

RESOLUTION Z-24-X

*A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA FOR COMMITMENT TO A
GOAL OF ZERO ROADWAY FATALITIES AND SERIOUS
INJURIES.*

WHEREAS, Alachua County Board of County Commissioners has a duty to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Alachua County;

WHEREAS, Alachua County's goal in the Comprehensive Plan (2019 to 2040) is to establish a multi-modal transportation system that provides mobility for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motorized-vehicle users, users of rail and aviation facilities, and is sensitive to the cultural and environmental amenities of Alachua County;

WHEREAS, a principle in the Comprehensive Plan is to establish and maintain a safe, convenient, and efficient transportation system for all users that is capable of moving people and goods throughout the County;

WHEREAS, in Alachua County there were 274 roadway fatalities between 2016 to 2020;

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a data-driven strategy to eliminate all traffic deaths and severe injuries on our roadways, while increasing safety, healthy, equitable mobility for all; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is founded on a Safe System approach that recognizes that people will make mistakes and roadway systems and policies should be designed to protect them through redundancies and shared responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Alachua County Board of County Commissioners serves as the governing body of Alachua County with a responsibility to make policy decisions for the organization; and

WHEREAS, the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners serves as a maintaining agency of roadways within Alachua County; and

WHEREAS, Alachua County was awarded a federal Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) planning grant to fund a Vision Zero Action Plan to identify measures for reducing fatal and serious crashes for all modes – vehicles, motorcycles, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

WHEREAS, to comply with the SS4A program requirements, the Vision Zero Action Plan must include a public commitment to the eventual goal of zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries from a high ranking official and/or elected body in the jurisdiction, including a timeline/target for achieving that goal.

WHEREAS, progress toward the national safety goals is monitored as part of the annual Safety Performance Measurement reporting process.

WHEREAS, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has adopted Target Zero goal with the goal of reaching zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries on Florida's roadways.

WHEREAS, the likely time frame from Vision Zero Action Plan adoption to project programming, design, funding, and construction will likely exceed 5 years in most cases.

WHEREAS, under the SS4A grant program, establishing multiple target dates to achieve zero fatal and serious injury crashes is allowable.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida: agrees to plan and program projects so that they contribute toward achieving an overall 50 percent reduction in fatal and serious injury crashes by 2035 on the High Injury Network, as well as fatal and serious injuries involving pedestrians and bicyclists, and to achieve a goal of zero fatal and serious injury crashes by 2045.

DULY ADOPTED in regular session this XX day in October, A.D., 2024.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Jesse K. Irby, II, Clerk

Mary C. Alford, Chair

DEPARTMENT APPROVAL AS TO
CORRECTNESS

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Department of Growth Management
Authorized Designee

Alachua County Attorney