City of Biggs

Agenda Item Staff Report
for the Regular City Council Meeting:
September 13, 2016

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: City Administrator

SUBJECT: City Delegates and Positions on League of California Cities Policy Resolutions

The Council is asked to re-affirm its designated delegates to the annual conference and to consider the various League of California Cities resolutions attached and advise its voting delegates as to positions to take on proposed policy issues at the annual business meeting of the League of California Cities scheduled for October 5th through 7th, 2016.

Recommendation

Advise city delegate of positions on proposed resolutions.

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August 16, 2016

TO: Mayors, City Managers and City Clerks
League Board of Directors

RE: Annual Conference Resolutions Packet
Notice of League Annual Meeting

Enclosed please find the 2016 Annual Conference Resolutions Packet.

Annual Conference in Long Beach. This year's League Annual Conference will be held October 5 – 7 in Long Beach. The conference announcement has previously been sent to all cities and we hope that you and your colleagues will be able to join us. More information about the conference is available on the League's Web site at www.cacities.org/ac. We look forward to welcoming city officials to the conference.

Closing Luncheon/General Assembly - Friday, October 7, 12:00 p.m. The League's General Assembly Meeting will be held at the Long Beach Convention Center.

Resolutions Packet. At the Annual Conference, the League will consider one resolution introduced by the deadline, Saturday, August 6, 2016, midnight. The resolution is included in this packet. Resolutions submitted to the General Assembly must be concurred in by five cities or by city officials from at least five or more cities. These letters of concurrence are included with this packet. We request that you distribute this packet to your city council.

We encourage each city council to consider this resolution and to determine a city position so that your voting delegate can represent your city's position on the resolution. A copy of the resolution packet is posted on the League's website for your convenience: www.cacities.org/resolutions.

The resolutions packet contains additional information related to consideration of the resolution at the Annual Conference. This includes the date, time and location of the meetings at which the resolution will be considered.

Voting Delegates. Each city council is encouraged to designate a voting delegate and two alternates to represent their city at the General Assembly Meeting. A letter asking city councils to designate their voting delegate and two alternates has already been sent to each city. If your city has not yet appointed a voting delegate, please contact Meg Desmond at (916) 658-8224 or email: mdesmond@cacities.org.

Please Bring This Packet to the Annual Conference
October 5 – 7, Long Beach

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Annual Conference Resolutions Packet

2016 Annual Conference Resolutions

Long Beach, California

October 5 – 7, 2016

INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES

RESOLUTIONS CONTAINED IN THIS PACKET: The League bylaws provide that resolutions shall be referred by the president to an appropriate policy committee for review and recommendation. Resolutions with committee recommendations shall then be considered by the General Resolutions Committee at the Annual Conference.

This year, one resolution has been introduced for consideration by the Annual Conference and referred to the League policy committees.

POLICY COMMITTEES: One policy committee will meet at the Annual Conference to consider and take action on the resolution referred to them. The committee is Transportation, Communication and Public Works. The committee will meet 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 5, 2016, at the Hyatt Regency. The sponsor of the resolution has been notified of the time and location of the meeting.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: This committee will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 6, at the Hyatt Regency in Long Beach, to consider the report of the policy committee regarding the resolution. This committee includes one representative from each of the League's regional divisions, functional departments and standing policy committees, as well as other individuals appointed by the League president. Please check in at the registration desk for room location.

ANNUAL LUNCHEON/BUSINESS MEETING/GENERAL ASSEMBLY: This meeting will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, October 7, at the Long Beach Convention Center.

PETITIONED RESOLUTIONS: For those issues that develop after the normal 60-day deadline, a resolution may be introduced at the Annual Conference with a petition signed by designated voting delegates of 10 percent of all member cities (48 valid signatures required) and presented to the Voting Delegates Desk at least 24 hours prior to the time set for convening the Annual Business Meeting of the General Assembly. This year, that deadline is 12:00 p.m., Thursday, October 6. Resolutions can be viewed on the League's Web site: www.cacities.org/resolutions.

Any questions concerning the resolutions procedures may be directed to Meg Desmond at the League office: mdesmond@cacities.org or (916) 658-8224

GUIDELINES FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

Policy development is a vital and ongoing process within the League. The principal means for deciding policy on the important issues facing cities is through the League's eight standing policy committees and the board of directors. The process allows for timely consideration of issues in a changing environment and assures city officials the opportunity to both initiate and influence policy decisions.

Annual conference resolutions constitute an additional way to develop League policy. Resolutions should adhere to the following criteria.

Guidelines for Annual Conference Resolutions

1. Only issues that have a direct bearing on municipal affairs should be considered or adopted at the Annual Conference.

2. The issue is not of a purely local or regional concern.

3. The recommended policy should not simply restate existing League policy.

4. The resolution should be directed at achieving one of the following objectives:

   (a) Focus public or media attention on an issue of major importance to cities.

   (b) Establish a new direction for League policy by establishing general principals around which more detailed policies may be developed by policy committees and the board of directors.

   (c) Consider important issues not adequately addressed by the policy committees and board of directors.

