

# City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201



**Agenda Item Number:** R 84-15

**Department Source:** Community Development - Planning

**To:** City Council

**From:** City Manager & Staff

**Council Meeting Date:** 5/18/2015

**Re:** Establishment of a pedestrian safety task force (Case # 15-137).

## Documents Included With This Agenda Item

Council memo, Resolution/Ordinance

**Supporting documentation includes:** None

## Executive Summary

Passage of the attached resolution will establish a pedestrian safety task force to review recent pedestrian accident trends and determine methods and strategies to address these incidents and further pedestrian safety. The prevention of pedestrian-motor vehicle collisions will be the objective.

The specific purpose of the task force will be to provide a report to the City Council by May 16, 2016, after which the task force will be disbanded.

## Discussion

There have been a number of pedestrian deaths on Columbia area streets since October 2014, and numerous other serious pedestrian injuries, as a result of motor vehicle-pedestrian collisions.

The number of pedestrian fatalities due to being struck by motor vehicles has increased nationwide over the past few years. In response to this trend, in January 2015 the US Secretary of Transportation announced the 'Mayors Challenge for Safer People and Safer Streets'. Mayor Bob McDavid has signed up to participate in this challenge. As part of this challenge, the Mayor has announced the formation of a pedestrian safety task force.

The task force will be in operation for one year. Their work is to review pedestrian-motor vehicle accident trends, and to determine a course of action the City may take in order to increase pedestrian safety and prevent further pedestrian-motor vehicle collisions.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None.

Long-Term Impact: Unknown.

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## Vision, Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Vision Impact: Transportation

Strategic Plan Impact: Infrastructure

Comprehensive Plan Impact: Infrastructure, Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility, Livable & Sustainable Communities

## Suggested Council Action

Passage of the resolution.

## Legislative History

NA.

Patrick R. Zinner for IT  
Department Approved

[Signature]  
City Manager Approved

## A RESOLUTION

establishing a task force on pedestrian safety.

WHEREAS, since October 2014, four individuals have been killed and four others have been seriously injured as a result of being struck by automobiles while walking on Columbia streets; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx has established the "Mayors' Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets" to address rising pedestrian death and injury rates nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Mayor McDavid is a participant in Secretary Foxx's "Mayors' Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets"; and

WHEREAS, engaging in a study and evaluation of pedestrian safety in Columbia will benefit all citizens of Columbia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established the Mayor's Task Force on Pedestrian Safety. Its purposes include determining the history, trends and current status of pedestrian deaths and injuries in Columbia together with a study of various community strategies to increase pedestrian safety.

SECTION 2. The Task Force shall evaluate available resources and provide recommendations on what can be done by the City government and by citizens themselves working in a cooperative way to decrease collisions between automobiles and pedestrians. The evaluation shall include, but not be limited to:

- Analysis of the problem;
- Education and community outreach strategies;
- Law enforcement strategies and policies; and
- Engineering solutions.

SECTION 3. The Task Force shall consist of fifteen (15) members appointed by the Mayor. In addition to Task Force members, Council members Clyde Ruffin and Ian Thomas shall serve as co-chair persons. A quorum to hold a meeting shall consist of eight (8) members plus one (1) co-chair. All meetings shall be open to involvement and participation by as many additional interested community members who desire to attend.

SECTION 4. The Task Force shall make a report to the City Council of its findings and recommendations by May 16, 2016. The Task Force shall be dissolved upon submitting its final report.

SECTION 5. The Task Force shall be provided reasonable staff support and shall submit a budget to cover reasonable and necessary expenses.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Counselor