

Resolution of the Montgomery County Civic Federation on Pedestrian Safety

Whereas, the Montgomery County Civic Federation, Inc., believes that Montgomery County's residents and visitors are entitled to the highest possible guarantees for safety and security as pedestrians in their neighborhoods and on the County's roads and State highways; and

Whereas, the Montgomery County Civic Federation recognizes the concern of many families regarding the safety of their children traveling to and from Montgomery County schools; and

Whereas, the Montgomery County Civic Federation notes that the Montgomery County Government has developed a Pedestrian Safety Initiative and Vision Zero policy with the goal of reducing pedestrian accidents; and

Whereas, the Montgomery County Civic Federation views with concern the increasing number of pedestrian fatalities on Montgomery County roads and State highways in recent years despite that commitment to the Vision Zero policy; and

Whereas, the Montgomery County Civic Federation believes that policies and projects for maximum pedestrian safety should be required and integral components of any County transportation and development project, as well as data-driven analysis to determine the effectiveness of various proposed measures;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Montgomery County Civic Federation:

- Gives highest priority to the safety and security of our County's residents as pedestrians in their neighborhoods and on the roads and highways throughout the County and affirms the County's goal of achieving zero severe and fatal collisions by 2030;
- Supports targeted improvements in high-incidence areas, improving pedestrian networks and connectivity, emphasizing pedestrians and bicycles in planning, constructing corridor and intersection improvements and traffic calming, ensuring that school bus stops and walking routes are situated to keep students away from very busy roadways, upgrading pedestrian signals, enhancing street lighting, and modifying behaviors through enhanced enforcement and education, including by completing the Bicycle and Pedestrian master plans and promptly implementing their recommendations; and
- Will work with its member associations and in concert with other Montgomery County community-based organizations to promote pedestrian safety education and projects throughout the County.

This resolution was passed at the November 11, 2019, general MCCF meeting.