



The City of Paola, Kansas

Resolution No. 2025-024

A resolution adopting the Paola Transportation Safety Action Plan

WHEREAS, The City of Paola, Kansas, is a legal governmental entity as provided by the laws of the STATE OF KANSAS, and

WHEREAS, the City aspires to enact practices and policies to work towards the aspirational goal of eliminating traffic injuries; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law established the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program which funds regional, local and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries; and,

WHEREAS, in 2023 Paola made an application for a SS4A planning grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to create SS4A compliant action plans; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Paola was awarded funding in August 2024 for a Transportation Safety Action Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the draft Transportation Safety Action Plan was discussed at the Council Workshop on November 4, 2025 and

WHEREAS, the SS4A program supports the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Roadway Safety Strategy and the goal of zero roadway deaths using a Safe System Approach; and,

WHEREAS, 2 individuals were needlessly killed, and 10 individuals seriously injured on roads within the City of Paola between 2014 and 2023; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Paola recognizes the need for action to increase safety and to prevent deaths and injuries on Paola streets; and,

WHEREAS, implementing a commitment to reducing and eventually eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries will require significant participation from and coordination with partner agencies and across city departments; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a proven framework for eliminating traffic deaths and serious injuries through intergovernmental and community partnerships leveraging resources and funds to ensure safe and efficient multimodal transportation; and,

WHEREAS, A comprehensive Vision Zero policy unifies existing safety efforts and elevates improvements through engineering and street design, education and engagement efforts, enforcement and technology, evaluation and data analysis, and equity; and,

WHEREAS, Paola policies and practices support Vision Zero efforts to lead with roadway design that prioritizes safety and plans for a safe network for all modes of transportation; and,

WHEREAS, Paola commits to build and sustain leadership, collaboration and accountability in partnership with public health, law enforcement, policy makers, elected officials, and community members in traffic safety work to advance the strategies of the Transportation Safety Action Plan and the Vision Zero policy; and,

WHEREAS, by making this commitment the City of Paola is joining a nationwide group of cities that are also making a commitment to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries on their streets.



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Governing Body of the City of Paola, Kansas:

1. That said Governing Body hereby approves the adoption of the Paola Transportation Safety Action Plan.

ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF PAOLA KANSAS, this 10 day of November, 2025.

ATTEST:




Stephanie Marler, City Clerk


Leigh House, Mayor