Title: **Adopt a Vision Zero Goal to Eliminate Traffic Fatalities and Serious Injuries by 2027**

Recommendation: Pass a Resolution adopting a Vision Zero Goal to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2027.

Location: Citywide

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Presenter: None

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Attachments:
1-Description/Analysis
2-Resolution
Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: Traffic safety impacts Sacramento’s community, neighborhoods, health and livability.

During the five-year period from 2010-2014, 130 people died in traffic collisions in Sacramento (26 deaths per year) including 48 pedestrians and 13 bicyclists. Additionally, approximately 450 crashes during this period resulted in severe injuries.

Furthermore, the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) has ranked Sacramento number one of 13 (1 is the worst) in the category of overall traffic safety between 2008-2011 when compared to California cities with a population greater than 250,000. The OTS ranked the City number 3 of 13 in 2012 and 6 of 14 in 2013.

Vision Zero is a multi-national road traffic safety initiative, which aims to achieve a roadway system with no fatalities or serious injuries. Vision Zero is a traffic safety philosophy that rejects the notion that traffic crashes are simply “accidents,” but instead preventable incidents that can and must be systematically addressed.

On March 15, 2016, Council passed Motion No. 2016-0074 directing the City Manager to 1) develop a Vision Zero Action Plan toward eliminating traffic deaths in Sacramento; and 2) establish a Vision Zero Task Force to assist in developing and implementing the Vision Zero Action Plan.

In October 2016, the City of Sacramento embarked on its Vision Zero Action Plan and formed a Vision Zero Task Force. The Vision Zero Task Force developed a preliminary vision statement and guiding principles for the Sacramento that are the foundation for the subject resolution.

Policy Considerations: The recommendation in this report is consistent with the following Sacramento 2035 General Plan policies:

M 1.1.2 Transportation System – The City shall manage the travel system to ensure safe operating conditions.

M2.1.7 Safe Pedestrian Crossings – The City shall improve pedestrian safety at appropriate intersections and mid-block locations by providing safe pedestrian crossings.

M 4.2.2 Pedestrian and Bicycle-Friendly Streets - In areas with high levels of pedestrian activity (e.g., employment centers, residential areas, mixed-use areas, schools), the City shall
ensure that all street projects support pedestrian and bicycle travel. Improvements may include narrow lanes, target speeds less than 35 miles per hour, sidewalk widths consistent with the Pedestrian Master Plan, street trees, high-visibility pedestrian crossings, and bikeways (e.g. Class II and Class III bike lanes, bicycle boulevards, separated bicycle lanes and/or parallel multi-use pathways).

M 5.1.5 Motorists, Bicyclists, and Pedestrian Conflicts - The City shall develop safe and convenient bikeways, streets, roadways, and intersections that reduce conflicts between bicyclists and motor vehicles on streets, between bicyclists and pedestrians on multi-use trails and sidewalks, and between all users at intersections.

**Economic Impacts:** None

**Environmental Considerations:** The proposed goal is not subject to environmental review. Any projects identified through the Vision Zero Action Plan process will be subject to environmental evaluation under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines and possibly National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements.

**Sustainability:** The proposed resolution is consistent with the mobility and connectivity strategy and measure to improve multi-modal options. This strategy and measure aim to create a connected multimodal transportation network that increases the use of sustainable modes of transportation (i.e., walking, biking, and transit) and reduces dependence on automobiles.

**Commission/Committee Action:** None

**Rationale for Recommendation:** The proposed goal will provide City staff with clear direction to prioritize efforts toward eliminating traffic deaths and severe injuries in Sacramento.

**Financial Considerations:** There are no financial considerations associated with this report.

**Local Business Enterprise (LBE):** None
RESOLUTION NO.
Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

Resolution of the City of Sacramento to Adopt a Vision Zero Goal

BACKGROUND

A. Traffic safety impacts our community, neighborhoods, health and Sacramento's livability.

B. During the five-year period from 2010-2014, 130 people died in traffic crashes in Sacramento (26 deaths per year) including 48 pedestrians and 13 bicyclists.

C. Over the six-year period from 2008-2013, in the category of over-all traffic safety, when compared to cities with a population greater than 250,000, the City of Sacramento ranked 1 of 13 in 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011, 3 of 13 in 2012, and 6 of 14 in 2013.

D. Vision Zero provides a framework for reducing traffic deaths and serious injuries through a comprehensive approach.

E. On March 15, 2016, Council passed Motion No. 2016-0074 directing the City Manager to 1) develop a Vision Zero Action Plan toward eliminating traffic deaths in Sacramento; and 2) establish a Vision Zero Task Force to assist in developing and implementing the Vision Zero Action Plan.

F. In October 2016, the City of Sacramento embarked on its Vision Zero Action Plan and formed a Vision Zero Task Force.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. City of Sacramento recognizes that safety of human life is our highest priority and that traffic deaths and serious injuries are preventable, a public health issue, and must be addressed.

Section 2. No fatality or serious injury is acceptable on our streets because crashes are preventable incidents that can be addressed through engineering, enforcement and education.
Section 3. Vision Zero Sacramento is a collaborative and data-driven effort to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2027.

Section 4. Actions towards Vision Zero will be a comprehensive, collaborative, and equitable approach through engineering, education and culture change, and traffic enforcement.

Section 5. Actions towards Vision Zero will be data driven based on available crash data.

Section 6. Evaluation of reaching the goal to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2027 will be ongoing, measuring performance against the Vision Zero Action Plan objectives.

Section 7. The City adopts the following goal related to Vision Zero: The City of Sacramento will work collaboratively in a data-driven effort to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2027.