



RESOLUTION 2023-06

Creating the Safe Streets Task Force and directing the creation of a Vision Zero Safe Streets Plan

WHEREAS, the life and health of Town of Brentwood's residents are our utmost priority; and

WHEREAS, traffic rashes are among the leading causes of death and injury within the United States and State of Maryland; 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, there are approximately 500 crash-related fatalities in Maryland each year and an average of nearly 34,000 crash-related injuries, and these deaths and injuries include substantial numbers in the Town; and

WHEREAS, these serious accidents, injuries, and deaths jeopardize the quality of life of Town residents and visitors and are largely preventable and fundamentally a public safety issue; and

WHEREAS, the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act established a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program, with \$5 billion available from 2023 through 2028; and

WHEREAS, , the SS4A program supports the National Roadway Safety Strategy and the U.S. Department of Transportation's goal of zero deaths and serious injuries on the nation's roadways and, to that end, provides grants to assist municipalities, among other entities, develop or update a comprehensive safety action plan (Action Plan); conduct planning, design, and development activities in support of an Action Plan and as demonstration projects, and carry out projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan and demonstration projects; and

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

WHEREAS, the Town is preparing a grant application for the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant program through the United States Department of Transportation to improve roadway safety in the community; and

WHEREAS, these grant funds will be used to develop a Townwide Comprehensive Safety Action Plan to identify comprehensive safety related projects that will meet the goals stated above and to implement demonstration activities that will address immediate concerns.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Mayor and Council of the Town of Brentwood

Section 1. The Town of Brentwood will dedicate our resources, platforms, political will, and authority to protect and enrich the lives of Town residents and visitors including eliminating traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2040; and endorses Vision Zero as a comprehensive and collaborative approach that will involve all Town departments to achieve this goal.

Section 2. The Town Council hereby designates The Brentwood Public Works Committee as the task force to work with the Town Administrator, Mayor, Council, and the Town's consultants to create Vision Zero Action Plan and demonstration projects to be presented to the Mayor and Town Council for approval. The Brentwood Public Works Committee is an advisory group established and supported by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Brentwood on February 15, 2017; and which comprises residents, businesses, and community stakeholders to represent and advocate for the public safety needs and interests of the collective community. The Mayor and Council expand this Committee to also consist of the Town Administrator, members of the Mayor and Town Council, a representative of the Town's Green Team, a representative of the Town's Tree Committee, additional persons appointed by the Town Council from time to time, and any designated staff of the Brentwood Public Works Committee, and Code Enforcement. In making appointments, the Town will endeavor to secure participation from representatives of the Prince George's County Public Schools, the Maryland State Highway Administration, the Prince George's County Department of Transportation, and other persons who have a stake in reducing accidents on Town streets.

Section 3. The Mayor and Town Council direct the Town Administrator, working with the Town's consultants and The Brentwood Public Works Committee, to create a Vision Zero Action Plan and demonstration projects for future consideration by the Mayor and Council, based upon a comprehensive analysis of traffic deaths and injuries in the Town. The Action Plan and any demonstration projects must include:

A. A timeline with one of the following:

1. The target date for achieving zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries, or
2. An ambitious percentage reduction of roadway fatalities and serious injuries by a specific date with an eventual goal of eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries.

B. An analysis of existing conditions and historical trends that provides a baseline level of crashes involving fatalities and serious injuries and includes:



1. An analysis of locations where there are crashes and the severity of the crashes, as well as contributing factors and crash types by relevant road users (motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, etc.).
2. An analysis of systemic and specific safety needs is also performed, as needed (e.g., high-risk road features, specific safety needs of relevant road users, public health approaches, analysis of the built environment, demographic, and structural issues, etc.). To the extent practical, the analysis should include all roadways within the jurisdiction, without regard for ownership. Based on the analysis performed, a geospatial identification of higher-risk locations is developed (a High-Injury Network or equivalent).
- C. A plan for engagement with the public and relevant stakeholders, including neighboring municipalities (e.g., Mount Rainier, North Brentwood, Cottage City, Hyattsville, and Queens Chapel), the private sector and community groups, which allows for both community representation and feedback. Information received is incorporated into the Action Plan and demonstration projects. Overlapping jurisdictions are included in the process. Plans and processes are coordinated and aligned with other governmental plans and planning processes to the extent practical. Use inclusive and representative processes. Underserved communities are identified through data and other analyses. Analysis includes both population characteristics and initial equity impact assessments of the proposed projects and strategies.
- D. An assessment of current policies to identify opportunities to improve how processes prioritize transportation safety and proposals for the adoption of revised or new policies, guidelines, and/or standards, as appropriate.
- E. Identification of a comprehensive set of projects and strategies to address the safety problems described in the Action Plan and demonstration projects. These strategies should focus on a Safe System Approach, effective interventions, and consider multidisciplinary activities. Data limitations are identified and mitigated. The projects should be prioritized in a list that provides time ranges for when the strategies and countermeasures will be deployed (e.g., short-, mid-, and long-term timeframes).
- F. A method to measure progress over time, including at a minimum, annual public reporting on progress toward reducing roadway fatalities and serious injuries, and public posting of the Action Plan and demonstration projects online.

Section 4. The Mayor and Town Council directs the Town Administrator to ensure the Vision Zero Action Plan and demonstration projects address traffic deaths and serious injuries through a combination of engineering, enforcement, education, and evaluation.

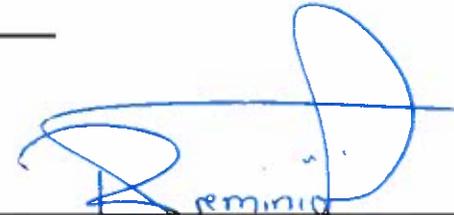
Section 5. This resolution confirms our commitment to local actions that promote safety and improve outcomes for all people. These values will be reflected in all local government institutions. That this Resolution is adopted by the Mayor and the Council of the Town of Brentwood this ___ day of June 2023, and shall take effect immediately, provided that a fair summary has been read at the meeting at which it is introduced and adopted, that a copy shall be posted at Town Hall for at least two weeks after it becomes effective, and that a fair summary is published at least once in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town, inclusive of the Town's newsletter, or otherwise delivered to every Town household.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

READ, PASSED, AND ADOPTED this__day of June 2023



Attest: Larry Moran, Town Clerk



Rocio Treminio-Lopez, Mayor



Stefan Leggin, Vice Mayor



Marcus Monroe, Councilmember



Quianna Taylor, Councilmember



Lauren Rauk, Councilmember

