

**RESOLUTION 21-40-G (Rev 1)****RE: ADOPTION OF THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTYWIDE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE (GUIDE) FOR LOCAL AGENCIES**

WHEREAS, walking, rolling (e.g., micromobility devices such as electric scooters and neighborhood electric vehicles), and bicycling can benefit air quality by reducing traffic congestion, greenhouse gas emissions, air pollutants, and energy use from vehicles, and can provide a safe, convenient, healthy, active, and affordable alternative to the Single-Occupant Vehicle (SOV), serving as first and last multi-mile multimodal connections, that increase transit ridership, that should be more effectively encouraged locally and prioritized given that the majority of the average household's total trips travelled are shorter distance; and

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2018, the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (Authority) Board adopted Resolution 18-45-G and the Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (CBPP), included Appendices such as a List of Locally Sponsored Projects (Appendix D), which will be considered part of a Countywide Comprehensive Safety Action Plan as it accompanies this Guide, along with Community-Based Transportation Plans (CBTPs); and

WHEREAS, human life and health are paramount and should take priority, e.g., when addressing objectives of the transportation system and prioritizing uses of the public Right-of-Way (ROW); and

WHEREAS, the intent of the Guide, along with the CBPP, and this agency's work, is to be consistent with the Core Elements of Vision Zero; and

WHEREAS, transportation systems, policies, and projects should be designed and implemented to protect people and the collective greater good in maximizing public benefit in the public ROW, first through redundancies and shared responsibilities before private interests so that no traffic incident will result in a fatality or a severe injury; and

WHEREAS, the countywide Vision Zero Working Group convened in December 2019, February and October 2020, and May 2021 to steer development of the Guide, under the CBPP; and

WHEREAS, actions to make Contra Costa County's streets, pathways, and trails safer for all user types, particularly those who are most physically vulnerable, such as seniors, youth, and people

with disabilities, will further encourage people of all ages and abilities to walk, bicycle, roll, and ride transit; and

WHEREAS, the key goals identified in the CBPP include: 1) increasing safety and security for pedestrians and bicyclists; 2) create a safe, connected, and comfortable network of bikeways and walkways for all ages and abilities; 3) equitably serve all of Contra Costa County communities while ensuring that public investments are focused on projects with the greatest benefits; and 4) expand safe, convenient, and affordable alternatives to SOVs; and

WHEREAS, the key objectives indicated in the CBPP are as follows: 1) reduce the rate of pedestrian and bicycle fatalities and injuries; 2) increase the number of miles of low-stress bikeways in Contra Costa County; and 3) integrate Complete Streets principles and best practices into Authority funding and design guidance; and

WHEREAS, the priorities indicated in the CBPP (Table 7-1) include the following: gap closures and improved connectivity (to, from, and between residential, parks and recreational destinations or routes, outdoor open spaces, transit, shopping, schools, and employment locations); range and number of users (all ages and abilities, transit riders); increased transit ridership; latent demand; local community and policy support; deliverability, readiness, and feasibility; and leveraging matching fund sources; and

WHEREAS, the Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee prioritizes building out long-distance travel routes with a focus on establishing a safer, contiguous countywide Low-Traffic-Stress Network (mainly Class I and Class IV bicycle facilities) per the CBPP; and

WHEREAS, the first implementation action in the CBPP was to develop a countywide Vision Zero and a systematic safety approach for Contra Costa County to a countywide Vision Zero Policy, and systematic pedestrian and bicycle safety analyses, using a data-driven and systemic assessment of the leading causes of traffic injuries in Contra Costa County. In addition, the Authority would support its partners in identifying efficient and cost-effective engineering countermeasures; and

WHEREAS, the countywide Vision Zero and Safety Policy Statement in Resolution No. 4400, adopted by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) on June 12, 2020, is to work together with partner agencies, with a goal to move toward Vision Zero, to encourage and support equitable and data-driven actions toward eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries for the Bay Area region, by which the adoption and use of the Guide is anticipated to make Contra Costa County more competitive when competing with other jurisdictions for Federal, State, and regional funding; and

WHEREAS, the Guide for local agencies provides a consistent countywide framework, with a hybrid reactive and proactive (Safe Systems) approach to address safety and risk management; and

WHEREAS, the nine-county regional MTC, cities of Lafayette, San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, Fremont, Alameda, and counties of Sonoma and Contra Costa (unincorporated communities) are among at least 53 jurisdictions in the United States working toward Vision Zero.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Authority Board hereby:

- (1) Adopts the CBPP, CBTPs, and Contra Costa Countywide Guide collectively as a Vision Zero Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference as Exhibit A.
- (2) Affirms its commitment to implement the core elements of Vision Zero and the Safe Systems approach as a priority, eliminating fatalities and severe injuries, and establishes a target date of December 31, 2034, after first achieving a 50 percent reduction no later than December 31, 2029.
- (3) Formalizes the existing Ad-Hoc multi-disciplinary Vision Zero Working Group as the advisor to Vision Zero implementation, plan monitoring, priorities, and communications.

This resolution was entered into at a meeting of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority Board held September 21, 2022 in Walnut Creek, California by the following vote:

AYES: Chair Kelley, Vice Chair Glover, and Commissioners Arnerich, Butt, Gerringer, Haskew, Hudson, Mitchoff, Noack, and Thorpe
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner White
ABSTAIN: None

E-SIGNED by Chris Kelley
on 2022-09-30 20:22:30 GMT

Chris Kelley, Chair

Attest:

E-SIGNED by Tarianne Grover
on 2022-09-30 20:41:30 GMT

Tarianne Grover, Clerk of the Board

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