



# Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

## Legislation Text

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A resolution adopting the Nashville Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure's Vision Zero Action Plan and Vision Zero Five-Year Implementation Plan and pledging to support the Metropolitan Government's efforts to achieve zero traffic deaths and serious injuries on Nashville's roadways.

WHEREAS, Vision Zero provides a comprehensive strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries while increasing safe, healthy, and equitable mobility options for all; and,

WHEREAS, the Metro Nashville WalknBike Strategic Plan of 2017 recommended the completion of a Vision Zero plan. On January 18, 2020, Mayor John Cooper announced his administration's commitment to Vision Zero and thereafter requested completion of a plan of action. Additionally, the Metro Nashville Transportation Plan, adopted by the Metro Council December 15, 2020 per RS2020-656, includes a commitment to the Vision Zero Action Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Nashville Department of Transportation & Multimodal Infrastructure ("NDOT") has completed work on a Vision Zero Action Plan and a Five-Year Implementation Plan with participation and input from a steering committee that included representation from Metro Council, the Tennessee Department of Transportation, the Greater Nashville Regional Council, Walk Bike Nashville, and other key community partners; and,

WHEREAS, the Vision Zero Action Plan serves as a framework document for meeting program goals and it establishes strategies based upon the five E's of transportation safety: Engineering, Education, Encouragement, Evaluation & Enforcement; and,

WHEREAS, the Vision Zero Action Plan also identifies a High Injury Network of the most dangerous roads and intersections across Davidson County for people walking, biking and driving, and the plan was developed based upon extensive data analysis as well as community input; and,

WHEREAS, the Vision Zero Five-Year Implementation Plan makes specific commitments to projects, policies, and programs over the next five years to meet the goal of zero deaths and serious injuries based upon the five E's framework, and with a specific focus on locations identified in the High Injury Network; and,

WHEREAS, the Vision Zero Five-Year Implementation Plan determines annual funding needs for NDOT to successfully meet the goals outlined in the document; and,

WHEREAS, one death on Nashville's roadways is too many, and the Metropolitan Government will work to ensure rapid deployment of Vision Zero across all of Davidson County, including quick-build projects in addition to more time and cost-intensive capital projects, as well as enhanced community education and enforcement; and,

WHEREAS, both referenced plans have the support and endorsement of Mayor John Cooper and the Nashville Department of Transportation & Multimodal Infrastructure

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That the Nashville Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure's Vision Zero Action Plan and Vision Zero Five-Year Implementation Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit A, is hereby approved.

Section 2. That the Metropolitan Council does hereby offer its pledge of support to the implementation of Vision Zero in Nashville and Davidson County in an effort to reduce the number of traffic-related deaths and serious injuries to zero.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

### Analysis

This resolution adopts the Nashville Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure's ("NDOT") Vision Zero Action Plan and Vision Zero Five-Year Implementation Plan and pledges support to the Metropolitan Government's efforts to achieve zero traffic deaths and serious injuries on Nashville's roadways.

NDOT has completed work on the Vision Zero Action Plan and the Vision Zero Five-Year Implementation Plan. Both plans are available as attachments to this resolution.

The Vision Zero Action Plan is NDOT's plan to reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries on Nashville's streets. The Action Plan includes strategies and actions that will create safer streets, prioritize equity, increase collaboration and transparency, promote a culture of safety, and improve data quality. The Action Plan also identifies a High Injury Network of the most dangerous roads and intersections across Davidson County for people walking, biking and driving, and the plan was developed based upon extensive data analysis as well as community input.

The Vision Zero Five-Year Implementation Plan makes specific commitments to projects, policies, and programs over the next five years to meet the goal of zero deaths and serious injuries with a specific focus on locations identified in the High Injury Network. The Implementation Plan determines annual funding needs for NDOT to successfully meet the goals outlined in the document. The Implementation Plan develops specific, measurable actions over the next five years that can be taken based on the Action Plan.