

1 [Intersection Safety Improvements]

2 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to**
3 **implement speed-reducing infrastructure at intersections which serve as**
4 **transition points between freeways and neighborhood streets, create a publicly**
5 **available plan to implement safety infrastructure improvements at high-injury**
6 **intersections which have not yet seen investment by the end of 2024, and urging**
7 **the City and County to review its Vision Zero strategy.**

8 WHEREAS, On August 15, 2023, a 4 year-old child was killed, and their parent
9 seriously injured, by a vehicle at 4th Street and King Street while crossing a crosswalk;
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11 WHEREAS, Following this incident, local street safety organizations and
12 advocates called for three major actions from the San Francisco Municipal
13 Transportation Agency (SFMTA) to address pedestrian safety issues at 4th Street and
14 King Street and other high-injury intersections; and

15 WHEREAS, The first action called for the SFMTA to immediately and
16 comprehensively address safety issues at 4th Street and King Street, including
17 removing a right-turn lane onto King Street, a pedestrian-only phase in the crossing light
18 signal system, lowering the speed limit for vehicles exiting the John F. Foran Freeway
19 (Interstate Highway 280), adding additional speed-reducing and safety infrastructure,
20 and taking into account the high number of pedestrians coming to and from Oracle
21 Baseball Park, the N Judah and T Third Muni Metro lines, and Caltrain; and

22 WHEREAS, The second action called for the SFMTA to implement speed-
23 reducing infrastructure, like reducing lanes and raised crosswalks, on the over 25 high-

1 injury intersections that serve as transition points between freeways and neighborhood
2 streets in San Francisco; and

3 WHEREAS, The third action called for the SFMTA to create a detailed and
4 publicly available plan for how the City and County will implement safety infrastructure
5 improvements, including high-visibility painted crosswalks, daylighting, and a
6 pedestrian-only phase in the crossing light signal system, at the 900 high-injury
7 intersections which have not seen improvements by the end of 2024; and

8 WHEREAS, The second leading cause of death of children in the United States
9 is motor vehicle incidents; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2014, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors adopted BOS File
11 140047 committing the City and County to the goal of zero traffic-related deaths by
12 2024; and

13 WHEREAS, 39 traffic fatalities occurred on city streets in 2022, the highest
14 annual total since Vision Zero was initially adopted, which reflects the failure of existing
15 preventative measures; and

16 WHEREAS, There have been at least 130 collisions involving people under the
17 age of 25 already this year; and

18 WHEREAS, There have already been at least 13 traffic-related fatalities in San
19 Francisco in 2023; and therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the San
21 Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to address and implement the
22 aforementioned actions called for by street safety organizations and advocates,
23 including to 1) address safety issues at 4th Street and King Street, 2) implement speed-

1 reducing infrastructure on high-injury intersections that serve as transition points
2 between freeways and neighborhood streets in San Francisco, and 3) create a detailed
3 and publicly available plan for how the City and County will implement safety
4 infrastructure improvements at the 900 high-injury intersections which have not seen
5 improvements by the end of 2024; and therefore be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the
7 City and County to review its Vision Zero strategy and recommit to reaching its targets
8 by adopting new safety-minded strategies, strengthening existing strategies that have
9 proven effective, and discontinuing ineffective strategies including the effectiveness of
10 current strategies and processes in place to rectify dangerous intersections and streets
11 in a timely manner; and therefore be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That San Francisco Youth Commission staff are
13 directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the Office of the Mayor, Board of
14 Supervisors, and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors.