



Resolution 2021-16
TO ADOPT THE CHARGE FOR
PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the Town of Davidson's core values state citizens need to move easily throughout the town and region, so government will provide a variety of options, such as sidewalks, bike paths, greenways, connected streets, and transit. They also state Davidson must be a safe place to live, work, and raise a family, so the town will work in partnership with the community to protect lives, and

WHEREAS, the town board's 2020-21 strategic plan highlighted **Connecting People and Places**, identifying the need to expand the town's transportation network to provide residents and visitors with safe, convenient, and efficient travel choices to connect people across the community, and

WHEREAS, the Pedestrian Safety Task Force was created by the town board of commissioners in Summer 2021 in response to the tragic pedestrian fatality that occurred on Main Street in Davidson on June 17, 2021. This incident, along with previous devastating fatalities, injuries, and close calls, served as a catalyst for the town board to call for a task force to look specifically at pedestrian safety, namely pedestrian and vehicle conflicts.

Whereas, the Pedestrian Safety Task Force will be comprised of members of the standing mobility subcommittee as well as other Davidson residents willing to serve. The task force will be charged with looking at issues of pedestrian safety across Davidson. They will focus on three critical areas of education, enforcement, and infrastructure.

Whereas, the Pedestrian Safety Task Force will play a key role in determining appropriate next steps to ensure that the Town of Davidson continually provides a safe community and environment in which to live, work and play.

Whereas, the Pedestrian Safety Task Force's scope will be limited to within the Town of Davidson city limits. Though the town continually makes efforts to ensure safety of residents within the ETJ, as well, that is not within the purview of this task force.

Whereas, final recommendations of short-term, medium-term, and long-term goals, as well as recommendations for pedestrian infrastructure improvements, should be in place no later than October 26, 2021. These recommendations will be made to the

Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners for their consideration and to take any necessary action.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Davidson Mayor and Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt the charge of the Pedestrian Safety Task Force, which includes

1. Reviewing past progress and recommendations from previous studies, including the recently adopted Mobility Plan
2. Engaging with public safety and other town staff to receive valuable input
3. Soliciting feedback from the wider community to broaden the discussion and encourage new ideas
4. Identifying short-term, medium-term, and long-term goals and solutions for pedestrian safety
5. Providing recommendations for priority pedestrian infrastructure improvements

Town of Davidson staff is directed to immediately begin convening the group of selected residents who volunteered to serve on this task force, as well as engage the appropriate members of the standing mobility subcommittee to begin this important work.

Adopted on the 13th day of July 2021

Attest:



Rusty Knox, Mayor



Elizabeth K. Shores, Town Clerk