   (d) Amend the League bylaws (requires 2/3 vote at General Assembly).

LOCATION OF MEETINGS

Policy Committee Meetings
Wednesday, October 5
Hyatt Regency Long Beach
200 South Pine Street, Long Beach

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.: Transportation, Communication & Public Works

General Resolutions Committee
Thursday, October 6, 1:00 p.m.
Hyatt Regency Long Beach
200 South Pine Street, Long Beach

Annual Business Meeting and General Assembly Luncheon
Friday, October 7, 12:00 p.m.
Long Beach Convention Center
300 East Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach

KEY TO ACTIONS TAKEN ON RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions have been grouped by policy committees to which they have been assigned.

Number	Key Word Index	Reviewing Body Action		
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1 - Policy Committee Recommendation to General Resolutions Committee
2 - General Resolutions Committee
3 - General Assembly

TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, AND PUBLIC WORKS POLICY COMMITTEE

		1	2	3
1	Vision Zero			

Information pertaining to the Annual Conference Resolutions will also be posted on each committee's page on the League website: www.cacities.org. The entire Resolutions Packet will be posted at: www.cacities.org/resolutions.

KEY TO ACTIONS TAKEN ON RESOLUTIONS *(Continued)*

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KEY TO REVIEWING BODIES

1. Policy Committee
2. General Resolutions Committee
3. General Assembly

ACTION FOOTNOTES

* Subject matter covered in another resolution

** Existing League policy

*** Local authority presently exists

KEY TO ACTIONS TAKEN

A	Approve
D	Disapprove
N	No Action
R	Refer to appropriate policy committee for study
a	Amend+
Aa	Approve as amended+
Aaa	Approve with additional amendment(s)+
Ra	Refer as amended to appropriate policy committee for study+
Raa	Additional amendments and refer+
Da	Amend (for clarity or brevity) and Disapprove+
Na	Amend (for clarity or brevity) and take No Action+
W	Withdrawn by Sponsor

Procedural Note:
The League of California Cities resolution process at the Annual Conference is guided by the League Bylaws. A helpful explanation of this process can be found on the League's website by clicking on this link: Resolution Process.

1. **RESOLUTION COMMITTING THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES TO SUPPORTING VISION ZERO, TOWARD ZERO DEATHS, AND OTHER PROGRAMS OR INITIATIVES TO MAKE SAFETY A TOP PRIORITY FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS AND POLICY FORMULATION, WHILE ENCOURAGING CITIES TO PURSUE SIMILAR INITIATIVES**

Source: City of San Jose
Concurrence of five or more cities/city officials: Cities: Fremont; Los Angeles; Sacramento; San Diego; San Francisco; Santa Monica; and West Hollywood
Referred to: Transportation, Communication and Public Works Policy Committees
Recommendation to General Resolution Committee:

WHEREAS, each year more than 30,000 people are killed on streets in the United States in traffic collisions; and

WHEREAS, traffic fatalities in America hit a seven-year high in 2015 and is estimated to have exceeded 35,000 people; with pedestrians and cyclists accounting for a disproportionate share; and

WHEREAS the Centers for Disease Control recently indicated that America's traffic death rate per person was about double the average of peer nations; and

WHEREAS Vision Zero and Toward Zero Deaths are comprehensive strategies to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries using a multi-disciplinary approach, including education, enforcement and engineering measures; and

WHEREAS a core principal of Vision Zero and Toward Zero Deaths is that traffic deaths are preventable and unacceptable; and

WHEREAS cities across the world have adopted and implemented Vision Zero and Toward Zero Deaths strategies and successfully reduced traffic fatalities and severe injuries occurring on streets and highways; and

WHEREAS safe, reliable and efficient transportation systems are essential foundations for thriving cities.

RESOLVED that the League of California Cities commits to supporting Vision Zero, Toward Zero Deaths, and other programs, policies, or initiatives that prioritize transportation safety;

AND encourage cities throughout California to join in these traffic safety initiatives to pursue the elimination of death and severe injury crashes on our roadways;

AND encourage the State of California to consider adopting safety as a top priority for both transportation projects and policy formulation.

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Background Information on Resolution to Support Transportation Safety Programs
Each year more than 30,000 people are killed on streets in the United States in traffic collisions. Traffic fatalities in America hit a seven-year high in 2015 and are estimated to have exceeded 35,000 people, with children, seniors, people of color, low-income and persons with disabilities accounting for a disproportionate share. The Centers for Disease Control recently reported that the traffic death rate per

person in the United States was about double the average of peer nations, with close to 10% of these deaths occurring in California (3,074 in 2014). California's largest city, Los Angeles, has *the* highest rate of traffic death among large U.S. cities, at 6.27 per 100,000 people.

Cities around the world have adopted traffic safety projects and policies that underscore that traffic deaths are both unacceptable and preventable. In 1997, Sweden initiated a program called Vision Zero that focused on the idea that "Life and health can never be exchanged for other benefits within the society." The World Health Organization has officially endorsed Vision Zero laying out traffic safety as an international public health crisis and the United Nations General Assembly introduced the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020 and set the goal for the decade: "to stabilize and then reduce the forecast level of road traffic fatalities around the world" by 50% by 2020.

