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Resolution No. 2023-02

Resolution of SANDAG Setting Forth Support to Create a Vision Zero Action Plan for the San Diego Region

WHEREAS, SANDAG is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the San Diego Region; and

WHEREAS, SANDAG is committed to bringing the region's diverse residents and local partners together with unifying regional plans, policies, and programs that result in more healthy, sustainable, and economically resilient communities; and

WHEREAS, SANDAG recognizes hundreds of individuals lose their life and thousands experience life altering injuries each year on our region's public roads; and

WHEREAS, the number of fatalities and severe injuries in the region continues to grow despite efforts to reduce these incidents; and

WHEREAS, a basic tenet of Vision Zero is that fatal and severe crashes are not inevitable, and death and severe injury are not an acceptable cost for using our public roadway system; and

WHEREAS, traffic safety is a social equity issue, and low-income and minority populations are disproportionately impacted by fatal and severe injury crashes; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation has vision of zero fatalities and serious injuries in California by 2050 and the U.S. Department of Transportation has adopted the Safe System approach; and

WHEREAS, crash data is currently available to guide the development of policies and programs in a focused, efficient, and equitable manner; and

WHEREAS, cities across the country are successfully implementing Vision Zero interventions to reduce fatalities and severe injuries; and

WHEREAS, a data-driven safe systems approach is proven to be effective at reducing traffic fatalities and injuries, including through taking into account all aspects of the transportation environment and recognizing there are vulnerable roadway users; and

WHEREAS, developing strategies to improve road safety would assist in implementing the 2021 Regional Plan and the development of future Regional Plans; and

WHEREAS, it is critical for our local jurisdictions to prioritize individual Vision Zero plans to build complete streets and begin to ensure the safety of our pedestrians, cyclists and all road users of all ages and abilities;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

1. Declares that pursuing a Vision Zero Action Plan is integral to fostering a safe, efficient, and equitable transportation system.
2. Supports collaboration with local jurisdictions, public safety and emergency response agencies, transit operators, school districts and colleges, community-based organizations, business stakeholders, health care organizations, the State of California and other federal, state, and regional organizations that have similar goals to achieve Vision Zero.
3. Directs staff to convene a taskforce of relevant nonprofits, organizations, and specialists to guide the development of a Regional Safety Plan.
4. Directs staff to work with the taskforce to develop a comprehensive Regional Vision Zero Action Plan and Policy to guide regional transportation safety efforts and establish a strategy to assist local agencies with Vision Zero planning and implementation in a data-driven and equitable manner.
5. Directs staff to develop a public facing Safety Data Dashboard to support safety analysis, plan, and project development. The dashboard will be integrated with additional datasets to strengthen analysis capabilities and serve as a resource for the entire region, including all municipalities, public agencies, and tribal nations.
6. Support rules, regulations, programs, and funding opportunities including The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (IIJA), to support Safe Routes to School, Safe Streets and Roads for All, and Vision Zero.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd of July 2022.



Chair

Attest:



Secretary

Member Agencies: Cities of Carlsbad, Chula Vista, Coronado, Del Mar, El Cajon, Encinitas, Escondido, Imperial Beach, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, National City, Oceanside, Poway, San Diego, San Marcos, Santee, Solana Beach, Vista, and County of San Diego.

Advisory Members: California Department of Transportation, Metropolitan Transit System, North County Transit District, Imperial County, U.S. Department of Defense, Port of San Diego, San Diego County Water Authority, Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association, and Mexico.