

RESOLUTION

of the

SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUPPORTING SEMINOLE COUNTY'S VISION ZERO PLAN TO ELIMINATE ALL TRAFFIC RELATED FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero was first implemented in Sweden in the 1990s, has proved successful across Europe, and now it is gaining momentum in major American cities; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation adopted a Target Zero initiative and included the program in their Central Florida Safety Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, MetroPlan Orlando was awarded a federal grant under the 2022 Safe Streets and Roads for All Action Plan program to help develop Vision Zero Safety Action Plans for Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties, and many of the cities within them; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is founded on a 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, vehicle crashes that result in fatalities and serious injury are not inevitable, and fatalities and serious injuries are not an acceptable cost for using the public roadway system in the County; and

WHEREAS, traffic deaths and serious injuries in the United States have disproportionately impacted pedestrians, cyclists, people of color, low income households, older adults and youth, people with disabilities, and households with limited vehicle access; and

WHEREAS, from 2018 to 2022 there have been a total of 181 fatalities and 814 serious injuries from traffic crashes in Seminole County, which averages to three fatalities and 14 serious injuries per month for the past five years in Seminole County; and

WHEREAS, the County is hereby recognizing that these crash statistics are not acceptable for citizens, commuters, and visitors who live, work, and play in Seminole 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, employment base, visitors, and the County's reputation as a desirable county for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the County will hereby commit to decreasing the 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, Seminole County, in partnership with MetroPlan Orlando will create a Vision Zero Action Plan for the County that focuses on safety as a primary objective through engineering, enforcement, and educational strategies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida that:

Section 1. Incorporation of Recitals. The above recitals represent the legislative findings of the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners supporting the need for this Resolution.

Section 2. Adopt a Goal of Zero Fatalities and Serious Injuries. The Board of County Commissioners hereby adopts a goal of eliminating traffic serious injuries and fatalities by 2050 and endorses Vision Zero as a comprehensive and collaborative approach that involves all County departments to achieve this goal.

Section 3. Establishment of a Vision Zero Task Force. A multi-disciplinary county-wide Vision Zero Task Force is to be formed to advise on the development and implementation of a Vision Zero Action Plan and will comprise organizations and agencies with expertise in transportation, education, engineering, public health, emergency response, equality, transit, biking and walking activities.

Section 4. Implementation of Vision Zero Action Plan Projects. County staff shall work beside and in cooperation with fellow jurisdictions, agencies, and stakeholders to implement the projects identified in the Vision Zero Action Plan.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution will become effective upon adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

ADOPTED this ____ day of August, 2024

ATTEST:



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

GRANT MALOY
Clerk to the Board of
County Commissioners of
Seminole County, Florida

By: _____
JAY ZEMBOWER, Chairman

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