



## Vision Zero Resolution

WHEREAS, the OahuMPO planning area (Oahu) continues to experience an unacceptable and preventable number of traffic fatalities and severe injuries suffered by all road users; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and serious injuries among all road users while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all; and

WHEREAS, streets and transportation systems have traditionally been designed primarily for maximum vehicular capacity and mobility, rather than the safe accommodation of all modes and users; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is adopted Complete Streets legislation in 2009 (State Act 54); and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu adopted the Complete Streets policy (Ordinance 12-15); and

WHEREAS, more than 1,000 people died in traffic crashes between 2008 and 2018 on Oahu;

WHEREAS, the year 2018 was the most fatal year on recent record (since 2008) where 62 people died in traffic crashes, including 26 pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, the OahuMPO is hereby recognizing that these fatality statistics are not acceptable for citizens, commuters, and tourists who live, work and play on Oahu; and

WHEREAS, the OahuMPO recognizes that if these trends continue, they would put into jeopardy the safety of the residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, major U.S. cities, including New York, New York; Los Angeles, California; San Francisco, California, Seattle, Washington; Portland, Oregon, Chicago, Illinois; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Boston, Massachusetts; Denver, Colorado; Fort Lauderdale, Florida; and Washington D.C., have adopted Vision Zero policies that focus on safety as a primary objective in designing transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is adopted Vision Zero legislation in 2019 (State Act 134); and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Department of Transportation supports decreasing fatalities and serious injuries through the Strategic Highway Safety Plan; and

WHEREAS, the County of Hawai'i adopted a Vision Zero resolution (38-19) in February 2019; and

WHEREAS, the County of Maui adopted a Vision Zero proclamation in September 2018; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu adopted a Vision Zero resolution (18-219) in December 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Board recognizes that no one should die or be seriously injured while traveling in Oahu; and

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Policy Board of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization, County of Oahu, State of Hawaii, as follows:

1. That the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board adopts a goal of zero traffic deaths among all road users by the year 2035;
2. That the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board adopts the Vision Zero policy;
3. That the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization's staff will participate on any task force, or similar work group, organized by the City and County of Honolulu that discusses Vision Zero;
4. That the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization's staff will participate on any Vision Zero task force, or similar work group, that the State of Hawaii develops;
5. That the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization will support the state's action plan as described in State Act 134, including:
  - a. Policies on how to reduce speeds and state and county roads;
  - b. Engineering recommendations on how to increase vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle safety;
  - c. Data-driven enforcement recommendations on how to reduce speeding and operating a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant;
  - d. Additional steps that can be taken to eliminate vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle fatalities on the road;
  - e. An implementation plan; and
  - f. Establishment of measures to track success.
6. That the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization's staff will support Vision Zero efforts at the county and state level through education, outreach, and collaboration;
7. That the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization supports the City and County of Honolulu in the development and implementation of the Vision Zero Action Plan;
8. That the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization shall incorporate Vision Zero principles into its long-range plan; and
9. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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