

VISION ZERO RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST CENTRAL INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING DISTRICT (ECIRPD) BOARD ADOPTING A VISION ZERO POLICY

Resolution No. 2025-01

WHEREAS, the life and health of all persons residing, working, and traveling within the jurisdictions of Blackford, Delaware, Grant, and Jay Counties are of paramount importance, and their safety on our roadways is a fundamental priority;

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a strategy committed to the belief that traffic deaths and serious injuries are preventable and therefore unacceptable;

WHEREAS, Vision Zero promotes a holistic approach to transportation safety that aims to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all;

WHEREAS, traditional transportation systems have been designed primarily for the efficiency of motor vehicles, and a paradigm shift is necessary to ensure the safety of all users including pedestrians, cyclists, motorists, and public transit users of all ages and abilities;

WHEREAS, Vision Zero acknowledges human vulnerability and the inevitability of errors, advocating for a transportation system that is forgiving and robust, designed to anticipate user behavior and minimize crash impacts;

WHEREAS, enhancing transportation safety supports healthier, more sustainable communities by encouraging active transportation and reducing environmental impacts;

WHEREAS, effective Vision Zero initiatives require comprehensive, coordinated efforts across all levels of government and the support of the community to achieve the shared goal of zero fatalities and serious injuries;

WHEREAS, Vision Zero policies have been successfully implemented and supported across numerous jurisdictions within the United States, demonstrating significant benefits in improving roadway safety;

WHEREAS, the adoption of a Vision Zero Resolution is an essential step for the East Central Indiana Regional Planning District to formalize its commitment to improving road safety as part of the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Action Plan;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the ECIRPD Board, State of Indiana, that:

1. The ECIRPD officially adopts the Vision Zero policy as part of its commitment to eliminate all traffic fatalities and serious injuries within the regions of Blackford, Delaware, Grant, and Jay Counties.
2. The ECIRPD commits to a strategic and data-driven approach to identify and address high-risk areas, implement effective interventions, and promote safe, equitable mobility for all residents and visitors.
3. This resolution mandates the integration of Vision Zero principles into all transportation planning and projects, and the collaboration among local governments, stakeholders, and the community.
4. The ECIRPD Clerk shall certify the adoption of this Resolution, effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the ECIRPD Board, State of Indiana, on May 20, 2025, with the following vote: unanimous