

RESOLUTION #25-9

ADOPTION OF THE CAPITAL REGION VISION ZERO SAFETY ACTION PLAN AND VISION ZERO POLICY

WHEREAS, the Capital Region Transportation Council (Transportation Council) has been designated by the Governor of the State of New York as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible for the comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process for the Capital District Transportation Management Area (TMA) which includes Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, and Schenectady counties, except the Town of Moreau and the Village of South Glens Falls, as required by Title 23, U.S.C. Section 134 and Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5303; and

WHEREAS, between 2019 to 2023, there were 256 traffic fatalities and 2,727 serious injuries in the Capital District TMA; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Council has a safety goal in the long-range metropolitan transportation plan known as In Motion: The Plan to 2050 to “eliminate fatalities and reduce serious injuries by 50% on Capital Region roadways”; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has adopted a goal of zero fatalities and serious injuries for all road users in the Strategic Highway Safety Plan (2023); and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) has adopted a vision of eliminating roadway fatalities through the adoption of the Safe System Approach as the guiding paradigm to address roadway safety in the National Roadway Safety Strategy (2022); and

WHEREAS, the Vision Zero Safety Action Plan recognizes the Principles of the Safe System Approach that Death and Serious Injury are Unacceptable, Humans Make Mistakes, Humans are Vulnerable, Responsibility is Shared, Safety is Proactive, and Redundancy is Crucial; and

WHEREAS, the Vision Zero Safety Action Plan includes strategies, capital projects, and programmatic actions that encompass the five Elements of the Safe System Approach that are complimentary and redundant through Safer Roads, Safer Road Users, Safer Speeds, Safer Vehicles, and Post-Crash Care; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Council furthers its commitment to safety by adopting the targets of eliminating fatalities and reducing serious injuries by 50 percent by the end of 2050 for all road users; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Council has agreed, per Resolution 25-2, to support NYSDOT’s calendar year 2025 targets for the five safety performance targets per the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) final rule (23 CFR Part 490);

WHEREAS, the Vision Zero Safety Action Plan is considered a key action to guide the planning and programming of projects that contribute to the accomplishment of said NYSDOT targets;

WHEREAS, the Vision Zero Safety Action Plan was developed through meaningful collaboration with partner agencies, local counties and municipalities, and extensive community engagement in alignment with the Public Participation Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Transportation Council approves the Capital Region Vision Zero

Safety Action Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Transportation Council shall plan and coordinate with its partner agencies to plan, design, and operate the transportation system with the overriding goal of eliminating fatalities and reducing serious injuries by 50 percent by 2050 for all road users; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Transportation Council shall consider safety as a key goal in future long-range transportation plans and prioritize achieving safety targets when balancing competing needs and demands across the regional transportation network in programming decisions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Transportation Council shall continue to convene the Regional Operations and Safety Advisory Committee to serve as an inter-agency forum that will be used to support the implementation of the Vision Zero Safety Action Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Transportation Council shall continue to coordinate on the implementation of the Vision Zero Action Plan with all established Advisory Committees;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Transportation Council staff shall develop an annual report on progress toward the Vision Zero goals, tracking process, and outcome metrics that are outlined in the Vision Zero Safety Action Plan, and shall present this report each year to the Policy Board;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Transportation Council shall pursue an inclusive process towards implementation that is representative of the safety needs of diverse communities and contexts in the Capital Region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Transportation Council encourages local counties and municipalities, and other entities, both public and private, to consider adopting their own Vision Zero policies aimed at reducing fatal and serious injury crashes for their respective jurisdictions.

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