

**RESOLUTION URGING THE MAYOR, CHIEF OF POLICE, CHIEF PUBLIC
HEALTH OFFICER, AND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO
ADOPT A “VISION ZERO” STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENT AN ACTION PLAN**

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WHEREAS An average of 126 people die on Detroit roads each year with another 607 sustaining significant injuries; and

WHEREAS The City of Detroit’s Strategic Plan for Transportation includes the goal of making its streets safer for all modes of travel through the adoption of a traffic fatality reduction target; and

WHEREAS The City of Detroit’s Sustainability Action Agenda includes the goal of making it easier and safer to get around Detroit without a personal vehicle by implementing safety measures to reduce crash severity; and

WHEREAS The City of Detroit worked with residents to develop a Streets for People Plan addressing safer streets which is in draft form waiting to be finalized; and

WHEREAS Detroit residents have supported speed humps, streetscapes, and other traffic calming road designs to improve safety; and

WHEREAS The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recognizes road safety as a public health issue and actively supports Vision Zero efforts in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS the 2015 U.S. Conference of Mayors adopted the goal of Vision Zero stating that no loss of life is acceptable on our cities’ streets; and

WHEREAS the Michigan Department of Transportation has stated their commitment to reduce serious injuries and eliminate road fatalities; and

WHEREAS through the 2022 National Roadway Safety Strategy, the U.S. DOT adopted the Safe Systems Approach as the guiding paradigm to address road safety, including the principle that death and serious injuries are unacceptable; and

WHEREAS the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law establishes a Safe Streets for All grant program that funds Vision Zero plans and their implementation; and

WHEREAS Vision Zero can be primarily implemented through infrastructure investment with and law enforcement focusing on reckless and dangerous driving behaviors; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Detroit City Council urges the Mayor, the Chief Public Health Officer, the Chief of Police, and the Director of Public Works to:

- Create a multi-departmental Vision Zero work group that includes additional stakeholders and advocates to help guide and advance this work.
- Adopt a Vision Zero strategy and implement a comprehensive safety action plan to reduce traffic fatalities to zero in the next ten years.
- Complete and adopt in final form the Department of Public Works' Streets for People plan.
- Apply for a Safe Streets for All grant to plan and implement projects within the action plan.
- Encourage the Michigan Department of Transportation to use Highway Safety Improvement Program funding as a Safe Streets for All grant match and/or implementation of the action plan.