



San Francisco Bicycle Advisory Committee

City Hall, Room 408

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San Francisco, CA 94102

## **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SFMTA VALENCIA STREET QUICK-BUILD PROJECT**

March 27, 2023

**WHEREAS**, the City and County of San Francisco adopted a Transit-First Policy as stated in Section 8A.115 of the San Francisco Charter, which includes the principles that “decisions regarding the use of limited public street and sidewalk space shall encourage the use of public rights of way by pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transit, and shall strive to reduce traffic and improve public health and safety” and that “bicycling shall be promoted by encouraging safe streets for riding, convenient access to transit, bicycle lanes, and secure bicycle parking;” and,

**WHEREAS**, 32 people died on San Francisco streets in 2022 due to traffic violence, and 5 have died already in 2023, with only two more years to reach Vision Zero (zero traffic fatalities and injuries) as laid out in the original 2014 plan; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City and County of San Francisco adopted Vision Zero as a policy in 2014, committing to build better and safer streets, educate the public on traffic safety, enforce traffic laws, and adopt policy changes that save lives; and,

**WHEREAS**, the San Francisco Vision Zero Core Principles include safe streets: “Human error is inevitable and unpredictable; we should design the transportation system to anticipate error so the consequence is not severe injury or death. Transportation and land use development policies, standards, programs, and design decisions should prioritize preserving lives;” and the San Francisco Vision Zero Complementary Goals include mode shift: “The city will shift 80% of trips to sustainable travel choices by 2030. More people walking and biking on safe streets in San Francisco—getting health benefits from physical activity, cleaner air, and less traffic noise—helps makes it safer for everyone on every street;” and,

**WHEREAS**, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors declared a state of emergency regarding pedestrian and cyclist fatalities on November 5, 2019, and given motor vehicles are top source of death for people ages 3 to 25 statewide; and,

**WHEREAS**, one week after a 30-year old bicyclist was killed after being struck by a driver on Folsom Street in March of 2019, a protected bike lane was built and completed on Folsom Street; and,

**WHEREAS**, Valencia Street has been identified as a High-Injury zone as part of San Francisco’s Vision Zero policy; and,

**WHEREAS**, Valencia Street is a vibrant commercial corridor with a diverse set of restaurants, shops, bars and services; serves as a major north-south bike route for those who live, work, visit, and travel through the neighborhood; and ride-hailing services, commercial vehicles, and food pick-up services are frequently double-parking in the bike lane, posing safety concerns for all who travel on Valencia Street; and,



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**WHEREAS**, the project proposal and bikeway design has been updated with more substantial buffer and bikeway separation materials in response to the feedback received during the open house period; and automobile traffic will be restricted from making left turns across the center-running bikeway; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, the San Francisco Bicycle Advisory Committee (SFBAC) recommends that the SFMTA Board of Directors adopt the Valencia Bikeway Improvements proposal.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the SFBAC advocates for rigorous evaluation of the success of this novel bikeway configuration to ensure that it accomplishes the safety improvements for all users of the Valencia corridor; timely, iterative solutions to address shortcomings which are revealed in the use of the bikeway; and a commitment from SFMTA to develop further proposals to prioritize people over cars on this street specifically and city more generally.

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