

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

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

**WHEREAS**, State law (23 V.S.A. § 1033) requires drivers to yield to vulnerable users such as cyclists, pedestrians, and horses with a minimum of four feet of space, and requires that drivers not pass by crossing over the center line unless the left lane is free of oncoming traffic (23 V.S.A. § 1035),

**WHEREAS**, State law (23 V.S.A. § 1035) requires that vehicles shall only pass vulnerable users by crossing to the left lane when the left lane is clearly open,

**WHEREAS**, consequent to 23 V.S.A. § 1033 and 23 V.S.A. § 1035, drivers should not attempt to pass cyclists, pedestrians, and other vulnerable users until it is possible to safely pass with a minimum of four feet of space,

**WHEREAS**, State law (23 V.S.A. § 1055) requires that pedestrians walk on the left side of the roadway, facing traffic, when practicable and when no sidewalks are available,

**WHEREAS**, State law (23 V.S.A. § 1139) requires that cyclists operate on the right hand side of the road, no more than two abreast,

**WHEREAS**, State law (23 V.S.A. § 1141) requires that cyclists not operate a bicycle from one half hour after sunset until one half hour after sunrise without a clearly visible white light on the front of the bicycle and without either a red light or reflective, rear-facing materials or reflectors on the rear of the bicycle,

**WHEREAS**, common sense dictates that pedestrians walking along the shoulders or sides of roadways during the period from dusk until dawn dress in light or bright colors, with reflectors and/or lights, the better to be seen by drivers of vehicles,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that all residents and visitors to the town of Richmond shall operate on town roadways with due care for the rights and safety of other users, whether driving a vehicle, walking, riding a bicycle, or otherwise making use of the road, and shall obey all relevant Vermont state statutes.

Adopted by the Richmond Selectboard on May 1, 2023.

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Jay Furr, Selectboard Chair