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**RESOLUTION NO. 23-47**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY OF EL PASO, STATE OF COLORADO**

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AN UPDATED LOCAL ROAD SAFETY PLAN AND SUPPORTING STRATEGIES TO REDUCE ROAD RELATED FATALITIES**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of El Paso County, Colorado ("Board") has the authority for making land development decisions and is responsible for transportation planning within unincorporated El Paso County; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to improve transportation facilities for the safety and benefit of all users; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso County Department of Public Works (DPW) requested and was approved for a grant from the Highway Safety Improvement Program funds through the Colorado Department of Transportation ("CDOT") for the purposes of collecting and evaluating road safety data, developing a plan to address safety concerns, and to support the Vision Zero/Towards Zero Deaths strategies to eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries while increasing safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all; and

WHEREAS, between 2015 and 2019, there were 427 serious injuries and 115 fatalities dues to traffic crashes in unincorporated El Paso County. This included 14 pedestrian and 9 bicycle serious injuries and fatalities. Over 54% of the injuries and fatalities included crashes where drivers or passengers were not wearing seatbelts and harm may have been prevented by buckling up; and

WHEREAS, based on the crash data, DPW selected emphasis areas that included seatbelt use, lane departures, intersections and speeding. An emphasis area is an area of opportunity to improve safety through a comprehensive 5 E approach of Education, Encouragement, Engineering, Enforcement, and Evaluation; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero/Towards Zero Deaths strategies are multidisciplinary approaches bringing together diverse stakeholders to address road safety, including transportation agencies, public health, law enforcement and emergency responders, communication specialists, personal vehicle drivers, freight haulers, and non-motorized travelers; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero/Towards Zero Deaths strategies acknowledge that collisions resulting in death or severe injury are not inevitable and that many factors contribute to safe mobility -- including roadway design, speeds, human behaviors, technology, and policies -- and acknowledges the shared goal of zero fatalities and severe injuries; and

**WHEREAS, a commitment to Vision Zero/Towards Zero Deaths strategies are a commitment to life and a safe, secure, resilient, and healthy community for all people in El Paso County; and**

**WHEREAS, El Paso County's commitment to Vision Zero/Towards Zero Deaths strategies support the Colorado Department of Transportation's Moving Towards Zero Deaths Initiative, the Pikes Peak Council of Governments Drive Smart Colorado Initiative, and other leading cities and counties around the world in an undertaking to eliminate traffic deaths and severe injuries, an effort more likely to succeed when coupled with adequate funding, staff resources, and top-down support for its implementation; and**

**WHEREAS, a commitment to Vision Zero/Towards Zero Deaths strategies use continuous engagement and support of residents, business owners, and visitors, acting as individuals and collectively through community or advocacy organizations, to improve the safety of El Paso County roads and to facilitate equal and multimodal transportation opportunities for all road users; and**

**WHEREAS, the El Paso County Local Road Safety Plan geolocated and analyzed crash data, created vision and mission statements and emphasis areas, compiled a best practices toolkit, a data dashboard, conducted Road Safety Audits, and developed recommendations to improve safety; and**

**WHEREAS, the planning process provided citizens the opportunity to review and provide input on the plan, including stakeholder meetings, websites, emails, and an interactive map where safety concerns could be noted; and**

**WHEREAS, on September 13, 2022 and pursuant to Resolution No. 22-315, the Board adopted the El Paso County Road Safety Plan. The Board identified a need to amend and update the Road Safety Plan and finds that such update promotes the public health, safety, and welfare.**

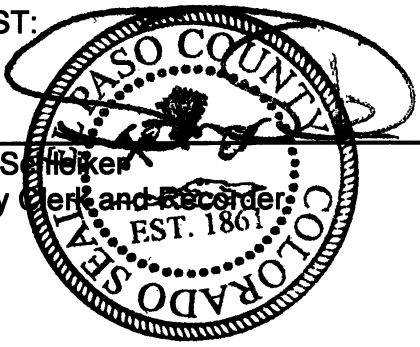
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the El Paso County Board of County Commissioners hereby adopts the El Paso County Road Safety Plan ("Plan"), the Road Safety Audits and recommendations contained therein, attached hereto as Exhibit A, and supports the Vision Zero/Towards Zero Deaths strategies as holistic approaches to eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries. This Plan replaces and supersedes the previously adopted Road Safety Plan.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the El Paso County Board of County Commissioners directs County departments to work together and to engage the community to achieve the zero traffic deaths.**

**DONE THIS 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2023 in Colorado Springs, Colorado.**

ATTEST:

Steve Saffelker  
County Clerk and Recorder



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO

By: Cami Bremer  
Cami Bremer, Chair