

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2024 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-009-2024

Proposed by Council Members Fisher, Olson and Watson

Introduced by Council Members Fisher, Olson, Watson, Ivey, Oriadha, Dernoga,
Blegay and Burroughs

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction February 27, 2024

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 School Pedestrian Safety Workgroup

3 For the purpose of establishing a Workgroup to study improving school pedestrian safety;
4 providing for the purpose of the Workgroup; providing for the composition of the Workgroup;
5 proving for the staff and technical support for the Workgroup; providing for the issuance of a
6 certain report; and generally regarding the School Pedestrian Safety Workgroup.

7 WHEREAS, there have been recent tragic traffic accidents involving young children
8 struck by automobiles while walking to school; and

9 WHEREAS, these traffic accidents have resulted in the death of at least two (2) elementary
10 school aged children; and

11 WHEREAS, parents and members of the community have expressed their concern for
12 child pedestrian safety; and

13 WHEREAS, all children are pedestrians at some point and there is an average of sixty-
14 seven thousand one hundred twenty-four (67,124) child pedestrian injuries each year
15 nationwide; and

16 WHEREAS, the safety of the County's children is at the forefront of the Council's
17 responsibility, obligation, and commitment; and

18 WHEREAS, Section 506 of the Charter for Prince George's County provides that the
19 County Council or the County Executive may appoint, for designated periods, one or more
20 temporary advisory boards of citizens of the County who shall assist in the consideration of
21 County policies and programs.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
2 County, Maryland, that there is hereby established a School Pedestrian Safety Workgroup to assist
3 the County in studying child pedestrian safety within the County; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Workgroup suggest possible solutions to improve
5 child pedestrian safety in the County that may include programs, public education, and/or
6 legislation; and

7 BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Workgroup will be charged with considering how
8 the County's municipalities can utilize unused funds for crossing guards to improve child
9 pedestrian safety; and

10 BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED THAT the School Pedestrian Safety Workgroup
11 ("Workgroup") shall be subject to the following:

- 12 (a) scope of consideration to include, but not be limited to: the causes of child pedestrian
13 accidents, enforcing speed limits, reducing distracted driving, reducing distracted
14 walking, educating pedestrians and drivers on rights and responsibilities of all road users,
15 remarking crossing indicators, and creating marked crossing indicators; and
- 16 (b) The Workgroup shall be comprised of the following members:
- 17 (1) two (2) parents that have a child or children attending a Prince George's County
18 public school to be appointed by the County Council,
 - 19 (2) two (2) school board members to be appointed by the County Council,
 - 20 (3) one (1) current Prince George's County police officer to be appointed by the County
21 Executive,
 - 22 (4) one (1) municipal elected official to be appointed by the County Council,
 - 23 (5) one (1) municipal mayor to be appointed by the County Council,
 - 24 (6) one (1) designee from the Superintendent of Prince George's County Schools to be
25 appointed by the County Council,
 - 26 (7) one (1) designee from the Prince George's County Department of Public Works to
27 be appointed by the County Council, and
 - 28 (8) two (2) engineers from the Office of Engineering and Project Management to be
29 appointed by the County Executive, and
 - 30 (9) two (2) student members, whom are actively enrolled in Prince George's County
31 Public High Schools and are nominated by the Washington Area Bicyclist
32 Association, to be appointed by County Council.

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- (c) All member selections shall be completed within thirty (30) days of the adoption of this Resolution.
- (d) The Workgroup shall elect the Chair of the Workgroup by majority vote at the first meeting.
- (e) The Workgroup shall assemble and convene no later than sixty (60) days after the completion of member selection and meet monthly for two (2) months thereafter, unless extended.
- (f) No member of the Workgroup shall receive compensation in exchange for their services rendered to the Workgroup; but they are entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations as provided by the County Budget.
- (g) The Legislative Branch shall provide for the staff and technical support for the Workgroup.
- (h) The Workgroup shall issue a report to be transmitted to the County Executive and the County Council within fifteen (15) days of the final meeting session.

Adopted this 9th day of April, 2024.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Jolene Ivey
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council