

RESOLUTION

122-2022

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BOCA RATON DESIGNATING THE CITY AS A "VISION ZERO CITY" AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO CREATE A VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN TO ESTABLISH A GOAL OF NO SEVERE TRAFFIC INJURIES OR FATALITIES; DIRECTING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO EFFECTUATE SAME; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is one of the most dangerous states for people walking, consistently ranking number one on the Pedestrian Danger Index by Smart Growth America, with the Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach urbanized area consistently ranking as one of the worst metropolitan areas in the country; and

WHEREAS, over 3,200 people statewide and nearly 200 people in Palm Beach County die annually on roadways; and

WHEREAS, a roadway system with frequent crashes causes travel delays and drains fiscal resources, threatens the quality of life and the reputation of the City of Boca Raton as a desirable destination for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a safe systems approach and strategy that starts with the ethical belief that everyone has the right to move safely in their communities, and

WHEREAS, key elements of the Vision Zero system include: reframing traffic fatalities as preventable; focusing on system failure; reducing the impact of collisions; adopting a safe system approach for vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians; making data-driven decisions; viewing road safety as a social equity issue; prioritizing safety improvements in areas that have historically been underserved, and building robust engagement strategies to reach those who are most vulnerable on the roadways, and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero will make roads safer for pedestrians and bicyclists and will help reduce vehicle trips, reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation, and help the City reach the carbon emission goals pledged by the City Council as part of the Race to Zero commitment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOCA RATON, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The City Council hereby establishes that the elimination of traffic fatalities and the reduction of serious injuries due to traffic accidents is a goal of the City of Boca Raton.

Section 2. The City Council hereby adopts Vision Zero as the policy for road and traffic safety in the City of Boca Raton and directs near and long- term traffic planning to be based on Vision Zero principles.

Section 3. The City Council directs the City Manager to develop a Vision Zero Action Plan to accomplish the goals to eliminate traffic fatalities and reduce serious injuries due to traffic crashes by adopting a safe system approach for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians, equitable engineering, enforcement, education, data-driven decision making, and social equity considerations in road safety planning and implementation.

1	Section 4. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and hereby			
2	are repealed.			
3	Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately after adoption.			
4	any section, subsection, clause or provision of this resolution is held invalid, the remainder shall			
5	not be affected by such invalidity.			
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8	PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Boca Raton this 25th day			
9	of October, 2022.			
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COUNCIL MEMBERS	YES	NO	ABSTAINED
MAYOR SCOTT SINGER			
DEPUTY MAYOR ANDREA LEVINE O'ROURKE	~		
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