

RESOLUTION

of the

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

regarding

ORANGE COUNTY'S ADOPTION OF A VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN

Resolution No. 2024-_____

WHEREAS, traffic crashes are among the leading causes of death and serious injury within the United States, the State of Florida, and Orange County, Florida (“Orange County”); 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, within the analysis period of 2018-2022, there were 213,553 crashes in Orange County, including 893 that resulted in a fatality and 5,588 that resulted in a serious injury; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Board of County Commissioners (the “Board”) believes that deaths and serious injuries on our streets are unacceptable and that fatal and serious injury crashes can be eliminated by 2040; and

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

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation has adopted the Safe System Approach that recognizes that people will make mistakes and roadway systems and policies should be designed to protect them through redundancies and shared responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board previously adopted Resolution 2022-M-42 (the “Previous Resolution”), marking Orange County’s commitment to eliminating deaths and serious injuries on its streets and roadways by 2040 and directing staff to develop a “Vision Zero Action Plan”; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution is intended to further the purposes of the Previous Resolution; and

WHEREAS, Orange County hereby re-commits to endorsing Vision Zero, which is founded on the Safe System Approach, as the strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and serious

injuries on the transportation system, while increasing safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all; and

WHEREAS, Orange County will implement the Safe System Approach by adopting the Vision Zero Action Plan and continuing to utilize a data-driven approach and innovation in the transportation system to enhance infrastructure resilience, technology readiness, and vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian safety; and

WHEREAS, the Vision Zero Action Plan has identified transportation safety countermeasures appropriate for implementation in Orange County; and

WHEREAS, the Vision Zero Action Plan has identified Orange County's highest priority corridors for safety improvements.

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 the Vision Zero Action Plan to achieve 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 further directs the Orange County Public Works Department to implement the Vision Zero Action Plan, including designation of a Vision Zero Coordinator, in order to achieve this goal and to work comprehensively and collaboratively with all applicable County departments in the implementation of such Vision Zero Action Plan.

Section 2. Progress Monitoring. The County will annually review vehicle, pedestrian, bicycle, motorcycle, and commercial vehicle crash data to measure progress and strategically adjust the approach through Vision Zero Action Plan updates every five years to meet the 2040 goal of zero traffic deaths and serious injuries.

Section 3. Vision Zero Priorities. The Vision Zero Action Plan prioritizes vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian roadway safety, ADA accessibility, and resiliency through technology retrofits. Traffic deaths and serious injuries will be addressed through a combination of engineering, enforcement, education, equity, and evaluation.

Section 4. Funding Commitment. To create a safe, accessible, and multimodal transportation network for all users, Orange County commits to seek funding through grants or other sources, to implement safety improvements identified within the Vision Zero Action Plan for Orange County’s highest priority corridors through 2040 and will identify these projects in capital improvements planning during the annual budget process.

Section 5. Vision Zero Commitment. Orange County further commits to evaluation and documentation of Vision Zero aspects and/or transportation safety countermeasures for implementation as part of all transportation capital improvement projects, development infrastructure projects, and roadway maintenance projects, based on standard operating procedures to be developed by the Public Works Department. Orange County specifically commits to completing the County’s sidewalk network to improve pedestrian safety.

Section 6. Effective date. This Amended and Restated Resolution shall take effect upon the date of its adoption.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2024.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Board of County Commissioners

By: _____
Jerry L. Demings
Orange County Mayor

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

By: _____
Deputy Clerk