As of this writing, 18 U.S. cities have adopted Vision Zero programs (including New York City, Boston, Ft. Lauderdale, Austin, San Antonio, Washington DC, and Seattle) to reduce the numbers of fatal crashes occurring on their roads (http://visionzeronetwork.org/map-of-vision-zero-cities/). California cities lead the way, with the cities of San Jose, San Francisco, San Mateo, San Diego, Los Angeles, Long Beach and Fremont having adopted Vision Zero strategies and many others are actively considering adoption.

In 2009 a national group of traffic safety stakeholders launched an effort called "Toward Zero Deaths: A National Strategy on Highway Safety". This initiative has been supported by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) (http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/tzd/) and states throughout the United States, including California (http://www.ots.ca.gov/OTS_and_Traffic_Safety/About_OTS.asp).

This past January the U.S. Department of Transportation launched its "Mayors' Challenge for Safer People and Safer Streets." This effort calls on elected officials to partner with the USDOT and raise the bar for safety for people bicycling and walking by sharing resources, competing for awards, and taking action. The California cities of Beverly Hills, Davis, Maywood, Cupertino, Culver City, Rialto, Santa Monica, Porterville, Los Angles, San Jose, Monterey, Glendale, Irvine, Oakland, Palo Alto, Alameda, West Hollywood and Fullerton signed on to this effort. Additionally, the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), a leading organization for transportation professionals, recently launched a new initiative to aggressively advance the Vision Zero and Towards Zero Deaths movements (http://library.ite.org/pub/ed59a040-caf4-5300-8ffc-35deb33ce03d).

Ultimately all of these programs share the fundamental belief that a data-driven, systems-level, interdisciplinary approach can prevent severe and fatal injuries on our nation's roadways. They employ proven strategies, actions, and countermeasures across education, enforcement and engineering. Support for many of these life-saving programs extends far beyond government agencies, and includes National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO), American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), Kaiser Permanente, AARP, the National Safe Routes to School Partnership, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police, among many others.

There is wide-spread recognition that cities and towns need safe, efficient transportation systems to be economically prosperous. A resolution by the League of California Cities to support transportation safety policies like Vision Zero and Toward Zero Deaths, and encourage implementation of projects and programs that prioritize safety will help California elevate the health and safety of its residents and position us as a leader in national efforts to promote a culture of safe mobility for all.

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League of California Cities Staff Analysis on Resolution No. 1

Staff: Rony Berdugo
Committee: Transportation, Communication, and Public Works

Summary:
The resolved clauses in Resolution No. 1: commits the League of California Cities to:
1) Supporting Vision Zero, Toward Zero Deaths, and other programs, policies, or initiatives that prioritize transportation safety;
2) Encouraging cities throughout California to join in these traffic safety initiatives to pursue the elimination of death and severe injury crashes on our roadways; and
3) Encouraging the State to consider adopting transportation safety as a top priority for transportation projects and policy formulation.

Background:
The City of San Jose notes national and international efforts to reduce fatal and severe injury traffic collisions through systematic data driven approaches, such as Vision Zero and Toward Zero Deaths. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), "Vision Zero is a traffic safety policy, developed in Sweden in the late 1990s and based on four elements: ethics, responsibility, a philosophy of safety, and creating mechanisms for change."[1] Below is a summary of each Vision Zero element, according to WHO:

1. Ethics – Life and health trump all other transportation benefits, such as mobility.

2. Responsibility – Responsibility for crashes and injuries is shared between the providers of the system and the road users.

3. Safety Philosophy – Asserts that a transportation system should account for the unstable relationship of human error with fast/heavy machinery to avoid deaths/serious injury, but accept crashes/minor injuries.

4. Driving Mechanisms for Change – Asserts that road users and providers must both work to guaranteeing road safety, taking measures such as: improving levels of seat belt use, installing crash-protective barriers, wider use of speed camera technology, increasing random breathalyzer tests, and promoting safety in transportation project contracts.

A Vision Zero City meets the following minimum standards:
- Sets clear goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and severe injuries
- Mayor has publicly, officially committed to Vision Zero
- Vision Zero plan or strategy is in place, or Mayor has committed to doing so in clear time frame
- Key city departments (including police, transportation and public health) are engaged

List of cities that meet the minimum Vision Zero standards nationally include: Anchorage, AK; Austin, TX; Boston, MA; Cambridge, MA; Denver, CO; Eugene, OR; Fort Lauderdale, FL; Fremont, CA; Los Angeles, CA; New York, NY; Portland, OR; Sacramento, CA; San Antonio, TX; San Diego, CA; San Francisco, CA; San Jose, CA; Seattle, WA; Washington, DC

List of cities that are considering adoption of Vision Zero nationally include: Ann Arbor, MI; Bellevue, OR; Bethlehem, PA; Chicago, IL; Columbia, MO; Houston, TX; Long Beach, CA;

