

RESOLUTION NO. 32939

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN (CSAP) FOR ROAD SAFETY IN THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA AND A VISION ZERO POLICY TO REDUCE SERIOUS INJURY AND/OR FATAL CRASHES ON OR BEFORE 2050.

WHEREAS, the City of Chattanooga partnered with the Chattanooga-Hamilton County/North Georgia Metropolitan Planning Organization (CHCNGA MPO) to develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP), through the United States Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program, by CHCNGA MPO Resolution on December 22, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chattanooga participated in the development of the CSAP throughout the process and Section 6.1 of the CSAP is focused on road safety in the City of Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, the CSAP was completed in 2025 and adopted by CHCNGA MPO Resolution on August 27, 2025, as in-depth, but non-legally, binding guidance for MPO member jurisdictions towards a total or significant reduction in fatal and injurious crashes based on the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the CSAP as a non-binding guiding framework to pursue implementation funding and support for future roadway safety plans, policies, projects, and program towards a significant reduction in fatal and serious injury crashes; and

WHEREAS, there were sadly ninety-three (93) fatal crashes in the City of Chattanooga between 2023 and 2025 according to Chattanooga Police Department data; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero acknowledges that even one death on our transportation system is unacceptable; and

WHEREAS, the City will use the Safe System Approach framework to execute proven safety countermeasures that reduce road safety risks; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chattanooga aims to continually pursue a year over year reduction in fatal and injurious crashes going forward; and

WHEREAS, the CSAP meets the CSAP Components of the U.S. DOT SS4A program; and

WHEREAS, the City will continue to develop policies, programs, and projects to improve safety; and

WHEREAS, the City has received previous funding from the U.S. DOT SS4A program for planning and demonstration in 2024 and SS4A; and

WHEREAS, with adoption of the CSAP in pursuit of the goal of Vision Zero, the City is eligible for implementation funding through FHWA's SS4A program to further support the City's efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Information Officer is applying for a U.S. DOT SS4A implementation grant in the amount of \$17 million to bring together and enable the City to scale out existing roadway safety and Smart City technologies along Chattanooga's high injury network referenced in the CHCNGA MPO resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby adopts the 2025 CHCNGA MPO Comprehensive Safety Action Plan and commits to a goal of zero road deaths and serious injuries by 2050 within the City of Chattanooga.

ADOPTED: July 14, 2026

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