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CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 9035

A RESOLUTION endorsing Vision Zero, for the city of Bellevue to strive to achieve zero traffic deaths and serious injuries on Bellevue streets by 2030, and directing the Transportation Commission to review the Comprehensive Plan to determine if any updates, revisions, or additional policies are warranted in light of Vision Zero and other transportation network goals.

WHEREAS, the worldwide Vision Zero movement is founded on the belief that death and injury on city streets is unacceptable and preventable; and

WHEREAS, the life, safety and health of residents, employees and visitors to Bellevue is the City Council's highest priority; and

WHEREAS, in the past decade there have been over 450 collisions involving pedestrians and fifteen people have lost their lives as result of collisions on streets in Bellevue; and

WHEREAS, the U.S Department of Transportation, through the Mayor's Challenge for Safe People, Safer Streets has challenged mayors and local elected officials to take significant action to improve the safety of transportation networks for pedestrians and bicyclists of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellevue has endorsed the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) Urban Street Design Guide to recognize that streets must be safe, sustainable, resilient, multi-modal and economically beneficial for all users; and

WHEREAS, cities and states around the country, including the State of Washington and the cities of Seattle and Kenmore, have established Vision Zero/Target Zero initiatives specifically focused on the needs of the agency; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Element of the Bellevue Comprehensive Plan provides policy intent and support for a wide range of traffic safety measures; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellevue implements programs, services and standards that are foundational to the Vision Zero movement that utilize education, targeted enforcement, implement best design practices, provide encouragement and incorporate evaluation to enhance traffic safety; and

WHEREAS, examples of Bellevue's traffic safety programs and services include the Accident Reduction Program, Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program,

police enforcement, school zone safety initiatives, and signal and street lighting improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Bellevue Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan identifies projects to complete a safe and connected non-motorized transportation system in Bellevue; and

WHEREAS, the Pedestrian and Bicycle Implementation Initiative seeks to define priorities with a focus on accelerating the rate of completion of the projects identified in the Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, a Comprehensive Plan amendment to incorporate Vision Zero could provide the policy framework to advance traffic safety improvements in a coordinated manner throughout the Bellevue transportation system; now therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Bellevue endorses Vision Zero as part of a comprehensive effort to strive to achieve zero traffic deaths and serious injuries on Bellevue streets by 2030.

Section 2. The City Council directs the Transportation Commission to review the existing Comprehensive Plan to determine if any updates, revisions, or additional policies are warranted in light of Vision Zero and other transportation network goals. The Transportation Commission will report its findings and recommendations to the City Council for its consideration in determining whether to initiate any Comprehensive Plan amendments.

Passed by the City Council this 7th day of December, 2015, and signed in authentication of its passage this 7th day of December, 2015.

(SEAL)

Claudia Balducci, Mayor

Attest:

Kyle Stannert, Acting City Clerk