

RESOLUTION NO. 230

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN AND VISION ZERO POLICY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, The City of Garfield is a member of the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission;

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2022, the Board of Directors of the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC) approved Resolution# 2022-9 authorizing the submittal of an application to the U.S. DOT for a FY2022 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Discretionary Grant to prepare a Regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP);

WHEREAS, the proposed Regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan was developed through consultation with expert stakeholders, the SS4A CSAP working group, and public outreach across Northwest Arkansas;

WHEREAS, street crashes are one of the leading causes of death in the United States;

WHEREAS, the life and health of all persons living and traveling within the City of Garfield are our utmost priority, and no one should die or be seriously injured while traveling on our streets;

WHEREAS, Vision Zero supports a paradigm shift toward making streets safer for all people by prioritizing the safety of those most at risk to death and serious injury;

WHEREAS, making streets safer for all people using all modes of transportation will encourage people to travel on foot, by bicycle, and by public transit, which supports a healthier, more active lifestyle and reduces environmental pollution; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission adopted the NWA Regional CSAP and a Vision Zero Policy on June 28, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GARFIELD CITY COUNCIL:

Section 1: The City of Garfield adopts the Regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan attached hereto as Exhibit A and makes it part of this resolution, effective immediately;

Section 2: The City of Garfield adopts a Vision Zero Policy which includes the goal of eliminating traffic deaths and serious injuries to zero by 2040 and endorses Vision Zero as a comprehensive and holistic approach to achieving this goal;

Section 3 – The City of Garfield hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor, or their designee, to execute all appropriate agreements, applications, and related documents necessary to pursue funding opportunities under the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program. Furthermore, the City acknowledges that SS4A grant funding requires a local match of no less than 20 percent of total project costs from non-Federal sources.

Section 4 - Severability Provision: If any part of this Resolution is held invalid, the remainder of this Resolution shall continue in effect as if such invalid portion never existed; and

Section 5 - Repeal of Conflicting Resolutions: All Ordinances, Resolutions, or Orders of the City Council, or parts of the same, in conflict with this Resolution are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 6 – The City Council hereby determines that due to the urgent and immediate need to protect the life and health of all persons living and traveling with the City of Garfield, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this resolution, being necessary for the preservation of the peace, health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Garfield, shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE GARFIELD CITY COUNCIL ON THE 14TH DAY OF APRIL 2026.

APPROVED: Cary Black

Mayor

ATTEST: Christal Allen

Recorder - Treasurer

