

RESOLUTION NO. 24252

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

WHEREAS, streets and transportation systems have traditionally been designed primarily to move cars efficiently, and Vision Zero supports a paradigm shift by designing streets and transportation systems to move all people safely, including people of all ages and abilities, pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit users, scooter riders, and motorcyclists, as well as drivers and passengers of motor vehicles; and

1 WHEREAS, Vision Zero recognizes that people will sometimes make mistakes while
2 driving, so the road system and related policies should be designed to reduce the likelihood that
3 foreseeable driving mistakes result in severe injuries or fatalities; therefore, transportation
4 planners, engineers, and policymakers are expected to improve the roadway environment,
5 policies, and other related systems to lessen the severity of crashes; and

6 WHEREAS, in 2023, there were 23 traffic fatalities in the City and traffic crashes are
7 among the leading cause of deaths in the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, the City's transportation infrastructure serves an increasing number of
9 road users, such as pedestrians and bicyclists; and

10 WHEREAS, according to the City, pedestrians and bicyclists were involved in 23
11 percent of collisions and account for 22 percent of traffic deaths in 2023 in the City; and

12 WHEREAS, the City is working towards reducing vehicle speeds because speed is
13 recognized as a major determining factor of survival in a crash; and

14 WHEREAS, making streets safer for all people using all modes of transportation will
15 encourage people to travel on foot, by bicycle, and by public transit, which supports a healthier,
16 more active lifestyle and reduces environmental pollution; and

17 WHEREAS, successful Vision Zero programs are a result of both a complete
18 government approach (i.e., interdepartmental, coordinated initiatives) and community support
19 of Vision Zero objectives and action plans; and

20 WHEREAS, Vision Zero resolutions have been adopted by many jurisdictions across
21 the United States; and

22 WHEREAS, the City has already adopted a Local Roadway Safety Plan ("LRSP") that
23 creates a framework to systematically identify and analyze transportation safety issues,
24 collaborate with partner agencies and stakeholders, and develop a multidisciplinary toolbox of
25 proven traffic safety countermeasures.

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Riverside,
2 California, as follows:

3 Section 1: The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by reference.

4 Section 2: The City of Riverside supports the development of a Vision Zero Policy that
5 acknowledges preventable loss of life or serious injury is unacceptable on our streets and commits
6 to collecting and analyzing traffic data to support the creation of a Vision Zero Policy.

7 Section 3: The City of Riverside sets the initial goal of reducing traffic deaths and
8 serious injuries by 50 percent by 2040 and will develop and utilize a Vision Zero Policy as a
9 comprehensive and holistic approach to achieving this goal.

Section 4: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 22nd day of April, 2025.

Patricia Sorbara

PATRICIA LOCK DAWSON
Mayor of the City of Riverside

16 || Attest:

18 DONESIA GAUSE
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

1 I, Donesia Gause, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the
2 foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the City Council of said City
3 at its meeting held on the 22nd day of April, 2025, by the following vote, to wit:

4 Ayes: Falcone, Cervantes, Robillard, Conder, Mill, Perry and Hemenway

5 Noes:

6 Abstain:

7 Absent:

8 IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the
9 City of Riverside, California, this 24th day of April, 2025.



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11 DONSEIA GAUSE
12 City Clerk of the City of Riverside
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