

RESOLUTION NO. 200833

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville urging the State of Florida Department of Transportation to work with the City Manager for release of further State funding assistance towards redesign, planning, and maintenance of select streets, consideration of a City pilot that would allow closure of select streets, and transition of responsibility from the State to the City for select transit areas providing directions to the City Manager, providing directions to the City Clerk and providing an immediate effective date.

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville acknowledges and recognizes the unfortunate traffic event that occurred on January 16, 2021 which led to the tragic passing of a University of Florida student, and four other injuries; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville is committed to upholding and maximizing safety for all traffic and pedestrians on state roads and street corners within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville has a successful track record in reshaping certain roadways with its Complete Streets Model; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville has initiated the STEP - Special Traffic Enforcement Program meant to conduct high-visibility traffic enforcement along roadways adjacent to campus – for its Police Department to work alongside other City departments, University of Florida, and other agencies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville has begun working towards a traffic safety public education campaign to enhance public safety and awareness; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville is working with the Alachua County Sheriff, University of Florida, and State of Florida Department of Transportation staff to review and investigate sections of streets that pose specific issues related to motor vehicle accidents and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that certain roadways owned by State of Florida Department of Transportation within City of Gainesville limits be addressed for closure, redesign, and further planning in order to reduce and eliminate future traffic events involving fatalities; and

WHEREAS, the need for speed reduction, flashing lights, proper signage, and sidewalk barriers has already been conveyed to the State of Florida Department of Transportation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commissioners of the City of Gainesville, Florida, that the State of Florida Department of Transportation should attend to the best interest of the public's welfare by adequately responding to and working with the City Manager for release of further State funding assistance towards redesign, planning, and maintenance of select streets, consideration of a City pilot that would allow closure of select streets, and transition of responsibility from the State to the City for select transit areas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to the Florida League of Cities' Transportation and Intergovernmental Affairs Policy Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Commission is directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to the State of Florida Department of Transportation at Lake City, Florida.

This Resolution shall become effective; immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of February, 2021.

Lauren Poe, Mayor
City of Gainesville, Florida

Attest:

Approved as to Form and Legality:

Omichele D. Gainey
City Clerk
City of Gainesville

Nicolle M. Shalley, City Attorney
City of Gainesville