

RESOLUTION 2024-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE FRUITA CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING THE MESA COUNTY SAFETY ACTION PLAN.

WHEREAS, traffic crashes are among the leading causes of death and injury and between 2016-2022 there were 3 fatalities and 17 serious injury crashes on roads in the Fruita Urban Growth Boundary; and

WHEREAS, the life, safety, and health of the City of Fruita's residents, employees, and visitors are of utmost priority; and

WHEREAS, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law established the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program and funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fruita approved Resolution # 2022-24 on August 16, 2022 and entered into a joint Memorandum of Agreement with Mesa County, the City of Grand Junction, and the Town of Palisade, in support of a FY 2022 SS4A Action Plan grant application; and

WHEREAS, the Mesa County Safety Action Plan was developed to meet the federal goals of a SS4A Action Plan which is to develop a holistic, well-defined strategy to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries in a locality, Tribal area, or region; and

WHEREAS, the Mesa County Safety Action Plan includes the federally required key components of a SS4A Action Plan for successful implementation: 1) a planning structure (the Regional Transportation Safety Task Force); 2) safety analysis; 3) robust engagement and collaboration with the public and stakeholders; 4) equity considerations; 5) policy and process changes; 6) identification of strategies and project selections; and 7) progress and transparency; and 8) this resolution serves as the leadership commitment from the City of Fruita; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Valley Regional Transportation Committee (GVRTC) is the decision-making mechanism for the Regional Transportation Planning Office (RTPO) which represents all local governments within Mesa County, including Mesa County, the City of Grand Junction, the City of Fruita, and the Town of Palisade to meet federal and state transportation requirements and to speak with one "regional voice" approved Resolution # 2024-013 on October 28, 2024 recommending support of the Mesa County Safety Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fruita desires to implement this Mesa County Safety Action Plan where applicable in support of the RTPO.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRUITA, COLORADO:

Section 1: The City of Fruita adopts the Mesa County Safety Action Plan, subject to incorporation of final edits by the RTPO, attached hereto as Exhibit A and makes it part of this resolution.

Section 2: The City of Fruita will continue to actively engage residents, businesses, and stakeholders in the implementation of the plan to foster a sense of shared responsibility for the safety of our roadways, ultimately leading to a reduction in fatalities and serious injuries.

Section 3: The City of Fruita will have a seat on the RTPO led Regional Transportation Safety Task Force to implement the Mesa County Safety Action Plan and update the plan as new data and information become available. The RTPO will prioritize projects and strategies identified in the Mesa County Safety Action Plan in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to ensure transportation funding is invested in projects that improve the safety of our roadways. While zero roadway deaths or serious injuries are desired, at this time, the City of Fruita commits to undertake these efforts to reduce the combined number of roadway fatalities and serious injuries in Mesa County by 40 percent by 2050.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE FRUITA CITY COUNCIL THIS 19TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024.

CITY OF FRUITA, COLORADO

Matthew Breman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deb Woods, City Clerk