

Vision Zero Resolution Draft

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Vision Zero Action Plan Resolution Sebastopol, Sonoma County
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL TO
ADOPT THE SONOMA COUNTY VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN
AND COMMIT TO CITY-LEVEL ACTIONS TO
REDUCE TRAFFIC FATALITIES TO ZERO BY THE YEAR 2030

WHEREAS, one death on our streets is one too many; and,

WHEREAS, between 2016 and 2020, there were [XX] traffic fatalities and [XX] crashes that resulted in severe injury in the City of Sebastopol and,

WHEREAS, eight percent of all Sonoma County trips are made on foot or on bicycle, but **19% of traffic-related deaths fall on bicyclists and pedestrians;** and,

WHEREAS, impaired driving, unsafe turns, speeding or failure to follow right-of-way rules are the primary causes in [XX%] of traffic deaths and severe injuries in the City of Sebastopol; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol includes 4 of Sonoma County’s High Injury Intersections (HII) and [XX] miles of the High Injury Network (HIN) [XX of which are within Equity Priority Communities]; and,

WHEREAS, Equity Priority Communities, especially those who have reduced access to transportation or who travel without using private vehicles are most impacted by traffic fatalities and severe injuries; and,

WHEREAS, racial profiling and income inequality are reflected in disparities in traffic enforcement; and,

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2019 the Sebastopol City Council adopted a City Council Resolution declaring a climate emergency and committing to ongoing actions to restore a safe environment; and

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2020 the City Council approved the creation of a Climate Action Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, in June of 2022, the Sebastopol **Climate Action Committee adopted a work plan with a transportation goal to “Make biking, walking, and other active transportation options safer and easier by implementing a complete streets approach to street design” with a subgoal to “Review SCTA’s Vision Zero Report and adopt a Vision Zero Resolution that identifies actions Sebastopol will implement to eliminate traffic fatalities”;** and

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol **has been a leader in championing bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements within its city limits;** and

WHEREAS, between May 2019 and March 2021, the Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority, the County of Sonoma, and each of the incorporated jurisdictions adopted Climate Emergency Resolutions and committed to working on activities to address this state of climate emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2021, the Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority adopted a Sonoma Climate Mobilization Strategy which sets a goal of reaching countywide carbon neutrality by 2030; and

WHEREAS, transportation accounts for 60 percent of GHG emissions in Sonoma County with the burning of gasoline and diesel fuel for transportation as the leading cause of GHG emissions in this sector; and

WHEREAS, the Sonoma Climate Mobilization Strategy 3: Drive Less Sonoma County Campaign is designed to reduce GHG emissions from the transportation sector by shifting trips from driving to biking, walking, and transit; and

WHEREAS, one of the objectives of the Sonoma Climate Mobilization Strategy 3: Drive Less Sonoma County Campaign is to make biking and walking safer by implementing recommendations from the Sonoma County Vision Zero Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, community input gathered through listening

sessions and surveys in 2021 and 2022 found that many community members feel unsafe while walking, bicycling, or using mobility devices; and,

WHEREAS, choosing active transportation options like walking and biking also decreases mortality and morbidity from obesity-related diseases such as heart disease and diabetes, and creating safer streets is likely to encourage more active transportation, thereby increasing population health; and

WHEREAS, 67% of community members across Sonoma County responding to the survey indicated enhanced safety features like protected bike lanes, and streets designed to slow traffic are the most favorable measures to addressing these challenges; and,

WHEREAS, other ongoing initiatives in Sebastopol, including [Safe Routes to School programs, Local Road Safety Plan, etc.] are supportive of the Vision Zero goal; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol has adopted "Complete Streets" policies, which require that the city design transportation projects for the safety and convenience of people walking, bicycling, and taking transit as well as driving [and has made significant investments in improving bicycle and pedestrian facilities as part of the regular Capital Improvement Planning (CIP) process]; and,

WHEREAS, **it is proven that vehicle speed is the most important factor determining severity of injury or fatality when a pedestrian or bicyclist is struck by a vehicle, and that traffic calming techniques provide an effective approach to slowing vehicle speeds;**

WHEREAS, **there are many proven traffic calming street treatments that can be implemented at a range of costs to reduce vehicle speeds and create safer conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists.**

WHEREAS, a commitment to Vision Zero is a commitment to life and equitable opportunity for people in the City of Sebastopol.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL, the City of Sebastopol hereby adopts Vision Zero as a comprehensive and holistic approach to eliminating

traffic fatalities and severe injuries.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Sebastopol will put equity at its forefront when setting goals and implementing recommendations from the Sonoma County Vision Zero Action Plan, aiming to reduce harm for the most vulnerable users of the City of Sebastopol's roadway system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

Add here: examples of specific types of actions the city can take to reduce fatalities and increase safety for vulnerable users.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Sebastopol acknowledges and accepts that the Vision Zero Action Plan may involve changes to the City's approach to the planning and design of streets, education and communication techniques, enforcement policies and procedures, and legal and legislative frameworks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Sebastopol will work with partners that own, manage, design, and regulate streets within its jurisdiction to implement Vision Zero Action Plan strategies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Sebastopol is committed to using the standardized Vision Zero tracking tool to monitor their progress toward key actions outlined in the Sonoma County Vision Zero Action Plan.^{[[SEP]]}

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Sebastopol **will collaborate with the Transportation Working Group of the Sebastopol Climate Action Committee to identify additional high priority roadways and intersections within the city.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Sebastopol **will collaborate with the Transportation Working Group of the Sebastopol Climate Action Committee to identify, evaluate and implement solutions in high priority roadways and intersections.**