



Town of Lake Park Town Commission

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date: March 15, 2023

Originating Department: Public Works

Agenda Title: Resolution Designating the Town as a "Vision Zero Community", Establishing a Vision Zero Coordinating Committee, Directing Staff to Create a Vision Zero Action Plan, and Establishing a Goal of No Severe Traffic Injuries or Fatalities by 2033.

Approved by Town Manager: John D'Agostino Digitally signed by John D'Agostino
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Date: 2023.03.10 16:19:48 -05'00' **Date:** _____

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Attachments: 1. Agenda Request Form-Vision Zero
2. Resolution
3. Power Point Presentation on Vision Zero by the Palm Beach
Transportation Planning Agency (TPA)

Please initial one:

MP Yes, I have notified everyone

Not applicable in this case

Summary Explanation/Background:

The state of Florida has consistently ranked as the most dangerous state in the United States of America for pedestrians, ranking number 1 on the Pedestrian Danger Index by Smart Growth America.

Additionally, the Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach urbanized area, which includes the Town of Lake Park (the “Town”) consistently ranks as one of the worst metropolitan areas in the United States of America for pedestrian safety. In fact, since 2002, an average of 187 people in Palm Beach County and 3,045 people in Florida have died annually on the state’s roadways.

To help mitigate safety concerns locally, in the state of Florida, in the United States, and globally, communities large and small have been adopting a strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries within their respective boundaries, while increasing safety, health, and mobility for all. It is a model known as “Vision Zero” that follows the lead of Sweden, which was first to implement the strategies in the 1990’s.

Vision Zero starts with the ethical belief that everyone has the right to walk safely in their communities, and that transportation system designers and policy makers share the responsibility to ensure safe systems for travel. Furthermore, key elements of the Vision Zero system include: reframing traffic fatalities as preventable; focusing on system failure; reducing the impact of collisions; adopting a safe system approach for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians; data-driven decision making; and viewing road safety as a social equity issue.

The Resolution of the Town Commission associated with this agenda item seeks to establish that death and serious injuries are not acceptable for citizens, commuters, guests, or others who live, work, or play in the Town of Lake Park.

During the March 15, 2023, meeting of the Town Commission, representatives of the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency will provide a presentation on Vision Zero.

Finally, Town Staff proposes that the Town Commission establish a **Vision Zero Coordination Committee** to advise the Town Commission and the Town Manager on matters related to the implementation of Vision Zero initiatives in the Town. The Committee would be composed as follows:

1. Town Manager or Designee
2. Public Works Department Representative
3. Community Development Department Representative
4. Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office Representative

The Town Manager recommends approval.

Recommended Motion:

I move to approve Resolution _____.