[1] http://who.int/violence_injury_prevention/publications/road_traffic/world_report/chapter1.pdf

New Orleans, CA; Philadelphia, PA; Pittsburgh, PA; San Mateo, CA; Santa Ana, CA; Santa Cruz, CA; Santa Monica, CA; St. Paul, MN; Tampa, FL[2]

Vision Zero – Samples:

1. San Francisco – In 2015, the City established a two-year action strategy that outlines the projects and policy changes to implement its Vision Zero goal of zero traffic deaths by 2024. The strategy adopts five core principles, such as: 1) traffic deaths are preventable and unacceptable; 2) safety for all road modes and users is the highest priority; 3) transportation system design should anticipate inevitable human error; 4) education, enforcement, and vehicle technology contribute to a safe system; and 5) transportation systems should be designed for speeds that protect human life.[3] The strategy focuses on engineering, enforcement, education, evaluation, and policy changes that can be made to achieve their goals. The City is working on projects, such as:
    a. Creating protected bike lanes
    b. Building wider sidewalks
    c. Reducing traffic speeds[4]

    The City is also exploring policy changes to state law that will allow the City to place traffic cameras near schools and senior centers to cite speeding drivers through automated speed enforcement.[5]

2. Los Angeles – the City has established a commitment to eliminate all traffic deaths by 2025. They have identified a network of streets, known as the High Injury Network (HIN)[6], which maps out their areas of concern where they plan on making strategic investments in reducing deaths/severe injury. According to the City, only 6% of their city streets account for 2/3 of all deaths/severe injury for pedestrians. The City highlights the three following projects as part of their Vision Zero efforts[7]:
    a. Installation of 22 new Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPIs) at signals throughout the city, which gives pedestrians a head start against right-turning vehicles when crossing
    b. Installation of a pedestrian scramble at the intersection of Hollywood and Highland, which stops traffic in all four-directions during pedestrian crossing.
    c. Installation of curb extensions along Cesar E. Chavez Avenue in their HIN, which reduces the crossing distance for pedestrians, narrows the intersections, and reduces speed for turning vehicles.

San Francisco's Vision Zero Categories:

1. Engineering – implement treatments and redesign streets to reduce the frequency and severity of collisions (i.e. using/implementing: high injury network maps, signal timing, high visibility crosswalks, bus stop lengths, etc.)

2. Enforcement – use data driven approach to cite and focus on violations of the California Vehicular Code and S.F. Transportation Code that identify as causative in severe and fatal collisions (i.e. explore implementation of E-citation Pilot, reporting on traffic collision data, police training, etc.)

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[2] http://visionzeronetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/VZ-map-April-20-2016-4.jpg
[3] http://www.joomag.com/magazine/vision-zero-san-francisco/0685197001423594455?short
[4] http://visionzerosf.org/vision-zero-in-action/engineering-streets-for-safety/
[5] http://visionzerosf.org/vision-zero-in-action/public-policy-for-change/
[6] http://ladot.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/index.html?appid=488062f00db44ef0a29bf481aa337cb3
[7] http://visionzero.lacity.org/actions/

3. Education – coordinate among city departments to create citywide strategy for outreach and safety programs, such as Safe Routes to Schools. (i.e. education campaign includes – Safe Streets SF, large vehicle safe driving for municipal vehicles, etc.)
4. Evaluation – evaluate the impact of engineering, enforcement, education and policy efforts to provide recommendations for refinement (i.e. use of web-based data sharing and tracking systems for transparency and accountability).

5. Policy – support and mobilize local and state policy initiatives that advance Vision Zero (i.e. Advance Automated Safety Enforcement initiative at the state level, in-vehicle technology usage, partnering with state and federal agencies on administrative and legal issues, etc.)

In its annual reporting, the City has established the following measures for successful benchmarks:

- Decreasing total severe and fatal injuries
- Decreasing the proportion of severe and fatal injuries in communities of concern to address social inequities
- Decreasing medical costs at SF General Hospital relating to collisions
- Increasing the number of engineering projects and miles of streets receiving safety improvements
- Decreasing the speeds on SF streets
- Increasing investigation and prosecution of vehicular manslaughter
- Increasing public awareness of Vision Zero and traffic safety laws
- Increasing policy changes made at the state and local levels to advance Vision Zero

Toward Zero Deaths – The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) within the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) is committed to the vision of eliminating fatalities and serious injuries on national roadways. FHWA has a strategic goal of ensuring the "nation's highway system provides safe, reliable, effective, and sustainable mobility for all users."[8] It is essentially the national version of Vision Zero administered primarily through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).

At the state level, the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) has a mission to "effectively and efficiently administer traffic safety grant funds to reduce traffic deaths, injuries, and economic losses."[9] They make available grants to local and state public agencies for traffic law enforcement, public traffic safety education, and other programs aimed at reducing fatalities, injuries, and economic loss from collisions.

