

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER HM 26-19

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PLAN AND SAFETY PARTNERSHIP TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries in New Orleans represent a persistent and preventable public health and safety crisis, with more than 2,100 people killed or seriously injured between 2019 and 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Orleans recognizes that these outcomes are the result of historic transportation planning, design, and investment practices; and

WHEREAS, the New Orleans Safety Action Plan establishes a bold, data-driven commitment—15 YEARS to ZERO—to eliminate traffic-related deaths and serious injuries by 2041, with an interim goal of a 50 percent reduction by 2031, consistent with the principles of the Safe System Approach; and

WHEREAS, the Safety Action Plan identifies a comprehensive set of strategies, actions, and priority projects that require coordinated implementation across City departments, regional and state partners, community organizations, and the private sector; and

WHEREAS, achieving the goals of the Safety Action Plan will require significant and sustained investment in safety-focused infrastructure, maintenance and operations, education and culture-change programs, emergency response and enforcement, workforce capacity, leadership development, and long-term funding strategies; and

WHEREAS, roadway safety is essential to the quality of life of New Orleans residents, the vitality of neighborhoods, and the safety and economic well-being of the City’s tourism and hospitality economy;

NOW THEREFORE, I, HELENA MORENO, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the City of New Orleans by Section 4-206(3) of the New Orleans Home Rule Charter and other applicable law, **DO HEREBY ORDER AS FOLLOWS:**

1. **Adoption of a Transportation Safety Plan.** The City of New Orleans Safety Action Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit A (the “Safety Action Plan”), is hereby formally adopted as the policy of the City and will serve as the City’s guiding document for infrastructure project design and transportation safety interventions and investments to reach the goal of zero roadway fatalities and

serious injury crashes by 2041. In implementing the Safety Action Plan, the City affirms its commitment to the Safe System Approach, recognizing that responsibility for safety is shared and that proactive, systemic solutions are required to protect human life.

2. New Orleans Safety Partnership Task Force.

A. The New Orleans Safety Partnership Task Force (the “Task Force”) is hereby created to oversee the implementation of the Safety Action Plan and to reduce or eliminate traffic-related fatalities and injuries. The Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services shall serve as the chair of the Task Force.

B. The Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Director of Public Works, shall designate a Safety Action Plan Project Manager responsible for managing the activities of the Task Force and for establishing and coordinating timelines and deliverables associated with implementation of the Safety Action Plan.

C. The chair of the Task Force may request that any department or office whose responsibilities encompass elements of the Safety Action Plan designate one or more representatives to serve on the Task Force. These departments may include the Chief Administrative Office, the Department of Public Works, the Department of Health, and the New Orleans Police Department.

D. In addition to executive branch offices and departments, the Chair shall solicit the participation of representatives from outside agencies, the City Council, and external partners whose participation serves to promote and facilitate implementation of the Safety Action Plan and the activities of the Task Force. This includes, without limitation, the chair of the City Council Transportation Committee and representatives from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

E. Because it is established as an executive branch operational unit, the Task Force shall not be deemed a mayoral advisory committee pursuant to Section 4-104 of the Home Rule Charter or otherwise operate as a public body whose meetings are governed by the Louisiana Open Meetings Law, but shall prepare staff work product and implementation recommendations for consideration by the Mayor and, where applicable, the City Council and other authorized decision-makers.

3. Scope and Duties.

A. The overarching scope and purpose of the Task Force shall include:

- i. Increasing coordination among City departments and external partners to advance shared transportation safety objectives;
- ii. Providing the Mayor with a consistent, centralized forum for monitoring fatality and serious injury crash trends on New Orleans roadways; and
- iii. Reducing roadway fatalities and serious injury crashes by half by 2031.

B. The Task Force shall oversee the City’s pursuit, acceptance, and strategic use of federal, state, regional, and local funding—including Safe Streets and Roads for All implementation grants—to advance the projects, programs, and policies identified in the Safety Action Plan. The Task Force shall, as appropriate, recommend and implement policy, budgetary, contracting, scheduling, and operational changes to improve transportation safety outcomes.

C. The Task Force shall oversee coordination among city agencies and external partners to provide transparent reporting and regular public updates on implementation progress, safety outcomes, and investment equity, consistent with the Safety Action Plan’s accountability and performance-measure framework. City departments shall cooperate with the Committee and provide requested data, schedules, and information that is reasonably necessary to carry out this order, consistent with applicable law, confidentiality requirements, and operational security considerations.

D. Members of the Task Force shall meet at least quarterly, and more frequently as determined by the Chair. The Chair shall ensure the distribution of meeting agendas and maintain written minutes documenting decisions, action items, and assigned responsibilities.

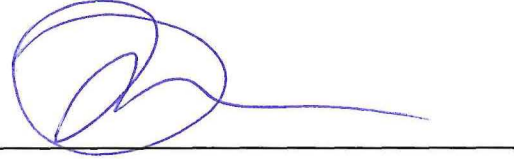
E. The Task Force shall prepare the following:

- i. An annual report summarizing crash trends, progress toward goals, recommendations, and implementation status;
- ii. A regularly updated transportation safety dashboard that is available to the public and displays crash trends and progress towards the goals of the Safety Action Plan;
- iii. Additional reports or briefings as requested by the Mayor.

4. Effective Date. This Order shall become effective immediately upon signature.

5. **Duration.** This Order shall remain effective until amended, rescinded, or terminated in accordance with applicable law.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS 12TH DAY OF MAY, 2026 AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.



Helena Moreno
Mayor
City of New Orleans