

RESOLUTION NO. 5143

A RESOLUTION SETTING AS OFFICIAL POLICY THE VISION ZERO GOAL THAT NO LOSS OF LIFE OR SERIOUS INJURY ON OUR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IS ACCEPTABLE.

The City Council of the City of Eugene finds that:

- A.** The life and health of the City of Eugene's residents are our utmost priority.
- B.** No one should die or be seriously injured on our transportation system.
- C.** Step It Up! is the U.S. Surgeon General's call to action to reduce the risk of chronic diseases through increased physical activity by improving access to safe and convenient places to walk and wheelchair roll and by creating a culture that supports these activities for people of all ages and abilities.
- D.** Children, seniors, people of color, people with disabilities, and people in low-income communities face a disproportionate risk of traffic injuries and fatalities.
- E.** Between 2003 and 2012, an average of almost 6 people per year died in crashes on our transportation system.
- F.** During this same period, an average of nearly 3 people per year died in crashes on our transportation system while walking or bicycling.
- G.** Based upon the ratio of people driving to people walking or bicycling, people walking or bicycling represent a disproportionate share of the fatalities on our transportation system.
- H.** The City of Eugene's Climate Recovery Ordinance calls for reducing community-wide fossil fuel consumption by 50 percent by 2030.
- I.** Increasing walking, bicycling, and bus trips is a key strategy in reducing fossil fuel consumption.
- J.** Increasing real and perceived safety for people walking, bicycling, and riding a bus is a key step in enabling more people to do so, as called for in city plans and policies.
- K.** Local school districts strive to provide Safe Routes to Schools to thousands of school children every year.
- L.** The U.S. Department of Transportation's Mayors' Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets is consistent with the City of Eugene's goals to enhance the safety of our transportation system and encourage people to walk, bicycle, and ride a bus for a greater number of trips.
- M.** The City of Eugene and our regional partners are taking steps to enhance safety for people walking or bicycling within the following seven categories of the Mayors'

Challenge: Complete Streets, Fix Barriers, Gather Data, Design Right, Create Networks, Improve Law, and Educate, and Enforce.

N. Vision Zero is an approach to transportation safety that accepts no loss of life or serious injuries on the transportation system.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EUGENE, a Municipal Corporation of the State of Oregon, as follows:

Section 1. The Eugene City Council supports the city's participation in the Mayors' Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets.

Section 2. The Eugene City Council supports efforts by the City of Eugene and our regional partner agencies to prioritize safety improvements for people walking, bicycling, and using mobility devices.

Section 3. The Eugene City Council supports efforts by the City of Eugene and our regional partners to eliminate deaths and serious injuries on our transportation system, with an emphasis on the most vulnerable users.

Section 4. The Eugene City Council sets as official policy Vision Zero's goal of zero fatalities or serious injuries on our transportation system.

Section 5. This Resolution is effective immediately upon its passage by the City Council.

Section 6. The Eugene City Council directs the City Manager to initiate the formation of a Vision Zero Task Force that includes community stakeholders and staff to develop a Vision Action Plan.

The foregoing Resolution adopted the 18th day of November, 2015.



City Recorder