

Resolution No. 100

Submitted by:

The Honorable Edwin M. Lee, Mayor of San Francisco
The Honorable Charlie Hales, Mayor of Portland, OR
The Honorable Eric Garcetti, Mayor of Los Angeles
The Honorable Muriel Bowser, Mayor of Washington, DC
The Honorable Ralph Becker, Mayor of Salt Lake City
The Honorable Paul Soglin, Mayor of Madison, WI
The Honorable Marilyn Strickland, Mayor of Tacoma, WA
The Honorable Sam Liccardo, Mayor of San José
The Honorable Martin Walsh, Mayor of Boston
The Honorable Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Mayor of Baltimore
The Honorable Greg Stanton, Mayor of Phoenix
The Honorable Edward Murray, Mayor of Seattle
The Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of New York
The Honorable Bill Harrison, Mayor of Fremont
The Honorable Michael A. Nutter, Mayor of Philadelphia

SUPPORTING THE GOALS OF “VISION ZERO”

1. **WHEREAS**, the growth and vitality of the nation’s cities requires safe and reliable transportation systems; and
2. **WHEREAS**, the life and health of our cities residents is our utmost priority; and
3. **WHEREAS**, 14,987 Americans lost their lives to traffic deaths in urban areas in 2013 according to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Fatality Analysis Reporting System; and
4. **WHEREAS** people walking and bicycling represent a disproportionate number of these fatalities in urban areas in particular according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety; and
5. **WHEREAS**, children, older adults, people of color and people in low-income communities face a disproportionate risk of traffic injuries and fatalities in urban areas; and
6. **WHEREAS**, cities recognize that pedestrian safety is an equity issue, and that pedestrian fatality rates are twice as high in Census tracts with lower per capita income when compared to Census tracts of higher income in metro areas between 2008 and 2012; and

7. **WHEREAS**, cities strive to protect the safety of young students walking to school and seniors walking to the bus stop; and
8. **WHEREAS**, driver behavior, including speeding, distracted driving and drunk driving, are significant contributing factors to this loss of life; and
9. **WHEREAS**, more than five in six drivers support their state adopting a vision to reduce the number of people killed in crashes to zero according to the 2014 AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety Survey; and
10. **WHEREAS**, as cities, we refuse to accept the thousands of traffic fatalities and serious injuries that occur on our streets every year; and
11. **WHEREAS**, Vision Zero is the simple yet ambitious idea that there is no acceptable number of traffic deaths and serious injuries on our roadways; and
12. **WHEREAS**, states across the country including Minnesota, Utah, and West Virginia and cities including the cities of Los Angeles, New York, Seattle, Washington DC, San Jose, and San Francisco are adopting Vision Zero policies and plans with the intent of eliminating fatal and serious crashes from our streets; and
13. **WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Transportation, through the Mayors' Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets has challenged mayors and local elected officials to take significant action on improving the safety of transportation networks for pedestrians and bicyclists of all ages and abilities; and
14. **WHEREAS**, state and local Departments of Transportation with Vision Zero plans and policies are making significant progress in improving the safety performance of their transportation systems; and
15. **WHEREAS**, such efforts are comprehensive in nature addressing street design, infrastructure gaps, policy issues, and education and enforcement needs; and
16. **WHEREAS**, The United States Conference of Mayors recognizes that no one should die or be seriously injured while travelling on our cities' streets; and
17. **WHEREAS**, The United States Conference of Mayors recognizes that traffic fatalities are not inevitable,
18. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The United States Conference of Mayors adopts the goal of Vision Zero – that No loss of life is acceptable on our cities' streets; and
19. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that The United States Conference of Mayors recognizes the leadership of U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary

Anthony Foxx and his work on this issue through the Mayors' Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets; and

20. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that The United States Conference of Mayors urges Congress, as it reauthorizes surface transportation programs in MAP-21, to maximize funding and flexibility to local governments, through programs like the Highway Safety Improvement Program, TIGER, and Transportation Alternatives Program, to allow for and support needed investments in safety improvements on our roads to achieve the goals of Vision Zero.

Projected cost: Unknown