RESOLUTION OF THE WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

ESTABLISHING THE GOAL TO WORK TOWARDS ZERO ROADWAY FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES

WHEREAS the Wasatch Front Regional Council is the officially designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Salt Lake and Ogden-Layton Urban Areas; and

WHEREAS between 2018 and 2022, in the Wasatch Front Regional Council planning area, 619 people died and another 3,247 people were seriously injured due to roadway crashes; and

WHEREAS crashes that result in death or serious injury are largely preventable, and the Wasatch Front Regional Council acknowledges that the only acceptable goal is to eliminate deaths and serious injuries to all roadway users; and

WHEREAS having safe, user-friendly streets is one of the goals of the adopted 2023-2050 Wasatch Front Regional Council Regional Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS creating safe, user-friendly streets will encourage active transportation, improving population health, air quality, and overall public well-being; and

WHEREAS the Wasatch Front Regional Council's Comprehensive Safety Action Plan presents the region's commitment and strategies to reducing deaths and serious injuries to all roadway users.

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, by the Wasatch Front Regional Council:

- 1. Wasatch Front Regional Council supports proactively utilizing a "Safe System Approach" to improve safety for all roadway users, rather than relying on a reactive approach to address roadway fatalities or serious injuries, and
- 2. Wasatch Front Regional Council declares that any roadway fatality or serious injury is unacceptable and supports reasonable measures to prevent roadway crashes, and
- 3. Wasatch Front Regional Council establishes a goal of reducing deaths and serious injuries for all roadway users by 50% by the year 2040, and
- 4. Wasatch Front Regional Council establishes a goal of reducing roadway fatalities and serious injuries by 2.5% each year compared to the preceding three-year rolling average, and
- 5. Wasatch Front Regional Council will measure the progress towards these regional goals and will provide regional quantitative metrics that are reported annually.

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