

Wilmington, Delaware
July 3, 2024

#0455

Sponsor:

Council
Member
Oliver

WHEREAS, with the participation of an advisory committee of federal, state, local, and community stakeholders, the final report and recommendations of Safe Streets for All in New Castle County have been issued, which commit to a goal of Vision Zero, a road safety philosophy which states that no loss of life due to traffic collisions is acceptable; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-363 of the City Code, City Council deemed it necessary and proper to specify the requirements for review and approval of City-sponsored grant applications and proposals, including authorization for expedited grant applications when necessary prior to Council’s approval by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has submitted a grant application to the United States Department of Transportation in the amount of \$200,000; and

WHEREAS, the proposed grant funding would support the development of a Safe Streets for All Action Plan for the City, which will build on the City bike plan’s Vision Zero goal, the Delaware Department of Transportation’s pedestrian safety study, and the final report and recommendations of Safe Streets for All in New Castle County; and

WHEREAS, this grant will require local matching funds of \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, City Council deems it necessary and proper to (i) authorize the grant application for the aforesaid purposes, (ii) endorse the final report and recommendations of Safe Streets for All in New Castle County, and (iii) commit to a goal of Vision Zero.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Department of Public Works’ grant application to the United States Department of Transportation in the amount of \$200,000 is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commissioner of Public Works, or her designee, shall be authorized to take all necessary actions to accept any and all funds associated with the grant application and to fulfill the grant requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Administration and City Council hereby endorse the final report and recommendations of Safe Streets for All in New Castle County and commit to a goal of Vision Zero, reducing serious injury and fatal crashes by fifty percent by 2030, compared with 2021 numbers, and eliminating them by 2040.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution authorizes the Department of Public Works’ grant application to the United States Department of Transportation in the amount of \$200,000. The proposed grant funds would be used to support the development of a Safe Streets for All Action Plan for the City, which will build on the City bike plan’s Vision Zero goal, the Delaware Department of Transportation’s pedestrian safety study, and the final report and recommendations of Safe Streets for All in New Castle County. Local matching funds are required. In addition, this Resolution endorses the final report and recommendations of Safe Streets for All in New Castle County and commits to a goal of Vision Zero, a safety philosophy which states that no loss of life due to traffic collisions is acceptable.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: There is no negative fiscal impact to the City. Although the grant requires a \$50,000 local match, the matching funds will be sourced from previously budgeted funds.

W0125355