

RESOLUTION NO. 036-2025(MSES), *Second Reading*

By Mayor Seren

A Resolution adopting the City of Cleveland Heights Comprehensive & Equitable Safety Action Plan (CESAP).

WHEREAS, making Cleveland Heights streets safe for everyone is a priority of this City; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Heights' 2018 Complete and Green Streets Policy has been is recognized nationally as one of the best such policies; and

WHEREAS, in August of 2021, the City of Cleveland Heights adopted Resolution 96-2021, adopting and supporting the ideals, principles, and concepts of Vision Zero and affirming that the acceptable number of annual traffic deaths within the City is zero; and

WHEREAS, policy and ordinances alone are not sufficient; and

WHEREAS, in the past 10 years, there were 20 fatal crashes and 98 serious injury crashes, as well as many minor injury crashes, on Cleveland Heights' streets; and

WHEREAS, these crashes frequently have permanent and devastating impacts on Cleveland Heights families, friends, and neighbors, so it is imperative that they are eliminated; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the United States Department of Transportation ("USDOT") introduced the Safe Streets and Roadways for All ("SS4A") grant program; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the City submitted an application for the first round of the SS4A grant program for the preparation of a City-wide Safety Action Plan to the USDOT; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2023, the City was awarded a grant from USDOT to prepare that Safety Action Plan, titled the "City of Cleveland Heights Comprehensive & Equitable Safety Action Plan" ("CESAP"); and

WHEREAS, the creation of the CESAP occurred through its consultant, Kimley-Horn, with extensive public engagement termed "Safe Streets 4 Cleveland Heights", including a diverse and engaged Technical Advisory Committee ("TAC"), targeted focus groups, pop-up tables, community events, a street team, tours, surveys, and social media, leading to participation from more than 500 participants; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to adopt the CESAP as a guiding document for future decisions related to safety improvements for all modes of transportation, including bicycle

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and pedestrian infrastructure and programming, with the specific intent of applying for further SS4A funding for implementation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The City of Cleveland Heights Comprehensive & Equitable Safety Action Plan, as attached as **Exhibit A**, is hereby adopted.

SECTION 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions and deliberations of Council and its committees relating to the passage of this legislation that resulted in formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights, or by posting the full text of this Resolution to the City of Cleveland Heights website.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time permitted by law.



TONY CUDA
President of Council



ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

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PASSED: April 7,2025

Presented to Mayor: 04/11/2025 Approved: 04/17/2025

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KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor