

Vizion Zero Resolution and Vision Zero Action Plan (VZAP)

Public Works Department

Mobility & Infrastructure Committee
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BACKGROUND

- United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) – Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)
- Discretionary Safe Streets For All SS4A Grant Program
- 2022 through 2026 (5 Years)
- \$5 Billion Dollars Total Program
- Implementation and Planning Grants



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BACKGROUND


On June 20, 2023 the City Council approved submittal of an application to the USDOT 2023 SS4A Grant Program

On July 8, 2023 the Public Works Department submitted the grant application with a total grant request of \$11+M

On December 14, 2023, the USDOT informed the City that it's grant application was successful

Planning Grant Funds for Vision Zero Action Plan (VZAP)

- \$300,000 Projects Funds (80% grant funds, 20% local match)



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VISION ZERO RESOLUTION & ACTION PLAN

POLITICAL COMMITMENT

The highest-ranking local officials (Mayor, City Council, City Manager) make an official and public commitment to a Vision Zero goal to achieve zero traffic fatalities and severe injuries among all road users (including people walking, biking, using transit, and driving) within a set timeframe. This should include passage of a local policy laying out goals, timeline, stakeholders, and a commitment to community engagement, transparency, & equitable outcomes.



RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A VISION ZERO POLICY AND ESTABLISHING AN INITIAL GOAL OF REDUCING TRAFFIC DEATHS AND SERIOUS INJURIES BY 50 PERCENT BY 2040.


WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation National Roadway Safety Strategy outlines the comprehensive approach to significantly reduce serious injuries and deaths on the Nation's highways, roads, and streets and commits to a national vision of zero roadway fatalities; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation has a vision to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries on California's roadways by 2050 and provide safer outcomes for all communities as documented in the Director's Policy (DP-36); and

WHEREAS, the Southern California Association of Governments has adopted a Regional Safety Policy (Resolution No. 21-629-1) to commit to working with partner agencies to encourage and support actions towards the elimination of transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries by 2050, if not sooner, in Southern California; and

WHEREAS, the life and health of all persons living and traveling within the City of Riverside ("City") are our utmost priority, and the City is committed to a holistic approach of making proactive roadway improvements to help avoid traffic-related fatalities and to lessen the severity of crashes while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is the concept that preventable traffic deaths and serious injuries on our roadways are unacceptable; and


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TRAFFIC COLLISION ANALYSIS

CITY OF RIVERSIDE
LOCAL ROADWAY SAFETY PLAN

CITY OF RIVERSIDE

PREPARED BY
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Study Years	Fatal	Severe Injury
July 2017 - June 2018	19	62
July 2018 - June 2019	22	90
July 2019 - June 2020	24	52
July 2020 - June 2021	28	66
July 2021 - June 2022	19	57

July 2022 – June 2023: 24 Fatal
July 2023 – June 2024: 12 Fatal

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TRANSPORTATION GRANT CRITERIA

Safe Streets 4 All

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1. Leadership Commitment and Goal Setting

Are **BOTH** of the following true?

- A high-ranking official and/or governing body in the jurisdiction publicly committed to an eventual goal of zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries; and
- The commitment includes either setting a target date to reach zero OR setting one or more targets to achieve significant declines in roadway fatalities and serious injuries by a specific date.

Note: This may include a resolution, policy, ordinance, executive order, or other official announcement from a high-ranking official and the official adoption of a plan that includes the commitment by a legislative body.

If "YES," please list the relevant document(s) and page number(s) that corroborate your response.

YES
 NO

Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)

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BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY DESIGNATION



RIVERSIDE, CA

Fall 2021

KEY STEPS TO SILVER CONTINUED

» Adopt a goal to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries and support this goal with a comprehensive road safety plan or a Vision Zero policy to identify specific strategies to reduce traffic crashes and deaths for all road users, including bicyclists and pedestrians. Introducing low stress

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RIVERSIDE BLUE ZONES

BLUE ZONES IN RIVERSIDE

What is Blue Zones?

Blue Zones uses over 20 years of research and scientifically proven lessons of longevity, health, and happiness from the longest-lived cultures in the world to transform community environments so healthy choices are the easiest to make. We have a proven history of improving well-being for entire populations.

Through a Blue Zones Transformation, Riverside has an opportunity to change not only individual lives but the entire course of health and vitality of the community today and for future generations.

Riverside Opportunities

We've identified the ways in which we can forge a pathway forward, c

BUILT ENVIRONMENT

- Update Street Design Guidelines and Standards
- **Adopt Vision Zero Resolution and Implementation Strategy**
- Continue to Build on Investments in the Downtown Core
- Encourage Diversified Housing Development



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ALIGNMENT WITH NATIONAL, STATE, & REGION



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments, that SCAG hereby adopts a calendar year 2021 safety target of 3.5 percent annual reductions in fatalities and serious injuries to reach the goal of zero by 2050, if not sooner; and

Director's Policy

Number: DP-36
Effective Date: February 15, 2022
Supersedes: New
Responsible Program: Division of Safety Programs



Title Road Safety

Policy

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has a vision to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries on California's roadways by 2050 and provide safer outcomes for all communities. To realize this vision Caltrans commits to:

- A safety first mindset prioritizing road safety.
- Prioritize the elimination of fatal and serious injury crashes through our existing safety improvement programs along with development and implementation of new programs to enhance the safe use of our roadways.

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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

- Strategic Priority No. 2 – Community Well Being Goals 2.4 & 2.5;
- Strategic Priority No. 6 – Infrastructure, Mobility & Connectivity Goal 6.2;
- This item aligns with each cross-cutting thread: Community Trust, Equity, Fiscal Responsibility, Innovation, and Sustainability & Resiliency



Community Trust



Fiscal Responsibility



Sustainability & Resiliency



Equity



Innovation



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Mobility & Infrastructure Committee recommend that the City Council:

1. Adopt a Resolution establishing a Vision Zero policy to work towards a fifty percent reduction of preventable traffic deaths and severe injuries by 2040 (Attachment 1); and
2. Direct staff to develop a City of Riverside Vision Zero Action Plan in alignment with existing national, state, and regional programs and grant funding requirements.



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