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MEMORANDUM

Date: December 4, 2020

To: Sophia Kittler, Liaison to the Board, Mayor's Office
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Dr. Grant Colfax, Director, Department of Public Health
Mark Morewitz, Commission Secretary, Health Commission
Jeffrey Tumlin, Executive Director, Municipal Transportation Agency
Tilly Chang, Executive Director, County Transportation Authority

From: *ACC* Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

Subject: San Francisco's Recommitment to Vision Zero (File No. 201276)

On November 10, 2020, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 531-20, sponsored by Supervisors Yee, Walton, Peskin, Safai, Preston, Mandelman, Mar, Fewer, Haney, Ronen, and Stefani and enacted on November 20, 2020.

The Board of Supervisors directed the Clerk of the Board to forward a copy of Resolution No. 531-20 (File No. 201276) to each of your departments.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Erica Major, Assistant Clerk, at (415) 554-4441 or by email at: Erica.Major@sfgov.org.

c:	Lynn Khaw, Administrator's Office	Greg Wagner, Dept. of Public Health
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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;
6 and

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.



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Tails Resolution

File Number: 201276

Date Passed: November 10, 2020

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.

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

File No. 201276

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

Unsigned

London N. Breed
Mayor

11/20/2020

Date Approved

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
Clerk of the Board

11/20/2020

Date