Resolution calling for a citywide recommitment to Vision Zero and urging the Mayor, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), the Department of Public Health, and other Vision Zero partner agencies to further advance the updated Action Strategy to reduce and end traffic fatalities by 2024 through an evolved approach that is bold, proactive, and strategic in quickly improving street conditions and advancing longer-term transformative policies for safer streets.

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, 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 original Vision Zero Action Strategy in 2015 focused on the three-point plan known as the three “E’s”: Engineering, Education, and Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, The 2017 Action Strategy evolved to a Safe System’s approach to move beyond traditional approaches to safety (Engineer, Education, and Enforcement); and

WHEREAS, The Vision Zero Action Strategy 2019 Update released by San Francisco’s Vision Zero Task Force 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 High Injury Network guides the city’s investments in
infrastructure and engineering projects with 50% of the corridors within Communities of
Concern, in which the SFMTA currently has 53 miles of projects completed or in construction;
and

WHEREAS, Slowing speeds and improving street design are proven effective in
reducing injuries and deaths; and

WHEREAS, In the midst of a national and local reckoning with systemic racism, there
is a need to also re-evaluate traffic enforcement and how to effectively improve street safety
without disparately harming communities of color that have a historically had negative
interactions with law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, The need for Vision Zero is still a high priority with traffic deaths still
occurring at an alarming rate; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the City and County of San
Francisco to make a stronger recommitment to meeting the goals of Vision Zero and evolve
by also elevating real-time Evaluation and to ground the initiative in authentic Equity and
Engagement, with a sensitivity to how policies impact communities of color; and

RESOLVED, That the SFMTA Board of Directors adopt and implement this renewed
initiative and also incorporate a short-term plan with clear, measured goals that expedites
immediate improvements on the High-Injury Network and also identifies quick-build projects,
daylighting, and other more cost-effective tools beyond the High-Injury Network that are
geographically diverse across the city; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors also urges the SFMTA Board of
Directors to design an interactive dashboard to monitor the progress of projects and for the
SFMTA to also develop additional engagement tools to elevate and solicit input from residents to identify dangerous crosswalks, intersections, or corridors for quick-build improvements; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors strongly urges the SFMTA Board of Directors to continue to implement a more proactive approach to assessing street safety that is not limited to just evaluating prior deaths and injuries at the location, but also studies “close calls“ or other risk factors that warrant safety improvements, and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors strongly urges the Mayor to identify a dedicated lead staff person or that will work closely with the team overseeing the City’s Vision Zero Action Strategy by promoting 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 strongly urges SFMTA, the Transportation Authority, Department of Public Health, and partnering Vision Zero agencies to strengthen citywide training and education on slower speeds and safe driving among city personnel and contractors maximizing the use of technology like the vehicle telematics program to support this goal; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors will commit to working with the SFMTA, the County Transportation Authority, the Mayor’s office, 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 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 Director of Public Health, and the San Francisco Health Commission.
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November 09, 2020 Land Use and Transportation Committee - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE

November 09, 2020 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED AS A COMMITTEE REPORT

November 10, 2020 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 11/10/2020 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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
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