

**Resolution Endorsing Vision Zero in Blair County**

WHEREAS, the worldwide Vision Zero movement is founded on the belief that death and injury on roadways is unacceptable and preventable; and

WHEREAS, the life, safety, and health of residents, employees, and visitors to Blair County is of high importance to the Blair County Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the US DOT has challenged local officials to take significant action to improve the safety of transportation networks for pedestrians and bicyclists of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, the Blair County Planning Commission has adopted a Complete Streets Policy to recognize that streets must be multimodal, safe, sustainable, healthful, resilient, economically beneficial to all users; and

WHEREAS, localities and states throughout the United States have established Vision Zero initiatives specifically focused on these needs; and

WHEREAS, the Blair County Comprehensive Plan and multiple other planning documents provide policy guidance and support for a wide range of Vision Zero related transportation measures; and

WHEREAS, The Altoona Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and the Blair County Greenways Plan each define specific priorities and projects focusing on a complete and safe non-motorized transportation system throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the combination of planning and policy documents provides the framework to advance traffic safety improvements in a coordinated manner throughout the County; be it therefore

RESOLVED that the Blair County Planning Commission endorses Vision Zero as part of a comprehensive effort to strive to achieve zero traffic deaths and serious injuries in Blair County by 2035.

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Chairman



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Secretary

May 25, 2017