



# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

## Planning Commission Resolution No. 19689 General Plan Text Amendment

HEARING DATE JULY 7, 2016

*Case No:* 2014.0556GPA  
*Project Name:* Vision Zero: Proposed General Plan Amendments  
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*Recommendation:* Initiate the General Plan Amendments for the Transportation Element and the Urban Design Element and schedule an adoption Hearing for October 6, 2016

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INITIATING AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL PLAN TO UPDATE THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT AND URBAN DESIGN ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN TO REFLECT THE CITY'S VISION ZERO POLICY; AFFIRMING THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT'S DETERMINATION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT; AND MAKING FINDINGS OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE GENERAL PLAN AND THE EIGHT PRIORITY POLICIES OF PLANNING CODE SECTION 101.1.

### PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, Section 4.105 of the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco mandates that the Planning Department shall periodically recommend to the Board of Supervisors for approval or rejection proposed amendments to the General Plan.

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco adopted Vision Zero as a policy in 2014, committing to build better and safer streets, educate the public on traffic safety, enforce traffic laws, and adopt changes to city policies to save lives;

WHEREAS, The mission of the Planning Department, under the direction of the Planning Commission, is to shape the future of San Francisco and the region by: generating an extraordinary vision for the General Plan and in neighborhood plans; fostering exemplary design through planning controls; improving our surroundings through environmental analysis; preserving our unique heritage; encouraging a broad range of housing and a diverse job base; and enforcing the Planning Code,

WHEREAS, The Planning Department works with other city agencies including the SFMTA, SFDPW, SFCTA, SFDPH on initiatives such as the Better Streets Plan, WalkFirst, the Pedestrian Strategy, the Bicycle Strategy, the Vision Zero Two Year Action Strategy and various streetscape and public realm projects to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety in San Francisco;

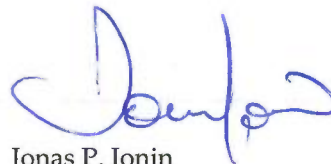
WHEREAS, The Planning Commission adopted resolution 19174 in June 2014, to include Vision Zero in near term and long term planning documents, including the San Francisco General Plan, as appropriate;

WHEREAS, Because the General Plan does not currently reference Vision Zero, the proposed amendment would update the General Plan to reflect the City's Vision Zero policy;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Planning Code Section 340, the Planning Commission adopts a Resolution of Intention to initiate amendments to the General Plan of the City and County of San Francisco, in order to update the Transportation Element and Urban Design Element.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Planning Code Section 306.3, the Planning Commission authorizes the Department to provide appropriate notice for a public hearing to consider the above referenced General Plan amendment in a draft ordinance approved as to form by the City Attorney contained in Attachment B, as though fully set forth herein, to be considered at a publicly noticed hearing on or after October 6, 2016.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED by the City Planning Commission on July 7, 2016



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Commission Secretary

AYES: Antonini, Hillis, Johnson, Moore, Richards, Wu

NOES: None

ABSENT: Fong

DATE: July 7, 2016