Support: City of Fremont, City of Los Angeles, City of Sacramento, City of San Francisco, City of San Jose, City of Santa Monica, and City of West Hollywood

Opposition: One individual

Fiscal Impact: Unknown. The costs to any particular city can vary tremendously depending on the level and scope of investment any particular city would seek to make. For example, the City of San Francisco has Vision Zero project costs ranging from $30,000 for pedestrian safety treatments up to $12,000,000 for a Streetscape project. The cost of any particular effort could be well below, above, and anywhere between those ranges for Vision Zero implementation.

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[8] http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/tzd/

[9] http://www.ots.ca.gov/OTS_and_Traffic_Safety/About_OTS.asp

Comment:

1) Policy committee members are encouraged to consider carefully how the adoption of the resolved clause in this resolution may affect the League's future policy when it comes to advocating for transportation funding and other existing priorities. While the clause "encouraging cities throughout California to join in these traffic safety initiatives to pursue the elimination of death and severe injury crashes on our roadways" provides an opportunity to highlight strategies that can be considered to improve transportation safety, two other aspects of the resolved appear to establish new policy for the organization in that it would "commit" the League to:
    - Supporting Vision Zero, Toward Zero Deaths, and other programs, policies, or initiatives that prioritize transportation safety.
    - Encouraging the State to consider adopting transportation safety as a top priority for transportation projects and policy formulation.

2) Effects of various strategies to improve transportation safety can vary. According to an article published in the San Francisco Chronicle on March 26, 2016, deaths in San Francisco traffic were not falling despite Vision Zero efforts.[10] The article notes that there were seven deaths in 2016, while there was only one in the first 10 weeks of 2015 and seven in 2014 during the same period. The San Francisco Department of Public Health commented that despite these incidents, it's too early to make any conclusions about Vision Zero's effectiveness. In Los Angeles, however, the city has cited significant decreases in severe and fatal injuries with implementation of certain technologies, such as installation of pedestrian scrambles. The success of Vision Zero in any particular city will likely depend on the level of investment and scope of the project(s) as the projects can vary widely.

3) In the fifth "Whereas" clause from the top, the word "principal" should be "principle."

Existing League Policy: "The League supports additional funding for local transportation and other critical unmet infrastructure needs. One of the League's priorities is to support a consistent and continuous appropriation of new monies from various sources directly to cities and counties for the preservation, maintenance and rehabilitation of the local street and road system. New and additional revenues should meet the following policies:

- System Preservation and Maintenance. Given the substantial needs for all modes of transportation, a significant portion of new revenues should be focused on system preservation. Once the system has been brought to a state of good repair, revenues for maintenance of the system would be reduced to a level that enables sufficient recurring maintenance.
- Commitment to Efficiency. Priority should be given to using and improving current systems. Recipients of revenues should incorporate operational improvements and new technology in projects.
- All Users Based System. New revenues should be borne by all users of the system from the traditional personal vehicle that relies solely on gasoline, to those with new hybrid or electric technology, to commercial vehicles moving goods in the state, and even transit, bicyclists, and pedestrians who also benefit from the use of an integrated transportation network.
- Alternative Funding Mechanisms. Given that new technologies continue to improve the efficiency of many types of transportation methods, transportation stakeholders must be open to new alternative funding mechanisms. Further, the goal of reducing greenhouse gases is also expected to affect vehicle miles traveled, thus further reduce gasoline consumption and revenue from the existing gas tax. The

[10] http://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/Deaths-in-S-F-traffic-not-falling-despite-Vision-7182486.php

existing user based fee, such as the base $0.18-cent gas tax is a declining revenue source. Collectively, we must have the political will to push for sustainable transportation revenues.

- Unified Statewide Solution. For statewide revenues, all transportation stakeholders must stand united in the search for new revenues. Any new statewide revenues should address the needs of the entire statewide transportation network, focused in areas where there is defensible and documented need.
- Equity. New revenues should be distributed in an equitable manner, benefiting both the north and south and urban, suburban, and rural areas as well as being equally split between state and local projects.
- Flexibility. Needs vary from region to region and city to city. New revenues and revenue authority should provide the flexibility for the appropriate level of government to meet the goals of the constituents.
- Accountability. All tax dollars should be spent properly, and recipients of new revenues should be held accountable to the taxpayers, whether at the state or local level." [11]

Additionally, the League adopted to "Increase Funding for Critical Transportation and Water Infrastructure" as its number one strategic goal for 2016. It reads, "Provide additional state and federal financial assistance and new local financing tools to help meet the critical transportation (streets, bridges, active transportation, and transit) and water (supply, sewer, storm water, flood control, etc.) infrastructure maintenance and construction needs throughout California's cities."[12]

[11] http://www.cacities.org/Resources-Documents/Policy-Advocacy-Section/Policy-Development/2016-Summary-of-Existing-Policy-and-Guiding-Princi.aspx

[12] http://www.cacities.org/Secondary/About-Us/Strategic-Priorities

LETTERS OF CONCURRENCE

Resolution No. 1

VISION ZERO

CITY OF Fremont

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July 21, 2016

The Honorable Dennis Michael, President
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RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF INITITIAVES TO PRIOIRITZE TRAFFIC SAFEY THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA

Dear President Michael,

The City of Fremont enthusiastically endorses the proposed resolution to support the implementation of initiatives to eliminate traffic deaths and severe injuries on our roadways. Fremont is among the early adopters of the Vision Zero traffic safety strategy. With City Council's approval of our Fremont Vision Zero 2020 action plan in March 2016, we are already seeing the benefits of building a safety first culture in our community.

