

RESOLUTION NO. 8-2023

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY
ACTION PLAN AND VISION ZERO POLICY.

WHEREAS, The City of Huntsville is a member of the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission.

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2022, the Board of Directors of the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC) approved Resolution # 2022-9 authorizing the submittal of an application to the U.S. DOT for a FY2022 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Discretionary Grant to prepare a Regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP);

WHEREAS, the proposed Regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan was developed through consultation with expert stakeholders, the SS4A CSAP working group, and public outreach across Northwest Arkansas;

WHEREAS, street crashes are one of the leading causes of death in the United States¹;

WHEREAS, the life and health of all persons living and traveling within the City of Huntsville are our utmost priority, and no one should die or be seriously injured while traveling on our streets;

WHEREAS, Vision Zero supports a paradigm shift toward making streets safer for all people by prioritizing the safety of those most at risk to death and serious injury;

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, on June 28, 2023, the Board of Directors of the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission adopted the CSAP and a Vision Zero Policy.

¹ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2023, January 10). Global Road Safety. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Retrieved May 2, 2023, from <https://www.cdc.gov/injury/features/global-road-safety>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL:

Section 1: The City of Huntsville adopts the Regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan attached hereto as Exhibit A and makes it part of this resolution, effective immediately.

Section 2: The City of Huntsville adopts a Vision Zero Policy which includes the goal of eliminating traffic deaths and serious injuries to zero by 2035 and endorses Vision Zero as a comprehensive and holistic approach to achieving this goal.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL ON THE 12TH DAY OF JUNE 2023.

ATTEST:



Joetta Smith, City Clerk

APPROVED:



Travis Dotson, Mayor

