

Richmond Vermont Selectboard
Non-Binding Resolution In Support Of Safe Sharing of the Roadways
April 2023

WHEREAS, The Selectboard acknowledges that sharing of the roadways by all users is of paramount concern for the safety of all users

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Richmond shall adopt this non-binding resolution in support of the following guidelines:

1. Pedestrians and cyclists using the roads should wear high visibility clothing including bright colors. Personal lights should be used from one hour before sunset to sunrise.
2. Pedestrians should travel on the left side of the roadway facing oncoming traffic. Cyclists should travel on the right side of the roadway, with vehicle traffic.
3. Richmond encourages drivers to yield to vulnerable users with a minimum of eight (8) feet of clearance.
4. Crossing a double yellow line is permitted in the presence of a vulnerable user, provided the other side of the road is not occupied by a vulnerable user or an oncoming vehicle.
5. The only way to safely pass both a vulnerable user and an oncoming car or a vulnerable user in the oncoming lane is to come to a stop until one of the parties has passed.
6. The duty to yield rests entirely with the operator of the motorized vehicle. Vulnerable users have an equal right to use public roads. The responsibility is not on the vulnerable user to remove themselves from the road in the presence of a motor vehicle, but instead it is the duty of the operator of the motor vehicle to yield to the vulnerable user per state law.

Adopted by the Richmond Selectboard on April 3, 2023.

Jay Furr, Selectboard Chair