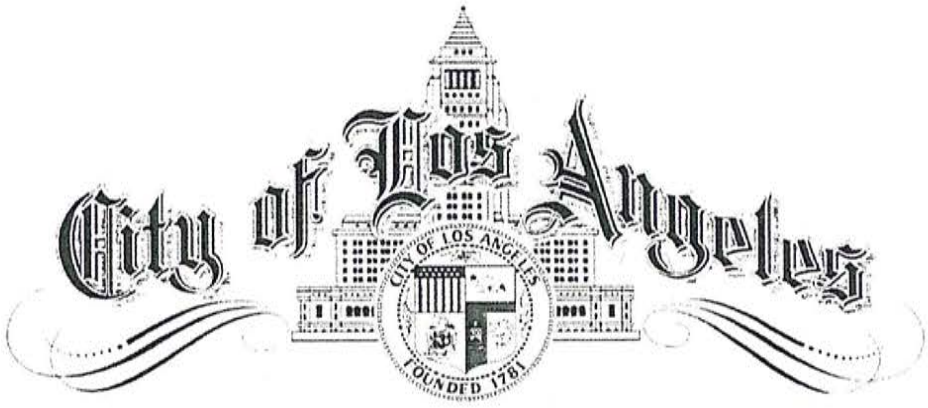
I strongly encourage other California cities to join a growing coalition of support for Vision Zero. Accordingly, we concur in the submission of the resolution for consideration by the League of Cities General Assembly at its annual meeting on October 5, 2016.

Traffic fatalities in America hit a seven-year high in 2015 and is estimated to have exceeded 35,000 people. This is about double the average of peer nations and must be addressed. Safety of our residents and visitors is paramount and this is especially true on the roads and streets of our cities. We must put safety as the top priority for all users of our streets. It is fundamental for the prosperity of California cities as safe, efficient, organized transportation systems are essential for economically vibrant and sustainable communities.

The City of Fremont has embraced Vision Zero and we are in strong support of expanded transportation safety in California cities and support the proposed Resolution.

Sincerely,

Bill Harrison
Mayor



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August 2, 2016

The Honorable Dennis Michael
President
League of California Cities
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Sacramento, California 95814

RE: League of California Cities Resolution Supporting Initiatives to Prioritize Traffic Safety

Dear President Michael:

We write in support of the proposed resolution to support the adoption and implementation of Vision Zero initiatives throughout California to eliminate traffic fatalities and injuries. Vision Zero and Towards Zero Deaths strategies have been adopted in cities throughout California, including the City of Los Angeles. Accordingly, we concur in the submission of the resolution for consideration by the League of Cities General Assembly at its annual meeting on October 5, 2016.

Every year, more than 200 people are killed while trying to move around Los Angeles. Nearly half of the people who die on Los Angeles streets are people walking and bicycling, and an alarming number of them are children and older adults. The safety of our residents and visitors is paramount. If we can realize Vision Zero throughout California, children will be safer walking to school, families will be safer going to the park, and commuters will be safer getting to work.

The City of Los Angeles adopted Vision Zero as part of its Transportation Strategic Plan, and an executive directive was issued in 2015 directing its implementation. We are in strong support of Vision Zero in California, and we support the proposed Resolution.

Sincerely,

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

JOE BUSCAINO
Councilmember, 15th District
League of California Cities Representative

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CITY OF SACRAMENTO
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July 27, 2016

The Honorable Dennis Michael, President
League of California Cities
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Sacramento, California 95814

RE: RESOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF INITIATIVES TO PRIORITIZE TRAFFIC SAFETY THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA

Dear President Michael,

The City of Sacramento supports the proposed resolution to support the adoption and implementation of initiatives to prioritize transportation safety toward eliminating death and severe injuries on our roadways. ***Vision Zero*** and ***Towards Zero Deaths*** strategies have been adopted in many cities and Sacramento is currently developing its own ***Vision Zero Action Plan***.

Accordingly, we concur in the submission of the resolution for consideration by the League of Cities General Assembly at its annual meeting on October 5, 2016.

Traffic fatalities in America hit a seven-year high in 2015 and are estimated to have exceeded 35,000 people. This is about double the average of peer nations and must be addressed. Safety of our residents and visitors is paramount and this is especially true on roads and streets of our cities. We must put safety as a top priority for all users of our streets. It is fundamental for prosperity of California cities as safety, efficient, organized transportation systems are essential for economically vibrant and sustainable communities.

The City of Sacramento is in strong support of prioritized and expanded transportation safety in California cities and supports the proposed Resolution.

