

1 [Moving Vision Zero Forward]

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

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

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

18 WHEREAS, The Vision Zero Task Force that was convened in 2014 under Mayor Ed
19 Lee, with support of the Board of Supervisors, vowing to eliminate all traffic-related deaths by
20 2024 through education, enforcement, and road infrastructure redesign, tasked with meeting
21 quarterly, however, the task force ceased meeting regularly after Mayor Lee’s passing in
22 2018; and

23 WHEREAS, The Vision Zero Task Force held sporadic meetings starting in 2018, with
24 decreasing frequency; in 2022, the task force held only one meeting (in March), and is set to
25 meet for the first time this year on March 16, 2023; and

1 WHEREAS, The basic principle underlying Vision Zero is that traffic fatalities and
2 injuries are entirely preventable and constitute a public health crisis with approximately 30
3 people dying each year and more than 500 severely injured annually in San Francisco; and

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

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

12 WHEREAS, The Vision Zero High Injury Network guides the city's investments in
13 infrastructure and engineering projects, and an updated Network was released in November
14 2022 to show where the city's focus needs to be; and

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

19 WHEREAS, The need for Vision Zero is still a high priority with 37 traffic deaths in
20 2022, one of the most deadly years since Vision Zero was passed in 2014; now, therefore, be
21 it;

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors calls for all 13 agencies to recommit to
23 Vision Zero: the Mayor, Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), Department of Public
24 Health, Transportation Authority, Department of Public Works, Fire Department, Police
25 Department, District Attorney, SF Environment, SF Unified School District, Planning

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the SFMTA to prioritize
23 safety improvements around schools within the Equity Priority Communities, and a create a
24 clear path for Slow Streets within Equity Priority Communities; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the SFMTA to continue
2 to move the [San Francisco Active Communities Plan \(ACP\) forward](#) with urgency, and to
3 continue to build trust in the historically excluded and underserved communities within
4 transportation planning that are identified in the ACP: Bayview-Hunters Point, Outer
5 Mission/Excelsior, The Mission, SoMa, the Tenderloin, and Western Addition/Fillmore; and, be
6 it

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

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

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the
17 Board to send a copy of this Resolution to the Office of the Mayor, the Office of the City
18 Administrator, Director of SFMTA, SFMTA Board of Directors, the County Transportation
19 Authority, the Director of the Department of Public Works, the Fire Chief, the Fire
20 Commission, the Director of Public Health, the Health Commission, and the Department of
21 Human Resources.

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