RESOLUTION No. 37130 As Amended

Adopt the goal of Vision Zero – that no loss of life is acceptable on our city streets (Resolution)

WHEREAS, the life and health of Portland’s residents are our utmost priority; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is the concept that there is no acceptable number of traffic deaths and serious injuries on our roadways; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland recognizes that no one should die or be seriously injured while travelling on our city streets; and

WHEREAS, children, the elderly, people of color and people in low-income communities face a disproportionate risk of traffic injuries and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, people walking and bicycling represent a disproportionate number of these fatalities, and in 2014 half of the people who died in crashes in Portland were pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland continues to invest in Portland’s ten High Crash Corridors which, while representing just 3% of our roadway network, account for 51% of Portland’s pedestrian fatalities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland is working towards reducing vehicle speeds because the likelihood of pedestrians surviving a crash are 15% if hit by a vehicle moving 40 mph; and

WHEREAS, Portland strives to provide Safe Routes to Schools to thousands of school children every year; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation, through the Mayors’ Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets has challenged Mayors to take significant action on improving the safety of transportation networks for pedestrians and bicyclists of all ages and abilities and the City of Portland accepted that challenge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Portland adopts the goal of Vision Zero – that no loss of life is acceptable on our city streets; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Vision Zero Safety Committee will be formed to advise City Council on the development and implementation of a Vision Zero Safety Action Plan; and shall be comprised of organizations and agencies with expertise in transportation, enforcement, education, public health, emergency response, equity, transit, biking, walking, vehicles and freight; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Council directs the Vision Zero Safety Committee to develop assurances against racial profiling and targeting as it pertains to Vision Zero enforcement and to ensure that communities of color, police bureau and community leadership are included in the decision-making and development of enforcement plans or policies.

Adopted by the Council, JUN 17 2015

Commissioner Steve Novick
Prepared by: Margi Bradway:sc:slg
Date Prepared: June 8, 2015

Mary Hull Caballero
Auditor of the City of Portland
By
Deputy
Adopt the goal of Vision Zero – that no loss of life is acceptable on our city streets. (Resolution)