Sincerely,

Jay Schenirer, Council Member
Chair, Law & Legislation Committee

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THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

August 9, 2016

The Honorable Dennis Michael, President
League of California Cities
1400 K Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear President Michael:

RE: A resolution of the league of California Cities Supporting the Adoption and Implementation of Initiatives to Prioritize Traffic Safety throughout California

The City of San Diego Transportation & Storm Water Department supports the proposed resolution to support the adoption and implementation of initiatives to eliminate death and severe injuries on our roadways. Vision Zero and Towards Zero Deaths strategies have been adopted in numerous cities throughout California, including the City of San Diego (Attachment 1). Accordingly, we concur in the submission of the resolution for consideration by the League of Cities General Assembly at its annual meeting on October 5, 2016.

Traffic fatalities in America hit a seven-year high in 2015 and is estimated to have exceeded 35,000 people. This is about double the average of peer nations and must be addressed. Safety of our residents and visitors is paramount and this is especially true on the roads and streets of our cities. We must put safety as the top priority for all users of our streets. It is fundamental for the prosperity of California cities as safe, efficient, organized transportation systems are essential for economically vibrant and sustainable communities.

The City of San Diego Transportation & Storm Water Department has embraced Vision Zero/Towards Zero Death and I am in strong support of expanded transportation safety in California cities and support the proposed Resolution.

Sincerely,

Kris McFadden
Director

Attachment: A Resolution of the Council of the City of San Diego Adopting a Vision Zero Plan to Eliminate Traffic Fatalities and Serious Injuries in the Next Ten Years

cc: Katherine Johnston, Director of Infrastructure and Budget Policy, Office of the Mayor
Kristin Tillquist, Director of State Government Affairs, Office of the Mayor
Vic Bianes, Assistant Director, Transportation & Storm Water Department
Linda Marabian, Deputy Director, Traffic Engineering Operations

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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 310042

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE NOV 03 2015

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO ADOPTING A VISION ZERO PLAN TO ELIMINATE TRAFFIC FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES IN THE NEXT TEN YEARS.

WHEREAS, on average one person each day is seriously injured or killed on the road while walking, bicycling, or driving the streets of San Diego; and,

WHEREAS, the City has adopted numerous studies and plans that outline design concepts to improve safety for people walking and biking in the City including a Pedestrian Master Plan and Bicycle Master Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego's draft Climate Action Plan proposes to achieve 50 percent of commuter mode share for walking, biking and transit use in transit priority areas by 2050 and safer conditions for walking and biking can help implement this Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the City will increase in population by approximately 30 percent by 2050 and the majority of growth will result from infill development thereby increasing demand for safe walking and bicycling; and,

WHEREAS, communities in San Diego have prioritized infrastructure projects that improve walking and biking safety among other project types as represented by the Community Planning Committee report to Infrastructure Committee in November 2013; and,

WHEREAS, the City incurs costs to respond to lawsuits alleging the City's failure to provide safer streets; and,

WHEREAS, restoring infrastructure in the City is a priority of the Council and Mayor; and,

WHEREAS, Vision Zero provides a framework for reducing traffic deaths to zero through a combination of safe engineering measures, education, and enforcement practices; and,

WHEREAS, Vision Zero has been adopted in many cities throughout the country, most notably in New York City which has seen the lowest number of pedestrian fatalities in its first year of implementation since documentation began in 1910; and,

WHEREAS, Circulate San Diego is convening an Advisory Committee to advance Vision Zero Goals; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that it hereby adopts a goal of eliminating traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that it urges City staff from the Mayor's office, Transportation and Stormwater Department, San Diego Police Department, and a representative of the City's Bicycle Advisory Committee to attend meetings of Circulate San Diego's Vision Zero Advisory Committee for a limited time to develop a traffic safety plan that will help the City reach the goal of zero traffic deaths and serious injuries; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the traffic safety plan will be guided by innovative engineering solutions to improve road safety for all users, especially the most vulnerable; will measure and evaluate performance annually; and will include enforcement and education strategies to prevent the most dangerous behaviors that cause public harm, especially along the corridors where collisions are most frequent.

APPROVED: JAN I. GOLDSMITH, City Attorney

By _____
Thomas C. Zeleny
Deputy City Attorney

TCZ:cfq
September 24, 2015
Or.Dept:Envir. Comm.
Doc. No.: 1116742

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of Oct 27 2015.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By _____
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 11/2/15 _____
(date)

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KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

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KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on OCT 27 2015, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Sherri Lightner	☒	☐	☐	☐
Lorie Zapf	☒	☐	☐	☐
Todd Gloria	☒	☐	☐	☐
Myrtle Cole	☒	☐	☐	☐
Mark Kersey	☒	☐	☐	☐
Chris Cate	☒	☐	☐	☐
Scott Sherman	☒	☐	☐	☐
David Alvarez	☐	☐	☒	☐
Marti Emerald	☒	☐	☐	☐

Date of final passage NOV 03 2015.

(Please note: When a resolution is approved by the Mayor, the date of final passage is the date the approved resolution was returned to the Office of the City Clerk.)

