Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 550, introduced on February 10, 2021, by Assembly Member David Chiu (AD-17), which would establish and implement a five-year automated speed safety system pilot program, as long as the program meets specific equity, safety, and privacy specifications.

WHEREAS, According to the California Office of Traffic Safety, nearly 7,500 pedestrians have died from injuries sustained by vehicle collisions in California between 2009 and 2018, with 893 pedestrians killed on California roadways in 2018 alone, a 26% increase from the number of pedestrian deaths in 2014; and

WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Highway Administration, pedestrians struck by a speeding vehicle are two times more likely to die from the vehicle collision than recover from an injury sustained from the collision, with a 85% fatality likelihood for a pedestrian who is hit by a vehicle going 40 miles per hour dipping to 15% likelihood when the pedestrian is hit by a vehicle going 20 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, Automated speed safety systems comprise pedestrian and traffic safety technology that utilizes vehicle speed sensors and cameras to capture images of cars traveling at excessive speeds, and, while currently used in 142 U.S. jurisdictions, is still illegal in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, Assembly Member David Chiu (AD-17) introduced Assembly Bill No. 342 (the Safe Streets Act of 2017), to allow both San Francisco and San Jose to run a five-year automated speed safety system pilot program, which did not make it out of Committee, due to opposition from the California Association of Highway Patrolmen, among other law enforcement groups; and
WHEREAS, Assembly Member Chiu is once again attempting to legalize automated speed enforcement in the Bay Area in order to curb pedestrian fatalities with the introduction of Assembly Bill No. 550, co-sponsored by the other members of the San Francisco State Legislative Delegation, Senator Scott Wiener (SD-11) and Assembly Member Phil Ting (AD-19), as well as Assembly Member Buffy Wicks (AD-15); and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 550 takes into consideration concerns from civil liberties, equity advocates and law enforcement agencies, and includes strict privacy restrictions based on San Francisco's own ground-breaking facial recognition technology ban, as well as data-driven equity parameters and a mandate that the automated speed safety system pilot program be overseen by local transportation agencies rather than police departments; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco's Vision Zero Task Force and local Vision Zero advocacy organizations, Walk San Francisco, Chinatown TRIP, Senior Disability Action and the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, have identified automated speed safety system programming as a critical tool to combat pedestrian fatalities in San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco supports California State Assembly Bill 550, introduced on February 10, 2021, by Assembly Member David Chiu (AD-17), which would establish and implement a five-year automated speed safety system pilot program, as long as the program meets specific equity, safety and privacy specifications; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges local law enforcement to support AB 550 and work with the State Legislative Delegation to ensure its passage at the State level; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the State Legislative Delegation and the City Lobbyist upon final passage.
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April 06, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/6/2021 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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Angela Calvillo  Date
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned
London N. Breed
Mayor

4/16/2021
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

04/16/2021
Date