



STAFF REPORT

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To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

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Subject: Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Burlingame Safety Action Plan (Vision Zero)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached resolution approving the Burlingame Safety Action Plan (Vision Zero).

BACKGROUND

The City Council identified the development of a Vision Zero Policy and a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan as a high-priority strategic initiative. The Burlingame Safety Action Plan serves as the City's Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, Vision Zero Action Plan, and Comprehensive Roadway Safety Plan in a single integrated document.

Vision Zero is the City's commitment to eliminating traffic-related fatalities and severe injuries while improving the safety and mobility of all roadway users. The Burlingame Safety Action Plan establishes the policies, strategies, and prioritized actions needed to implement that commitment. Developed using the Federal Highway Administration's Safe System Approach, the plan addresses safety for motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and other roadway users through engineering, education, enforcement, policy, and planning initiatives.

The City partnered with Fehr & Peers, a transportation planning and engineering consulting firm, to prepare the Burlingame Safety Action Plan.

DISCUSSION

The Burlingame Safety Action Plan establishes the City's long-term strategy for improving transportation safety and achieving the Vision Zero goal of eliminating traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries by 2040. The plan identifies priority safety projects and implementation strategies based on crash data, roadway characteristics, and community input, and provides a framework for future investment in engineering, education, enforcement, and other safety initiatives.

The Burlingame Safety Action Plan was developed using a comprehensive, data-driven process that included:

- Analysis of historical collision data and roadway conditions;
- Identification of systemic safety risks throughout the transportation network;
- Evaluation of evidence-based safety countermeasures;
- Development and prioritization of safety improvement projects; and
- Recommendations for implementation strategies and future funding opportunities.

A key component of the planning process was an extensive public outreach and stakeholder engagement effort, ensuring that community input informed the development of the plan. Participants included:

- A City Council Subcommittee consisting of Councilmember Stevenson and Vice Mayor Pappajohn;
- The Traffic, Safety and Parking Commission;
- A Community Advisory Committee representing residents, schools, businesses, and other community stakeholders;
- A Vision Zero Task Force composed of representatives from multiple City departments; and
- Members of the broader Burlingame community via pop up events, on-line surveys, and participation and commenting on the draft plan published in the spring for review.

On July 2, 2026, the Traffic, Safety and Parking Commission reviewed the Draft Burlingame Safety Action Plan and unanimously recommended that the City Council adopt the plan. Based on Commission feedback, staff incorporated several revisions into the final document, including refinements to project prioritization and implementation strategies. As part of its recommendation, the Commission also encouraged the City Council to consider additional funding for traffic enforcement activities.

Adoption of the Burlingame Safety Action Plan represents the completion of the City's Vision Zero planning effort and establishes the policy and technical framework needed to guide future transportation safety improvements and maintain eligibility for competitive grant funding. Following City Council adoption, the Burlingame Safety Action Plan will serve as the City's Vision Zero Action Plan, Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, and Local Road Safety Plan and will guide future transportation safety investments, project development, grant applications, and implementation efforts.

Exhibits:

- Resolution
- Burlingame Safety Action Plan
- Burlingame Safety Action Plan Appendices