AUTHENTICATED BY:

KEVIN L. FAULCONER
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

(Seal)

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By _____, Deputy

Office of the City Clerk, San Diego, California

Resolution Number R- 310042

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
SAN FRANCISCO

EDWIN M. LEE
MAYOR

August 1, 2016

The Honorable Dennis Michael
President, League of California Cities
1400 K Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Resolution of the League of California Cities Supporting the Adoption and Implementation of Initiatives to Prioritize Traffic Safety Throughout California

Dear President Michael,

On behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, I am writing to express my support for the proposed resolution to support the adoption and implementation of initiatives to eliminate death and severe injuries on our roadways. Vision Zero and Towards Zero Deaths strategies have been adopted in numerous cities throughout California including San Francisco, San Jose, San Mateo, San Diego, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, and Santa Monica. Accordingly, I encourage the submission of the resolution to support Vision Zero, Toward Zero Deaths, and other initiatives that make traffic safety a priority, which will be considered by the League of Cities General Assembly at its annual meeting on October 5, 2016.

Every year in San Francisco, approximately 30 people lose their lives and over 200 more are seriously injured while traveling on our streets. These deaths and injuries are unacceptable and preventable, and the City is strongly committed to stopping further loss of life. San Francisco adopted Vision Zero as a policy in 2014, committing to build better and safer streets, educate the public on traffic safety, enforce traffic laws, and adopt policy changes that save lives. Our goal is to create a culture that prioritizes traffic safety and to ensure that mistakes on our roadways do not result in serious injuries or deaths. The safety of our residents and the over 18 million visitors that use our streets each year is paramount, and the same holds true for cities across the California, which need safe, efficient, and organized transportation systems to support economically vibrant and sustainable communities.

The City and County of San Francisco has embraced Vision Zero, and I am in strong support of expanded transportation safety in California cities and, in turn, the proposed Resolution.

Sincerely,

Edwin M. Lee
Mayor

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July 21, 2016

The Honorable Dennis Michael, President
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RE: THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES CONSIDERATION OF INITITIAVES TO PRIOIRITZE TRAFFIC SAFEY THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA

Dear President Michael:

The City of Santa Monica supports initiatives to eliminate death and severe injuries on our roadways. Vision Zero and Towards Zero Deaths strategies have been adopted in numerous cities throughout California, leading to the submission of the resolution for consideration by the League of Cities General Assembly at its annual meeting on October 5, 2016.

The City of Santa Monica embraced Secretary Anthony Foxx's Mayor's Challenge for *Safer People, Safer Streets* in March 2015. Simultaneously, the Council directed staff to initiate work on Vision Zero and 8-80 cities – a movement created by Gil Penalosa, to make cities that work for people aged 8 to 80. Combined, these two efforts aim to create streets that are safe and comfortable for people in all modes and of all abilities. In February 2016 the Santa Monica City Council adopted a Vision Zero target in our first Pedestrian Action Plan. We are now actively working to incorporate these visionary targets into City operations.

Our City cares deeply about the safety of our people, and their ability to access good, services, education, social networks and employment. Creating a New Model for Mobility is one of the Council's Five Strategic Goals, identified to organize and advance work on our top priorities. A safe mobility network supports our urgent need to provide transportation options that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and provide equitable access to places and activities that support community Wellbeing. Reducing and ultimately eliminating severe injury and fatal crashes part of a resilient, safe and prosperous community.

Traffic fatalities in America hit a seven-year high in 2015 and is estimated to have exceeded 35,000 people. This is about double the average of peer nations and must be addressed. Safety of our residents and visitors is paramount and this is especially true on the roads and streets of our cities. We must put safety as the top priority for all users of our streets. It is fundamental for the prosperity of California cities as safe, efficient, organized transportation systems are essential for economically vibrant and sustainable communities.

The City of Santa Monica has embraced **Vision Zero/Towards Zero Deaths** and I am in strong support of expanded transportation safety in California cities.

Sincerely,

Tony Vazquez
Mayor

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PAUL AREVALO
CITY MANAGER

July 21, 2016

The Honorable L. Dennis Michael, President
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RESOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF INITITIAVES TO PRIOIRITZE TRAFFIC SAFEY THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA - SUPPORT

Dear President Michael:

The City of West Hollywood supports the proposed resolution to support the adoption and implementation of initiatives to eliminate death and severe injuries on our roadways. ***Vision Zero*** and ***Towards Zero Deaths*** strategies have been adopted in numerous cities throughout California. Accordingly, we concur in the submission of the resolution for consideration by the League of Cities General Assembly at its annual meeting on October 5, 2016.

Traffic fatalities in America hit a seven-year high in 2015, and it is estimated to have exceeded 35,000 people. This is about double the average of peer nations and must be addressed. Safety of our residents and visitors is paramount and this is especially true on the roads and streets of our cities. We must put safety as the top priority for all users of our streets. It is fundamental for the prosperity of California cities as safe, efficient, organized transportation systems are essential for economically vibrant and sustainable communities.

The City of West Hollywood is in strong support of expanded transportation safety in California cities and support the proposed Resolution.

Sincerely,

Paul Arevalo,
CITY MANAGER

c: Honorable Members of the West Hollywood City Council