



<b>STAFF REPORT</b>	
<b>SUBJECT:</b> Consideration of Resolution 2026-16 Adopting a Vision Zero Framework	<b>MEETING DATE:</b> May 21, 2026
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b> Adeline Leyba, Public Works Director	
<b>PURPOSE OF REPORT:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Information only <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Item	

**WHAT IS BEING ASKED OF THE CITY COUNCIL/BOARD:**

The City Council is being asked to adopt Resolution 2026-16 establishing a Vision Zero framework to guide future traffic safety planning and investment.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:**

Vision Zero is a traffic safety strategy that recognizes that traffic fatalities and serious injuries are preventable. The Vision Zero framework emphasizes that responsibility for roadway safety is shared among roadway designers, policymakers, enforcement agencies, emergency responders, and road users. The framework prioritizes proactive safety measures that reduce the likelihood and severity of traffic collisions. Vision Zero has since been adopted by communities throughout the United States as a comprehensive approach to roadway safety.

The city continues to experience roadway safety concerns involving speeding, distracted driving, pedestrian conflicts, bicyclist safety, and aging infrastructure. Adoption of a Vision Zero framework would establish a policy direction focused on improving transportation safety for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, seniors, children, and persons with disabilities.

The adoption of the Resolution does not commit the City to immediate expenditures but rather establishes a policy framework that will guide future planning efforts and funding opportunities. Many state and federal transportation grant programs prioritize agencies that have formally adopted roadway safety initiatives such as Vision Zero.

**OPTIONS:**

1. Move to adopt Resolution 2026-16.
2. Other direction

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None  Budgeted Item?  Yes  No

Budget Adjustment Needed?  Yes  No If yes, amount of appropriation increase: \$

Affected fund(s):  General Fund  Measure P Fund  Measure V Fund  Other:

Comments:

**STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT:**

- Goal #1: Make Clearlake a Visibly Cleaner City
- Goal #2: Make Clearlake a Statistically Safer City
- Goal #3: Improve the Quality of Life in Clearlake with Improved Public Facilities
- Goal #4: Improve the Image of Clearlake
- Goal #5: Ensure Fiscal Sustainability of City
- Goal #6: Update Policies and Procedures to Current Government Standards
- Goal #7: Support Economic Development

**SUGGESTED MOTIONS:** Adopt Resolution 2026-16 establishing a Vision Zero framework

**Attachments:** Resolution 2026-16

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-16**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEARLAKE ADOPTING A**

## VISION ZERO POLICY FRAMEWORK AND GOAL

**WHEREAS**, traffic fatalities and serious injuries are preventable, and the City of Clearlake is committed to improving safety for all roadway users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has made ongoing investments in transportation safety through implementation of its Active Transportation Plan, Local Road Safety Plan, and various capital improvement projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vision Zero framework represents a data-driven, systems-based approach to traffic safety that focuses on reducing fatal and serious injury collisions through roadway design, policy, education, and enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California and federal transportation agencies are increasingly advancing a “Safe System” approach to roadway safety, which aligns with Vision Zero principles and emphasizes designing transportation systems that anticipate human error and reduce crash severity; and

**WHEREAS**, while adoption of a Vision Zero policy is not currently mandated by Caltrans or other regulatory agencies, it has become an increasingly important and widely recognized framework for demonstrating alignment with state and federal safety priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, adoption of a Vision Zero framework strengthens the City’s ability to compete for critical transportation funding opportunities, including but not limited to the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), Active Transportation Program (ATP), and Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A), which are essential to advancing the City’s capital improvement goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes that leveraging state and federal funding is vital to the implementation of roadway, pedestrian, and infrastructure improvements that would otherwise be difficult to achieve with local resources alone; and

**WHEREAS**, adoption of a Vision Zero framework will provide clear policy direction to guide future transportation planning, project prioritization, and investment decisions in a manner that enhances safety and supports long-term infrastructure funding strategies;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Clearlake hereby adopts a Vision Zero policy framework and establishes the following goal:

The City of Clearlake is committed to a future where no one loses their life or suffers

serious injury on our roadways. The City hereby adopts a Vision Zero goal to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries, with an interim goal of reducing such incidents by 50 percent by the year 2035.

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this Vision Zero policy framework shall guide future transportation planning, capital improvement prioritization, and pursuit of state and federal funding opportunities; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the City Council directs staff to continue integrating Vision Zero principles into existing plans, programs, and projects in a manner that is scalable and appropriate for a city of Clearlake’s size and resources.

The foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 21st day of May, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINING:

ABSENT:

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DIRK SLOOTEN, Mayor

ATTEST:

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