

RESOLUTION R-5699

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND ADOPTING THE KIRKLAND TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ACTION PLAN AND REVISED SPEED LIMIT SETTING POLICY TO GUIDE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS CITYWIDE, INCLUDING REDUCING SPEED LIMITS.

1 WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland is committed to being a welcoming, sustainable, and
2 connected city that supports vibrant neighborhoods and businesses with an accessible
3 multimodal transportation system for users of all abilities; and

5 WHEREAS, transportation safety is a foundational component for a multimodal
6 transportation system for an inclusive, sustainable, and equitable community with a thriving
7 economy; and

9 WHEREAS, the City Council's adopted goal of Balanced Transportation recognizes
10 that "Kirkland values an integrated multi-model system of transportation choices, to reduce
11 reliance on single occupancy vehicles and improve connectivity and multi-modal mobility in
12 Kirkland in ways that maintain and enhance travel times, safety, health and transportation
13 choices"; and

15 WHEREAS, the City Council has already adopted a Vision Zero policy as part of its
16 2024 Transportation Strategic Plan (TSP) via Goal T-1, which is a goal to eliminate all
17 transportation-related fatal and serious injury crashes by 2035; and

19 WHEREAS, several TSP policies support this Vision Zero goal, including policies to
20 "Implement the principles of a Safe System Approach by prioritizing safe street designs and
21 strategies" (Policy T-1.2); "Make walking, rolling, and bicycling safer" (Policy T-2.1); "Prioritize,
22 design, construct, operate, and maintain a connected network of pedestrian and bicycle
23 facilities in a manner that maximizes safety" (Policy T-2.2); and "Identify roadway
24 improvements that address safety patterns" (Policy T-4.5); and

26 WHEREAS, the Council wishes to take steps to implement these TSP transportation
27 policies by adopting a transportation safety action plan; and

29 WHEREAS, through public engagement, vital input from the City's Transportation
30 Commission, and multiple City Council briefings, the City has developed the Kirkland
31 Transportation Safety Action Plan, which objectively evaluates traffic data to make
32 recommendations for safety countermeasures to support a safer transportation system; and

34 WHEREAS, one key outcome of the Kirkland Transportation Safety Action Plan is an
35 update to the City's Speed Limit Setting Policy, last published in 2009 as an administrative
36 Public Works Policy R-17; and

38 WHEREAS, the Kirkland Transportation Safety Action Plan and Speed Limit Setting
39 Policy Update was unanimously recommended for approval by the Transportation Commission
40 at its September 11, 2025 Meeting; and

42 WHEREAS, the City Council has refined its preferred updates to the Speed Limit
43 Setting Policy and desires to express, through the new policy, its intent to take the necessary

44 actions to lower the non-arterial street default speed limits from 25 miles per hour to 20 miles
45 per hour, to be implemented in a phased approach over time; and

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47 WHEREAS, the City Council further desires, through the Speed Limit Setting Policy, to
48 establish 30 miles per hour as the preferred maximum speed limit for arterials and collectors,
49 to be implemented where appropriate and in a phased approach over time; and

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51 WHEREAS, the Council finds that adopting a Kirkland Transportation Safety Action
52 Plan, including an updated Speed Limit Setting Policy, supports the City Council's goals for
53 Community Safety and Balanced Transportation; and

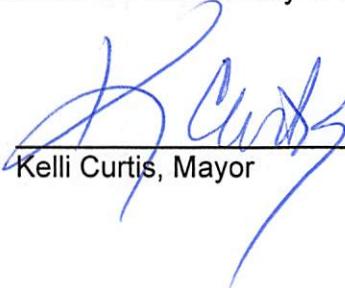
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55 WHEREAS, adoption and implementation of the Kirkland Transportation Safety Action
56 Plan will enhance the City's efforts to support a safe transportation system and to realize Vision
57 Zero.

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59 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

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61 Section 1. The City Council hereby adopts and approves the Kirkland Transportation
62 Safety Action Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by this reference as though
63 fully set forth.

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66 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 9th day of December,
67 2025.

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69 Signed in authentication thereof this 9th day of December, 2025.

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Kelli Curtis, Mayor

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81 Anastasiya Warhol, City Clerk