




CITY OF PITTSBURGH  
**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**  
MAYOR ED GAINEY  
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Executive Order City of Pittsburgh Office of the Mayor	
Subject: Right-of-Way Safety Advisory Committee	Number: 2025-04
By Direction of:   Ed Gaaney, Mayor	Date: August 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2025

**WHEREAS,** Every year in the City of Pittsburgh, thousands of traffic crashes occur resulting in a host of public safety concerns, including an annual average of over 100 serious injuries and 20 deaths; and

**WHEREAS,** A safe and equitable transportation system is a shared responsibility and requires multiple public agencies to work together on a holistic approach to roadway design and policies meant to uphold our collective commitment to safety; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Pittsburgh adopted the 2009 edition of the International Fire Code (IFC) in 2016, with some City-specific modifications thereto, incorporated as Chapter 801 of the City Code; and

**WHEREAS,** Multiple provisions of the IFC, when taken together, provide the Pittsburgh Bureau of Fire (PBF) considerable authority of reviews, approvals, and inspections of the built environment; and

**WHEREAS,** none of these IFC provisions provide specific authority to dictate general public roadway design or inspection; and

**WHEREAS,** Chapter 118 of the Pittsburgh Code empowers the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure (DOMI) to oversee development of transportation plans; supervise transportation projects within the City; enforce City rules and ordinances related to DOMI; coordinate work activities with external entities; direct City transportation planning; and manage major transportation-related projects; and

**WHEREAS,** there are times where the legitimate public safety and welfare concerns, including the threat of fire and unsafe traffic conditions, are held in tension with each other, making it difficult for the Department of Public Safety and DOMI to reach agreement through their existing coordination meetings; and

**WHEREAS,** it is essential to protecting the safety and welfare of the public that we institute proactive administrative measures to resolve differences with a balanced and neutral approach to all potential threats, including and beyond the threat of fire and unsafe traffic conditions;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Ed Gaaney, Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh, by the virtue of the authority vested in me by the Home Rule Charter of the City of Pittsburgh, the Ordinances of the City of Pittsburgh, and the Statutes of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby order and establish:

### **Section 1. – ESTABLISHMENT**

- (A) The Right-of-Way Safety Advisory Committee (“Advisory Committee”) is hereby created to:
  - I. To review and comment on designs of eligible mobility and infrastructure projects where DOMI and the Department of Public Safety have not otherwise come to agreement through their existing coordination meetings.
  - II. To hear and provide further advice from DOMI or Department of Public Safety staff on questions of compliance with decisions or determinations already made by the committee, or new questions raised as a project progresses from the design phase to construction and operational phases, respectively.
  - III. To act in an advisory capacity to the Mayor on other matters referred to the committee, where their shared expertise in both public safety and infrastructure is deemed useful.
- (B) Members of the Advisory Committee shall be comprised of the following persons:
  - I. One (1) member representing the Mayor’s Office, as designated by the Mayor;
  - II. The Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, or their designee;
  - III. The Director of the Department of Public Safety, or their designee.

### **Section 2. – DIRECTIVE TO DEPARTMENTS**

- (A) Once the Mayor has appointed the members of the Advisory Committee, they shall convene and establish interdepartmental procedures necessary to carry out the duties of the committee within 30 days of the effective date of this order.
- (B) In their interdepartmental procedures, the committee is encouraged to include ways of incorporating and/or soliciting additional feedback from relevant stakeholders and the public, including but not limited to, other City Departments, City Council, the Complete Streets Advisory Group, and registered community organizations (RCOs).
- (C) Nothing in this order shall be construed to restrict or limit solicitation of input from other relevant parties or experts, nor shall it impair any existing forms of stakeholder and public engagement or discourage future forms of engagement.

### **Section 3. - EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

