

1 [Urging the Department of Public Health, Municipal Transportation Agency, and Police
2 Department to Amend the City’s Vision Zero Traffic Fatality Protocol]

3 **Resolution urging the Department of Public Health, Municipal Transportation Agency,**
4 **and Police Department to amend the City’s Vision Zero Traffic Fatality Protocol to**
5 **include a public town hall within two weeks of a traffic fatality, at which information**
6 **regarding the fatal incident is presented to the public and agency representatives are**
7 **available to answer questions.**

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9 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco adopted the Vision Zero policy in
10 2014, prioritizing safety for all road users through good road design; providing meaningful
11 education to the public and decision-makers on traffic safety, equitable enforcement of traffic
12 laws focused on dangerous behaviors and locations; and advancing policies that enhance
13 safety; and

14 WHEREAS, Vision Zero is San Francisco’s initiative to eliminate traffic fatalities and
15 reduce severe traffic-related injury on San Francisco’s streets; and

16 WHEREAS, in 2015, City agencies adopted a Vision Zero Traffic Fatality Protocol
17 which requires certain actions from Department of Public Health (DPH), Police Department
18 (SFPD), Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), and OME following a traffic fatality; and

19 WHEREAS, The Vision Zero Traffic Fatality Protocol requires SFMTA to convene a
20 Rapid Response call with DPH and SFPD within a week of the incident, along with other
21 requirements, but the protocol does not include any public facing disclosures or information,
22 except for monthly reporting of the number and location of incidents on the Vision Zero
23 Website; and

24 WHEREAS, MTA follows a Vision Zero Rapid Response Protocol, dated July 19, 2019,
25 which requires close and timely coordination among the city’s agencies and within one hour of

1 the incident the SFMTA is notified by the SFPD and within 24 hours, the Rapid Response
2 team is on-site analyzing possible improvements; and

3 WHEREAS, the Rapid Response Protocol further requires that repairs should be
4 implemented within 72 hours of the crash and immediate-term safety improvements should be
5 installed within one month; and

6 WHEREAS, Any improvements will be in addition to longer-term efforts to improve
7 safety on the corridor and any questions or deficiencies regarding items outside the
8 jurisdiction of the SFMTA, such as street lighting or pavement conditions, are referred to their
9 respective agencies for follow up; and

10 WHEREAS, Upon finalization of traffic fatality counts, the monthly and year-to-date
11 reporting templates will be distributed to key Vision Zero Stakeholders at a number of
12 agencies via a list maintained by SFDPH; and

13 WHEREAS, Stakeholders include, Mayor, SFMTA Director, SFPD Police Chief,
14 SFDPH Director and Health Officer, Advocacy Groups, San Francisco Bicycle Coalition and
15 Walk San Francisco, and Vision Zero Traffic Fatality Reporting Team Representatives from
16 SFPD, SFMTA, and SFDPH; and

17 WHEREAS, On July 25, 2017, The Board of Supervisors passed [File Number 170692](#),
18 Ordinance amending the Transportation and Urban Design Elements of the General Plan to
19 implement the City's Vision Zero policy regarding pedestrian safety; making findings, including
20 findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code,
21 Section 101.1; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California
22 Environmental Quality Act; and

23 WHEREAS, A standardized case definition of traffic fatality across city agencies
24 ensures consistency, and is critical for data collection, analysis, and evaluation of the burden
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1 of traffic mortality in the City and County of San Francisco, as well as tracking progress
2 towards Vision Zero; and

3 WHEREAS, Members of the public often seek details regarding the incidents, but there
4 is no established protocol to provide answers to the public's questions; and

5 WHEREAS, A town hall would provide an opportunity to share the latest information,
6 prevent the spread of misinformation, and give the public an opportunity to ask questions and
7 learn about traffic safety improvement plans; and

8 WHEREAS, A town hall would help raise awareness about traffic fatalities and tools
9 available to prevent such fatalities, thereby furthering the objectives of Vision Zero to eliminate
10 traffic fatalities and injuries; and

11 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors should be added to the SFDPH list of Vision
12 Zero stakeholders, Under Appendix B: VZ Stakeholders Receiving Memo Vision Zero Fatality
13 Reporting Upon finalization of traffic fatality counts, the monthly and year-to-date reporting
14 templates; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors urges SFMTA, DPH, and SFPD to
16 amend the City's Vision Zero Traffic Fatality Protocol to include a public town hall within two
17 weeks of a traffic fatality, at which information regarding a fatal incident is presented to the
18 public, and at which agency representatives are on hand to answer questions; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors urges SFMTA and SFDPH to
20 provide a written response back to the Board of Supervisors on the status of such an
21 amendment within 30 days of the date of this Resolution; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board shall transmit a copy of this
23 Resolution to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, San Francisco Department
24 of Public Health and the San Francisco Police Department.

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