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ABSTRACT  
Resolution No. 4400

This resolution sets forth MTC's Regional Safety/Vision Zero Policy to support achievement of safety targets adopted by MTC.

Further discussion of these actions is contained in the MTC Executive Director's Memorandum to the Planning Committee dated June 12, 2020.

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Re: Regional Safety/Vision Zero Policy

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION NO. 4400

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code § 66500 et seq., the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (“MTC”) is the regional transportation planning agency for the San Francisco Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, MTC is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area region, and safety has been a goal included in MTC’s Regional Transportation Plans for twenty years; and

WHEREAS the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Act and the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act require metropolitan planning organizations to frequently set short range performance targets related to safety; and MTC has adopted aspirational regional safety targets as shown in Attachment A; and

WHEREAS, short-range federally-required targets will be incorporated into planning and programming processes in the coming years in compliance with the final Metropolitan Planning rule as adopted by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration on May 27, 2016;

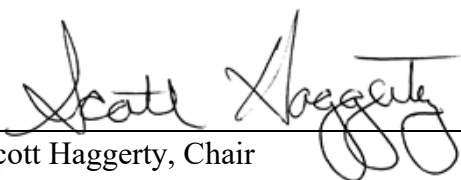
WHEREAS, 23 U.S. Code §450 requires the Regional Transportation plan to include a system performance report, including progress achieved by the MPO in meeting safety performance targets, and requires the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), once implemented is designed to make progress toward achieving the safety performance target.

WHEREAS, “Vision Zero (VZ)” is defined as a strategy to eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all. Effective VZ strategies must be data-driven, and must consider equity and community concerns in all stages; and:

RESOLVED, that MTC hereby adopts a Regional Safety/VZ policy to support achievement of safety targets adopted by MTC, as stated in Attachment A; and:

RESOLVED, that MTC establishes “Proposed Principles and Actions for a Regional Vision Zero Policy” to guide staff in working towards supporting reduction of fatalities and serious injuries across the region, as detailed in Attachment A.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

  
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Scott Haggerty, Chair

The above resolution was approved by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at a regular meeting of the Commission held in San Francisco, California, and at other remote locations, on June 24, 2020.

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**REGIONAL SAFETY/VISION ZERO POLICY STATEMENT:**

Working together with our partner agencies, encourage and support equitable and data-driven actions towards eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries for the Bay Area region by 2030.

**REGIONAL SAFETY TARGETS:**

MTC's current safety targets for the region are based on a Toward Zero Deaths framework, basing targets on a linear reduction to zero fatalities and serious injuries in the region by the year 2030.

**PROPOSED PRINCIPLES AND ACTIONS FOR A REGIONAL VISION ZERO POLICY:**

**Provide Regional Leadership to Promote Safety**

1. MTC will engage and incentivize leadership across local jurisdictions in prioritizing safety and work towards aligning funding investments with safety goals.

**Apply a Data Driven Approach**

2. MTC's safety policies shall be driven and informed by data to allow available funds to be used strategically. Regional safety data will be used for safety target-setting, and monitoring of progress towards regional safety goals.
3. MTC will serve as a regional safety data bank so that cities - especially those with more limited resources - can benefit from an integrated safety data repository and a consistent and reliable source of safety data for traffic safety analysis, evaluation and applying for safety funding.

**Promote Equity in Regional Safety Policies**

4. MTC will advance equity through safety policies noting that communities of concern are the most at risk of suffering from traffic fatalities and serious injuries.
5. MTC will emphasize the importance of protecting all roadway users, including vulnerable users such as pedestrians, bicyclists, and users of new mobility.

**Support Beneficial Safety Policies and Legislation**

6. MTC will encourage safety policies and support safety legislation that targets evidence based solutions to safety problems.

**Educate & Engage**

7. Within budgetary constraints, MTC will conduct public outreach and provide technical assistance - reliable safety data, analytical toolkits, technical expertise - for local jurisdictions across the region, especially those that lack expertise or resources to implement a successful safety program.
8. MTC will engage key regional stakeholders in safety policy development and implementation, including local jurisdictions, counties, police departments, emergency response and others, to collaborate on safety best practices.