

RESOLUTION NO 2024-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA COMMITTING TO A GOAL TO ELIMINATE ROADWAY FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURY BY 2040 ON THE STREETS WITHIN THE TOWN OF WHITESTOWN

WHEREAS, the life and health of all persons living and traveling within the Town of Whitestown, Indiana (“Town”) are the Town Council’s utmost priority, and no one should die or be seriously injured while traveling on Town streets;

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes that traffic deaths and serious injuries are not Inevitable, and Vision Zero is the concept that this is unacceptable;

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a holistic strategy aimed at eliminating all traffic fatalities and severe injuries suffered by all roadway users while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all;

WHEREAS, streets and transportation systems have traditionally been designed primarily to move motorists efficiently, and Vision Zero supports a paradigm shift by designing streets and transportation systems to move all people safely, including people of all ages and abilities, pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit users, and motorcyclists, as well as drivers and passengers of motor vehicles;

WHEREAS, Vision Zero recognizes that people will sometimes make mistakes, so the roadway system and related policies should be designed to ensure that those inevitable mistakes do not result in severe injuries or fatalities; therefore, transportation planners and engineers and policymakers are expected to improve the roadway environment, policies, and other related systems to lessen the severity of crashes;

WHEREAS, making streets safer for all people using all modes of transportation will encourage people to travel on foot, by bicycle, and by public transit, which supports a healthier, more active lifestyle and reduces environmental pollution;

WHEREAS, successful Vision Zero programs are a result of both a complete government approach (i.e., interdepartmental, coordinated initiatives) and community support of Vision Zero objectives and action plans;

WHEREAS, Vision Zero resolutions have been adopted by many jurisdictions across the United States; and

WHEREAS, this 2024 Vision Zero Resolution is a required component of the Safe

Streets and Roads for All Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, this Vision Zero Resolution sets forth the Town’s goal of reducing serious injuries and fatal crashes to zero by the year 2040;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Whitestown, Indiana as follows:

Section 1: The above recitals are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The Town of Whitestown (“Town”) hereby commits to a goal of achieving zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries by 2040 on the streets within the jurisdiction of the Town (“Vision Zero Goal”).

Section 3: The Town shall adopt a comprehensive safety action plan to develop a holistic, well-defined strategy to achieve the Town’s Vision Zero Goal.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be in effect from and after its passage.

[Signatures on following page]

RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Whitestown, Indiana, this ____ day of _____, 2024, by a vote of ____ in favor and ____ against.

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA

Dan Patterson, President

Eric Nichols, Vice President

Cheryl Hancock

Tobe Thomas

Courtenay Smock

ATTEST:

Matt Sumner, Clerk-Treasurer