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Through Vision Zero SF we commit to working together to prioritize street safety and eliminate traffic deaths in San Francisco by 2024

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# VISION ZERO: *ELIMINATING TRAFFIC DEATHS BY 2024*

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A blurred background image of a city street scene. It shows pedestrians on the sidewalk, cyclists in the foreground, a yellow taxi, a blue bus, and a red bus in the background. The scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. A large, faint watermark of the Vision Zero SF logo and the year '2024' is visible in the bottom right corner of the image area.

## WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN



San Francisco - April 14, 2015

Federal and State Officials with Local Officials and Community Stakeholders

- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
- California Office of Traffic Safety

**Day-long summit on Vision Zero and San Francisco's pedestrian and cyclist safety initiatives**

- Morning speaker session with Federal, State and Local leaders
- Walking tour with Federal and State officials
- Afternoon workshop: How state and federal government agencies could help advance Vision Zero with the San Francisco Vision Zero Task Force

# TARGETED ENGINEERING IMPROVEMENTS

## *Key Issues*

- **Design standards (NACTO v AASHTO, MUTCD, CA Highway Design Manual):** Appropriate for an Urban context
- **Design review on state roads (Caltrans):** Liability, Flexibility, Partnership, Efficiency
- **Environmental review (CEQA and NEPA):** Streamlining

## DATA-DRIVEN PRACTICE

### *Key Issues*

**Timely, Complete Injury Data:** Data Lags, Under-reporting

**Expanding Data Collection:** E.g., California Highway Patrol's 555 Form

**Advancing the Research Agenda:** Evaluation of innovative engineering countermeasures

## SUPPORTIVE FUNDING

### *Key Issues*

**Seek new funding from State and Federal agencies**

**Refine existing funding eligibility:** hard to fund safety programs; programs instead of projects; safety criteria

**Streamline funding administration:** expedite delivery; streamline environmental review and design exception process; improve application, allocation and reporting processes scaled appropriately to project size

## STATE AND FEDERAL POLICY OPPORTUNITIES

### *Key Issues*

**Funding:** Blending of funding sources, reporting requirements for cities that are implementing complex, complete streets projects

**CA Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP):** The Federally mandated statewide plan to improve traffic safety on all public roads. 17 challenge areas; 2 focus on peds/cyclists

**Need for Statewide Support:** Statewide education campaign to build support Vision Zero goals and policies

## CALIFORNIA CITIES AND VISION ZERO

- July 13, SFMTA and LADOT convened 7 large city DOTs and the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) on issues of mutual interest and opportunities for collaboration including Vision Zero.
- Cities agreed to develop a 2016 state level policy agenda to focus on Vision Zero including support for decision making that recognizes high injury networks and expedites delivery of Vision Zero projects. Cities agreed to work towards a mutual partnership with California State Transportation Agency that aligns the State's "Towards Zero Death" policy with the goals of Vision Zero.
- Communication continues, providing a platform for recommendations to be discussed and developed prior to January 2016. SFMTA is also in contact with other Vision Zero cities across the U.S. including New York, Chicago, Portland and Seattle to look at best practices and tactics for their respective Vision Zero policy efforts.

## NEXT STEPS: NEAR-TERM ACTIONS

- 1. Streamline project oversight, design review, and environmental review processes for Lombard Street**
- 2. Pilot three year grant cycle for the next California Office of Traffic Safety grant**
- 3. Increase coordination re: improvements to the California Highway Patrol (CHP) 555 Collision Form Reporting Process**
- 4. Identify top state legislative priorities to advance Vision Zero**



## NEXT STEPS: BEST PRACTICE

Report to NHTSA submitted to OTS, Fall 2015

***Vision Zero as Model Practice for Cities:  
San Francisco Case Study***

- Best Practices
- Opportunities for State and Federal Governments to advance based on Workshop Findings