



A RESOLUTION OF THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO ADOPT
“VISION ZERO”

Whereas the Mississippi Gulf Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization has a direct influence on the promotion of transportation safety in the Gulf Coast region; and

Whereas the Mississippi Gulf Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization is aware of the escalating number of deaths due to crashes, including the year 2020, when fewer vehicles were on the roads; and

Whereas the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration have adopted the Safe Systems Principles to achieve *Vision Zero*, which is the goal of zero deaths and serious injuries due to traffic crashes; and

Whereas the Safe Systems Principles include the elements of (1) addressing the safety of all road users, including non-motorized road users (2) supporting vehicle designs that minimize collisions (3) reducing roadway speeds to reduce the force of impact during a collision (4) changing roadway designs to reduce the severity of crashes that occur, and (5) prioritizing high-quality post-crash care and in-depth post-crash traffic incident analysis; and

Whereas the Mississippi Gulf Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization has a Transportation Safety Program that directly supports the federal transportation initiative of *Vision Zero*, and the Mississippi Department of Transportation’s safety mission: *Towards Zero Deaths*; and

Whereas the Mississippi Gulf Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization affirms that death and serious injury from crashes should never be considered with indifference, nor should the risk of such outcomes be accepted as inevitable; and

Whereas the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP 2045) encompasses the long-term transportation priorities, goals, and projects for the Mississippi Gulf Coast Region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That on March 9, 2023, the Mississippi Gulf Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby adopts *Vision Zero* to guide highway management policy and roadway design, with the regional goal of achieving zero deaths and serious injuries due to crashes by the year 2045 and will include this safety goal in the long-range planning process.

Attest:

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