

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 315764

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE SEP 23 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO TO AFFIRM SAFETY AS THE CITY'S HIGHEST TRANSPORTATION-RELATED POLICY PRIORITY AND DIRECT THE INDEPENDENT BUDGET ANALYST TO ANALYZE CURRENT POLICIES AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING STREET SAFETY, AND RELATED ACTIONS.

RECITALS

The Council of the City of San Diego (Council) adopts this Resolution based on the following:

A. The Council recognizes that street safety remains a top concern of residents throughout the City of San Diego (City), and that requests for safety enhancements in the City's rights-of-way are among the top constituent inquiries in all nine Council Districts.

B. The City continues its history of constructing public right-of-way that is safe for reasonably careful use through compliance with accepted and applicable engineering principles, as well as the adoption of several plans and studies in recent years, including the Street Design Manual, Pedestrian Master Plan, Mobility Master Plan, and Bicycle Master Plan, which outline design concepts that support safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

C. In 2015, the City committed to "Vision Zero" with the goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and severe injuries by 2025 through a combination of safe engineering measures, education, and enforcement practices.

D. The City's Vision Zero Strategic Plan 2020-2025 calls for ongoing actions that include annually constructing 25 new or improved pedestrian crossings, 40 miles of new or improved bikeway, and at least 2 miles of sidewalk repair or construction.

E. In 2016, the City Auditor issued “Performance Audit of the City’s Programs Responsible for Improving Pedestrian Safety,” which included 18 recommendations to improve pedestrian safety in the City.

F. In 2022, the City adopted an update to the Climate Action Plan (CAP), setting an ambitious citywide goal of net zero emissions by 2035. The CAP includes targets and strategies to encourage walking, biking, and taking transit, and to transition combustion vehicles to zero emissions vehicles.

G. In 2023, the City Auditor issued “Re-review of the 2016 Audit of the City’s Programs Responsible for Improving Pedestrian Safety,” which included eight additional recommendations to improve pedestrian safety in the City.

H. In 2023, the Council adopted Council Policy 900-23 the Complete Streets Policy resolution to establish a framework for the planning, design, and implementation of multimodal facilities that continue to provide safety, comfort, and access to destinations for all users, including pedestrians, persons with disabilities, bicyclists, transit riders, and motorists.

I. In partnership with the Council, Mayor Gloria’s administration has helped advance several key transportation projects that prioritized safety and efficiency, including the Pershing Bikeway, the Georgia-Meade Bikeway, Bayshore Bikeway improvements, the Coastal Rail Trail, and many street and sidewalk enhancements.

J. In recent City budgets, the Council made infrastructure a priority and funded the Safe and Sustainable Transportation All Ages and Abilities Team (STAAT), as well as several transportation-related capital projects that advance safety, including safety improvements, when appropriate, to intersections where crashes, serious injuries, and deaths have occurred.

K. In 2023, there were 45 severe and 30 fatal pedestrian collisions, 32 severe and 19 fatal vehicle collisions, 30 severe and 14 fatal motorcycle collisions, and 19 severe and 3 fatal bicycle collisions, according to the San Diego Police Department's crash report collision data. On average, one person each day is seriously injured or killed on the streets of San Diego while walking, bicycling, or driving.

L. The Council desires to acknowledge that because crashes, serious injury, and deaths continue to occur, the community continues to request further safety related improvements. It is important for the community to know that Council continues to prioritize safety in the adoption of transportation related plans and policies and in funding projects related to the City's transportation systems.

M. The Office of the City Attorney prepared this Resolution based on the information provided by City staff (including information provided by affected third parties and verified by City staff), with the understanding that this information is complete and accurate.

ACTION ITEMS

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of San Diego:

1. The Council recognizes that street safety remains a top concern of residents and affirms that safety is the City's highest transportation-related policy priority.
2. The Office of the Independent Budget Analyst is directed to review and analyze transportation-related San Diego Municipal Code sections, Council Policies, including Council Policies 200-07 and 200-08, and other regulations and guidelines; and provide policy analysis and potential recommendations on options that will continue to provide street safety to the Council's Active Transportation & Infrastructure Committee.

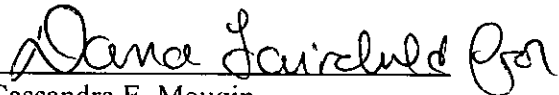
3. The Office of the Independent Budget Analyst is further directed to work with the City's Transportation Department, the Office of the City Attorney, and other relevant City staff to present policy options to the Active Transportation and Infrastructure Committee that prioritize the use of temporary, "quick-build" projects for traffic safety enhancements, drawing upon the practices from other cities and considering new technologies or best practices, including provisions for:

- a. Prioritizing quick-build safety-focused projects particularly in communities that have been historically underserved or disproportionately affected by serious traffic crashes resulting in fatalities and serious injuries.
- b. Ensuring that quick-build projects are implemented rapidly, utilizing low-cost materials such as paint, flexible posts, planters, and temporary barriers, while allowing for iterative improvements based on data collection and community feedback.
- c. Establishing a streamlined process for identifying, designing, and deploying quick-build projects, with a focus on community engagement and transparency.
- d. Allocating dedicated funding and resources for quick-build projects as part of the City's Vision Zero efforts.

e. Monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of quick-build projects

consistent with CP 900-23 and options to adjust or transition to permanent installations based on the success of the project, public input and budget.

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

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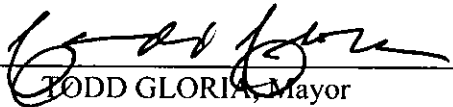
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I certify that the Council of the City of San Diego adopted this Resolution at a meeting held on
SEP 16 2024

DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 9/23/24
(date)


TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on SEP 16 2024, by the following vote:

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Date of final passage SEP 23 2024.

(Please note: When a resolution is approved by the Mayor, the date of final passage is the date the approved resolution was returned to the Office of the City Clerk.)

AUTHENTICATED BY:

TODD GLORIA
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

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DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By *Kristell Medina*, Deputy

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