

San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Department of Public Health estimates that hundreds of pedestrians and bicyclists are injured or killed in traffic collisions each year in San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, pedestrians and cyclists are the most vulnerable road users and account for over half of the traffic deaths in San Francisco with San Francisco having the highest per capita rate of pedestrian injury of all counties in the state of California; and

WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco adopted a Pedestrian Strategy in 2013 to reduce serious or fatal pedestrian injuries by 25 percent by 2016 and by 50 percent by 2021, and a Bicycle Strategy in 2013 to encourage bicycling and decrease the bicycle crash rate by 10% each year; and,

WHEREAS, Vision Zero provides a framework for reducing traffic deaths and serious injuries to zero by the year 2024 through a combination of engineering, education, enforcement, and policy measures, and has been adopted as a goal by the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and at least 10 City agencies; and,

WHEREAS, thousands of residents and visitors, many traveling on foot or by bicycle, enjoy San Francisco's municipal recreation and parks facilities every year; and,

WHEREAS, Recreation and Parks is committed to improving safety on the many miles of trails that lie within San Francisco's parks, and also on the many streets, sidewalks, and parking facilities within the park system, all of which connect to the City's transportation network at many locations; and,

WHEREAS, Recreation and Parks' Strategic Plan calls for the department to strengthen and promote the safety, health, and well-being of San Francisco's youth and seniors;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Recreation and Parks Commission adopts the Vision Zero goal to end traffic deaths and serious injuries by the year 2024 and commits to working with other City agencies and departments to make our streets safer; and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, Recreation and Parks will actively participate in Vision Zero by regularly attending meetings of the Vision Zero Task Force, as well as other Vision Zero meetings as necessary; and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, Recreation and Parks will evaluate opportunities to enhance the safety of connections between streets, sidewalks, paths, and trails and other elements of the City transportation network that are within the Department's jurisdiction, particularly where such connections occur on the Vision Zero High-Injury Network; and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, Recreation and Parks will notify the SFMTA's Sustainable Streets Division when making a new connection between RPD-operated paths and trails and other City streets or sidewalks, or when making substantial improvements to an existing connection, so that the SFMTA may provide feedback to ensure that such connections are created according to safe design standards; and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, Recreation and Parks is committed to ensuring that its employees drive safely when conducting official City business and will continue to provide employees with the department's

safe driver training as well as make available the Vision Zero Education Subcommittee's two training videos on safe urban driving; and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, Recreation and Parks will evaluate the safety of its parking facilities, particularly points of ingress and egress, and identify any opportunities to improve safe operations, and will urge the 3rd-party operators of RPD-owned parking facilities to do the same.