

A Resolution

NO. _____

SUPPORTING A VISION ZERO STRATEGY TO ELIMINATE TRAFFIC FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES IN THE CITY OF FORT WORTH

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a world-wide strategy to eliminate all traffic vehicle-related fatalities and severe injuries through policies and regulations which prioritize safe multi-modal streets; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero acknowledges that traffic vehicle-related fatalities and serious injuries are not accidents; they are preventable crashes; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration has designated the City of Fort Worth as a Pedestrian Safety Focus City due to its high pedestrian fatality rate; and

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2010, City Council adopted the Bike Fort Worth Plan as the City's comprehensive bicycle transportation plan for developing a bicycle friendly environment complete with policies, programs and facilities; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2011, City Council adopted Ordinance No. 19570-03-2011, the Safe Passing Ordinance, that establishes minimum separation distances when motorized vehicles are passing vulnerable road users; and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2014, City Council adopted the Walk Fort Worth Plan as the City's comprehensive pedestrian transportation plan intended to create a more pedestrian friendly environment for those who wish to walk for their health or for transportation to local destinations; and

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2014, City Council adopted Resolution No. 4278-01-2014 supporting the Blue Zones Project which commits the City to considering evidence-based policies and implementing programs intended to improve the vitality of residents and business, creating greater opportunity for all to make healthy choices; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2015, City Council adopted Ordinance No. 21707-03-2015 establishing the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Commission which is responsible for providing recommendations to the City Manager, City Plan Commission and the City Council on pedestrian and bicycle plans, policies, programs and projects to improve the environment for non-motorized travelers; and

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2016, City Council adopted Ordinance No. 22191-05-2016 adopting the 2016 Master Thoroughfare Plan Update which is grounded in a Complete Streets philosophy wherein streets and roads are to be appropriately designed and constructed to reflect all transportation users and support the surrounding land uses; and

WHEREAS, City Council adopted a Complete Streets Policy concurrent with adoption of the 2016 Master Thoroughfare Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2019, City Council adopted the Active Transportation Plan, which identifies, evaluates, and prioritizes for implementation, gaps in pedestrian and bike infrastructure citywide;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS, THAT:

The City of Fort Worth supports the Vision Zero goal of eliminating fatalities and severe injuries from traffic crashes by supporting the development of a Vision Zero-based strategy and related performance measures to achieve the goal.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2019.

ATTEST:

By: _____

Mary J. Kayser, City Secretary