

RESOLUTION 2025-09-10-H1

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BRISTOL ADOPTING SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL SAFETY ACTION PLAN

Preamble

WHEREAS, the TOWN of BRISTOL strives to support people who live, work, play, and visit here with a safe and connected network of roads, sidewalks, trails, and places to bicycle; and

WHEREAS, 319 injury crashes and 17 fatal or serious injury crashes occurred in the Town of Bristol between 2019 and 2023; and

WHEREAS the number of deaths and serious injuries on public roads is a serious health problem necessitating public action; and

WHEREAS, crashes that result in death or serious injury are largely preventable; and

WHEREAS, to create a safety net for preventing crashes from having fatal and serious outcomes the TOWN of BRISTOL needs a comprehensive and specific approach that includes actions that include infrastructure enhancements, traffic enforcement and regulations, public education and awareness, data analysis and monitoring, equity and accessibility; and collaboration and partnership; and

WHEREAS, implementing a zero traffic deaths commitment requires the continued support of residents, business owners, and visitors to the TOWN to improve the safety, comfort and usability of public roads for all users; and

WHEREAS, the Safety Action Plan was developed using a data-driven approach and best practices to outline objectives and actions towards achieving zero deaths; and

WHEREAS, the Safety Action Plan strives to address the hazards on the highest risk segments of the transportation network and reduce the harm to the most vulnerable and dependent users; and

WHEREAS, the Safety Action Plan utilized a robust public engagement process that used a diverse range of outreach activities; and

WHEREAS, the Safety Action Plan is consistent with other planning efforts in the TOWN of BRISTOL, namely the Town of Bristol Comprehensive Community Plan of 2017; and

WHEREAS, the TOWN of BRISTOL intends to join other municipalities around the nation and the Rhode Island Department of Transportation to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries on public streets; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN of BRISTOL:

1. TOWN of BRISTOL adopts the TOWN of BRISTOL Safety Action Plan goal of Achieving zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries on roadways under the jurisdiction of the Town of Bristol by 2035
2. The TOWN of BRISTOL adopts the TOWN of BRISTOL Safety Action Plan goal of Partnering with RIDOT to achieve zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries on roadways in Bristol under RIDOT jurisdiction by 2040.
3. The TOWN of BRISTOL adopts the TOWN of BRISTOL Safety Action Plan goal of Reducing fatal and serious injuries on roadways under the Town of Bristol's jurisdiction by 50% in 2030.
4. The TOWN of BRISTOL adopts the TOWN of BRISTOL Safety Action Plan goal of Partnering with the RIDOT to reduce fatal and serious injuries on roadways within Bristol under RIDOT jurisdiction by 50% by 2035.
5. The TOWN of BRISTOL commits to measuring the progress, challenges, and success of the zero traffic deaths commitment and will do so on an annual basis with the metrics outlined in the Safety Action Plan.
6. The TOWN of BRISTOL acknowledges that the Safety Action Plan may result in changes to the TOWN of BRISTOL approach to the planning, design and operation of streets and other policy related to eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries.
7. The TOWN of BRISTOL will work with partners who own, manage, and use streets within the TOWN of BRISTOL to influence street planning, design, maintenance, operations, and law enforcement.
8. The TOWN of BRISTOL adopts the safety action plan and directs staff towards its timely implementation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the TOWN of BRISTOL on September 10, 2025,

ATTEST: _____

Nathan Calouro, Chairman
Bristol Town Council

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Melissa Cordeiro
Council Clerk

