

CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
RESOLUTION NO.
SERIES 2019

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING CITY COUNCIL POLICY K-24,
VISION ZERO POLICY

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is an integrated set of policies, plans, programs, and approaches based on the philosophy that loss of life from traffic collisions is unacceptable and preventable; and

WHEREAS, in the Fiscal Year 2017-18 through Fiscal Year 2018-19 City Council Major Goals Work Plan, under the Major Goal to “Develop and Implement Comprehensive and Coordinated Transportation Strategies to Achieve Mobility, Connectivity, and Safety for People of All Ages,” the City Council directed staff to “Adopt and Implement a Vision Zero Policy/Program”; and

WHEREAS, in the Fiscal Year 2019-20 through Fiscal Year 2020-21 City Council Major Goals Work Plan, under the Major Goal to “Develop and Implement Comprehensive and Innovative Transportation Strategies to Achieve Mobility, Connectivity, and Safety for People of All Ages,” the City Council directed staff to “Continue to Implement a Vision Zero Policy/Program”; and

WHEREAS, the Mountain View General Plan established Public Safety (PSA) Policy PSA-1 and Policy PSA-2.2 on striving for a high level of community safety, and ensuring a sense of safety throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the Mountain View General Plan established Land Use and Design (LUD) Policy LUD-3 to support complete neighborhoods, transit use, and community health; and

WHEREAS, the Mountain View General Plan established Mobility (MOB) Policy MOB-3 to provide, encourage, and preserve a safe and comfortable pedestrian network for people of all ages and abilities, and Policy LUD-9.4 to ensure that development enhances pedestrian safety; and

WHEREAS, the Mountain View General Plan established Policy MOB-6 to prioritize and promote safe and convenient pedestrian and bicycling access to school for all children; and

WHEREAS, the Mountain View General Plan established Policy MOB-4 to achieve a comprehensive and well-used bicycle network that comfortably accommodates bicyclists of all ages and skill levels, including improving facilities, eliminating gaps, using planning processes to carry out improvements, and promoting bicycle safety through education of bicyclists and motorists; and

WHEREAS, key components of a strong Vision Zero strategy include:

- A data-driven, systems-based approach to understanding traffic safety;
- A clear Vision Zero goal to eliminate traffic fatalities within a certain time;
- Public commitment to the Vision Zero goal by elected officials;
- Development, adoption, and implementation of a Vision Zero Action Plan;
- Establishment of a multi-departmental working group or leadership committee;
- Equitable and collaborative community engagement; and
- Ongoing monitoring and evaluation of results and updating of the Vision Zero Action Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mountain View that the City of Mountain View hereby adopts City Council Policy K-24, as shown in Exhibit A attached to this resolution, and directs City staff to advance this policy through a Vision Zero Action Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Mountain View will continue taking a leadership role and partner with other local and regional agencies to actively pursue the goal of achieving zero traffic fatalities.

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Exhibit: A. City Council Policy K-24, Vision Zero Policy

PROPOSED CITY COUNCIL POLICY

SUBJECT: Vision Zero

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this Policy is to establish a Vision Zero goal for the City of Mountain View and to set standards to guide the City in its efforts to eliminate fatal and severe injury traffic collisions among all road users, including those walking, bicycling, and driving.

POLICY:

The City of Mountain View bases the Vision Zero Policy on the principles that:

1. Loss of life from traffic collisions is unacceptable and often preventable.
2. Humans are inherently vulnerable, and the transportation system should be designed to protect human life to the extent feasible.
3. Human error is inevitable and unpredictable, and the transportation system should be designed to anticipate error so that the consequence of a collision is not severe injury or death.
4. Safe human behaviors, education, and enforcement are essential to a safe system.

To this end, the goals of the City of Mountain View are to do the following:

1. Work to eliminate fatal traffic collisions by 2030;
2. Work to decrease traffic collisions involving fatalities or severe injuries (KSI collisions) by 50 percent by 2030 from a 2016 baseline of 15 collisions;
3. Work to decrease the three-year annual average number of people killed or severely injured in collisions by 15 percent every three years from a current three-year annual average baseline of 19 people;

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4. Form an interdepartmental committee of City staff to implement the City's Vision Zero Action Plan;
5. Adopt a continuous improvement approach to reducing KSI collisions with established evaluation metrics and tracked outcomes;
6. Adopt an action plan consisting of a variety of appropriate engineering, education, enforcement, encouragement, equity, and engagement programs to reduce traffic collisions in the City of Mountain View;
7. Prioritize collaboration and data-based strategies to deliver effective and equitable outcomes; and
8. Support regional, State, and Federal efforts to implement laws, policies, and regulations that promote Vision Zero objectives.

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