[Moving Vision Zero Forward]

Resolution calling for a citywide re-commitment to Vision Zero and urging the Mayor, the Municipal Transportation Agency, Department of Public Health, San Francisco County Transportation Authority, Fire Department, Police Department, and other city agencies that signed onto Vision Zero in 2014 to prioritize this policy, provide the needed resources, and improve interagency processes and collaboration to bring our city closer to Vision Zero goals by December 2024.

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco adopted Vision Zero as a policy to eliminate traffic fatalities by 2024 supported by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors through a Resolution on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No.140047, which is hereby declared to be a part of this Resolution as if set forth fully herein; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, the City’s Pedestrian Safety Task Force was broadened to become the Vision Zero Task Force led by the Department of Public Health (SFDPH) and Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), and encompassed all traffic modes with city agencies meeting weekly to ensure that they are making progress on Vision Zero goals; and

WHEREAS, The Vision Zero Task Force that was convened in 2014 under Mayor Ed Lee, with support of the Board of Supervisors, vowing to eliminate all traffic-related deaths by 2024 through education, enforcement, and road infrastructure redesign, tasked with meeting quarterly, however, the task force ceased meeting regularly after Mayor Lee’s passing in 2018; and

WHEREAS, The Vision Zero Task Force held sporadic meetings starting in 2018, with decreasing frequency; in 2022, the task force held only one meeting (in March), and is set to meet for the first time this year on March 16, 2023; and
WHEREAS, The basic principle underlying Vision Zero is that traffic fatalities and injuries are entirely preventable and constitute a public health crisis with approximately 30 people dying each year and more than 500 severely injured annually in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, The Vision Zero Action Strategy 2019 Update built upon a Safe Systems approach and acknowledged that more is needed to get to zero traffic fatalities, including, advancing more transformative policies, taking strategic actions, and establishing complementary goals grounded in the foundation of equity and acknowledging the historic disparities impacting vulnerable communities and communities of color; and

WHEREAS, The Vision Zero Action Strategy 2021 Update identified significant shifts needed to advance Vision Zero and outlined the low-cost, achievable actions city agencies can take to end traffic deaths in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, The Vision Zero High Injury Network guides the city's investments in infrastructure and engineering projects, and an updated Network was released in November 2022 to show where the city's focus needs to be; and

WHEREAS, Speeding is the number one cause of traffic crashes, and data clearly shows that higher speeds increase the severity of injuries and likelihood of fatalities from crashes, therefore slowing speeds and improving street design are proven effective in reducing injuries and deaths; and

WHEREAS, The need for Vision Zero is still a high priority with 37 traffic deaths in 2022, one of the most deadly years since Vision Zero was passed in 2014; now, therefore, be it;

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors calls for all 13 agencies to recommit to Vision Zero: the Mayor, Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), Department of Public Health, Transportation Authority, Department of Public Works, Fire Department, Police Department, District Attorney, SF Environment, SF Unified School District, Planning Supervisors Preston; Peskin, Ronen, Walton, Stefani, Engardio, Mandelman, Dorsey, Melgar

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Department, Recreation & Parks Department and San Francisco Airport to further advance the City's Vision Zero goals; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the SFMTA to continue to determine and share what resources or actions are needed to meet the goal of applying the Quick Build toolkit to 100% of the High-Injury Network by 2024 as outlined in the 2021 Vision Zero Action Strategy; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Vision Zero Task Force to resume meeting quarterly, and for departments to work closely with the task force to promote interagency cooperation and collaboration to fast-track projects and to also help develop citywide collective policymaking; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges all city agencies to adopt and enforce a corrections plan for city employees that are speeding and not displaying safe driving behaviors by July 2023; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the SFMTA to lower speed limits to 20 MPH on every possible street by December 31, 2024; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the SFMTA to develop a systematic approach to bring solutions to 100% of the streets on the High-Injury Network: The plan should include how, when, and where these streets will get the appropriate suite of solutions to bring down speeds, and priority should be given to streets with the biggest speed issues, including four- and five-lane arterial streets and one-way streets, streets near arterials, freeways, schools, parks, and senior centers, and Slow Streets; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the SFMTA to prioritize safety improvements around schools within the Equity Priority Communities, and a create a clear path for Slow Streets within Equity Priority Communities; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the SFMTA to continue to move the San Francisco Active Communities Plan (ACP) forward with urgency, and to continue to build trust in the historically excluded and underserved communities within transportation planning that are identified in the ACP: Bayview-Hunters Point, Outer Mission/Excelsior, The Mission, SoMa, the Tenderloin, and Western Addition/Fillmore; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors will commit to working with the Mayor’s office, SFMTA, the County Transportation Authority, Department of Public Works, Department of Public Health, and other local entities to maximize resources and funding to effectively meet Vision Zero goals; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor to work with the Board of Supervisors, the SFMTA, the County Transportation Authority, Department of Public Works, Department of Public Health, and other local entities to maximize resources and funding, and to ensure prompt implementation, to effectively meet Vision Zero goals; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of this Resolution to the Office of the Mayor, the Office of the City Administrator, Director of SFMTA, SFMTA Board of Directors, the County Transportation Authority, the Director of the Department of Public Works, the Fire Chief, the Fire Commission, the Director of Public Health, the Health Commission, and the Department of Human Resources.
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March 07, 2023 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

File No. 230235

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/7/2023 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

03/17/2023

London N. Breed
Mayor

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

03/17/2023

Date