

1 [San Francisco's Recommitment to Vision Zero]

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

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

17 WHEREAS, The original Vision Zero Action Strategy in 2015 focused on the three-  
18 point plan known as the three "E's": Engineering, Education, and Enforcement; and

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

21 WHEREAS, The Vision Zero Action Strategy 2019 Update released by San Francisco's  
22 Vision Zero Task Force built upon a Safe Systems approach and acknowledged that more is  
23 needed to get to zero traffic fatalities, including, advancing more transformative policies,  
24 taking strategic actions, and establishing complementary goals grounded in the foundation of

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1 equity and acknowledging the historic disparities impacting vulnerable communities and  
2 communities of color; and

3 WHEREAS, The Vision Zero High Injury Network guides the city's investments in  
4 infrastructure and engineering projects with 50% of the corridors within Communities of  
5 Concern, in which the SFMTA currently has 53 miles of projects completed or in construction;  
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7 WHEREAS, Slowing speeds and improving street design are proven effective in  
8 reducing injuries and deaths; and

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

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

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

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

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors also urges the SFMTA Board of  
25 Directors to design an interactive dashboard to monitor the progress of projects and for the

1 SFMTA to also develop additional engagement tools to elevate and solicit input from residents  
2 to identify dangerous crosswalks, intersections, or corridors for quick-build improvements;  
3 and, be it

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

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors strongly urges the Mayor to  
9 identify a dedicated lead staff person or that will work closely with the team overseeing the  
10 City’s Vision Zero Action Strategy by promoting interagency cooperation and collaboration to  
11 fast-track projects and to also help develop citywide collective policymaking; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors strongly urges SFMTA, the  
13 Transportation Authority, Department of Public Health, and partnering Vision Zero agencies to  
14 strengthen citywide training and education on slower speeds and safe driving among city  
15 personnel and contractors maximizing the use of technology like the vehicle telematics  
16 program to support this goal; and, be it

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

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the  
22 Board to send a copy of this resolution to the Office of the Mayor, the Office of the City  
23 Administrator, Director of SFMTA, SFMTA Board of Directors, the County Transportation  
24 Authority, the Director of the Department of Public Works, the Director of Public Health, and  
25 the San Francisco Health Commission.