

City of Charlottesville Safe Streets and Roads for All Commitment Letter

WHEREAS, 13 people were killed in crashes that took place in the City of Charlottesville from 2018 to 2022;

WHEREAS, 195 people were seriously injured in crashes that took place in City of Charlottesville from 2018 to 2022;

WHEREAS, roadway fatalities and serious injuries are preventable;

WHEREAS, roadway fatalities and serious injuries have lasting impacts on victims, loved ones, and communities at large;

WHEREAS, a goal of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan for the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization adopted in May 2019 is to “improve the geometric conditions and physical characteristics of the transportation network to reduce fatalities and serious injuries.”

WHEREAS, reducing or eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries in City of Charlottesville will require collaboration among Charlottesville residents and other jurisdictions, as well as regional, state, and federal organizations;

WHEREAS, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law established the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program;

WHEREAS, the SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries;

WHEREAS, Move Safely Blue Ridge—the safety action plan for the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission—will identify and prioritize roadway safety improvements in the region;

WHEREAS, the Virginia Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) sets a vision of zero deaths and serious injuries and a goal to reduce roadway fatalities and serious injuries by half by 2045;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Charlottesville supports Move Safely Blue Ridge and will actively participate in the planning process and prioritize implementation of the safety countermeasures recommended in the safety action plan;

RESOLVED, that the City of Charlottesville commits to one day eliminate roadway fatalities and serious injuries;

RESOLVED, that the City of Charlottesville commits to eliminate roadway fatalities in the city by 2045; and,

RESOLVED, that the City of Charlottesville commits to reduce roadway serious injuries in the city by 50 percent by 2045.