

CITY OF HAMPTON

STATE OF GEORGIA

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-57

A RESOLUTION BY CITY OF HAMPTON TO ADOPT THE HENRY COUNTY MOVING TOWARD ZERO COMMITMENT AS OUTLINED IN THE HENRY COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ACTION PLAN (TSAP); COMMITTING TO A GREATER THAN SIXTY-FIVE PERCENT (>65%) REDUCTION IN INJURIOUS AND FATAL TRAFFIC CRASHES BY JANUARY 1, 2050; AND ADOPTING THE SAFE SYSTEM APPROACH AS THE GUIDING PARADIGM TOWARDS ACHIEVING THIS SAFETY COMMITMENT.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are the governing body of the City of Hampton, Georgia ("City"); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council is tasked with protecting and promoting the health, safety, morals and welfare of the citizens of the City of Hampton; and

WHEREAS, the Henry County Transportation Planning Department, in partnership with the cities of Hampton, Locust Grove, McDonough, and Stockbridge, is dedicated to constructing and maintaining safe roadways for all transportation modes; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program was created under the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to allocate federal funds towards plans, demonstration projects, and projects that advance the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Roadway Safety Strategy (NRSS) and follow a Safe System Approach; and,

WHEREAS, in 2023, Henry County was awarded \$200,000 in SS4A grant funding, with a \$9,800 match each from partner cities of Hampton, Locust Grove, McDonough, and Stockbridge, towards the development of a Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP); and,

WHEREAS, the NRSS is guided by a Safe System Approach, which recognizes that death and serious injuries are unacceptable, humans make mistakes, humans are vulnerable, responsibility for roadway safety is shared, safety is proactive, and redundancy is crucial; and,

WHEREAS, the Safe System Approach is organized around objectives of safer people, safer roads, safer vehicles, safer speeds, and post-crash care; and,

WHEREAS, the NRSS and related programs are working towards a future with zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries, otherwise known as Vision Zero; and,

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a global movement towards the elimination of fatal and injurious roadway crashes; and,

WHEREAS, in the Atlanta Regional Commission's (ARC) 2022 Regional Safety Strategy, the ARC made a commitment towards achieving Vision Zero through a 5% annual reduction goal for all safety targets; and,

WHEREAS, between 2019-2023, there were 619 crashes in the City, and 15 of those crashes were serious injury (FSI) crashes, occurring on roadways owned by the City; and,

WHEREAS, according to 2025 guidance from USDOT, the cost per crash for serious injury crashes is \$1,254,700 and the cost per crash for fatalities is \$13,200,000, costing the City over \$19 million over 5 years; and,

WHEREAS, the proportion of FSI crashes for cyclists and pedestrians is greater in median and low disadvantage areas of the county; and,

WHEREAS, crashes that result in death or serious injury are not inevitable and can be prevented by following the principles and objectives of the Safe System Approach to make roadways safer for all users; and,

WHEREAS, crashes in Henry County necessitate a comprehensive and targeted approach to roadway planning, design, policy, enforcement, education, communication, and engagement to effectively address the problem described herein; and,

WHEREAS, according to the Henry County Transportation Plan: 2022 Update, Henry County and its incorporated municipalities are committed to creating and maintaining a transportation system built on a foundation of safe, walkable communities while also providing biking and public transit connections; and,

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2025, Henry County adopted the TSAP based on guidelines of the SS4A program; and,

WHEREAS, the TSAP presents in-depth guidance for Henry County and partner jurisdictions towards a total or significant reduction in fatal and injurious crashes; and,

WHEREAS, the Henry County Complete Streets Policy, also adopted August 5 and based on the CTP, can be useful for implementing the TSAP's safety improvements efficiently and cost-effectively; and,

WHEREAS, the TSAP includes a commitment to achieving a significant reduction in traffic deaths for Henry County and its partner jurisdictions, as required by the Safe Streets and Roads for All program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City commits to a greater than sixty-five percent total reduction in fatal and injurious crashes on its roadways by January 1, 2050; and,

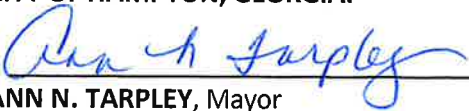
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a sixty-five percent total reduction in fatal and serious injury crashes could save the City over \$19 million over 5 years; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the City shall follow the Safe System Approach as the guiding paradigm towards this safety goal.

WHEREAS, by a majority vote of the Mayor and Council of the City of Hampton receive, accept, and adopt City of Hampton does hereby adopt the Safety Commitment Resolution as outlined in the Henry County Transportation Safety Action Plan, as presented to the City Council on September 9, 2025.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by a majority this 9th day of September, 2025.

CITY OF HAMPTON, GEORGIA:


ANN N. TARPLEY, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michelle Hood

MICHELLE L. HOOD, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Erin Barnes Wiggins

ERIN BARNES WIGGINS, City Attorney

