serious injuries through a combination of engineering, enforcement, education, and evaluation.

Section 3. Effective date. This Resolution shall take effect upon the date of its adoption.

ADOPTED this ____ day of AUG 09 2022, 2022.



ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Board of County Commissioners

By: Bryan W. Burt
for Jerry L. Demings
Orange County Mayor

ATTEST: Phil Diamond, CPA, County Comptroller
As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

By: Neelam Reddy
for Deputy Clerk