

March 7, 2016

## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

### **SUBJECT:**

Initiating a Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal into the 2016 CPA work program, under *LUC 20.30I.B.1.a*, for policies within the Transportation Element informed by Vision Zero, as recommended by the Transportation Commission.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impact is associated with the review or adoption of Vision Zero policy. Adopted policy may modify projects and priorities for future capital investments.

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### **POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

Per direction from Council, the Transportation Commission studied existing Comprehensive Plan policy in the context of City Council Resolution No. 9035 endorsing Vision Zero (Attachment A). The Transportation Commission recommends several policy amendments for the Transportation Element to advance Vision Zero as part of a comprehensive effort to strive to achieve zero traffic deaths and serious injuries on Bellevue streets by 2030.

Refer to Attachment B for specific policy recommendations.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Vision Zero is an approach to traffic safety that has the ultimate goal of ending traffic deaths and serious injuries. It is a framework for a multi-faceted approach to create a transportation system that is safe for all users. Components of a Vision Zero programmatic approach to safety include several categories of actions: Education; Encouragement; Enforcement; Engineering; Equity; and Evaluation.

On December 7, 2015, Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 9035, endorsing Vision Zero and directing 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 found policy support in the Transportation Element for existing programs and projects intended to address safety issues for people using the transportation system in Bellevue, especially the people who are most vulnerable to serious injury or death from collisions with motorized vehicles. The Commission determined, however, that more could be done and that a comprehensive, coordinated and programmatic approach to traffic safety under Vision Zero would help Bellevue maintain, enhance and monitor progress in a citywide effort to strive to achieve zero traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2030.

Having reviewed the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan in Study Sessions on January 14 and February 11, 2016, the Transportation Commission recommended several policy amendments for Council consideration (Attachment A). These policy recommendations are offered to the Council for consideration in the context of the 2016 amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. Council action to initiate a Vision Zero Comprehensive Plan amendment would begin the process of public and environmental review of all proposed policies this year.

**OPTIONS:**

1. Initiate a Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal into the 2016 CPA work program, under *LUC 20.30I.B.1.a*, for policies within the Transportation Element informed by Vision Zero, as recommended by the Transportation Commission.
2. Provide alternative direction to staff.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Option 1.

**MOTION:**

Move to initiate a Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal into the 2016 CPA work program, under *LUC 20.30I.B.1.a*, for policies within the Transportation Element informed by Vision Zero, as recommended by the Transportation Commission.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A: Resolution No. 9035

Attachment B: Transportation Commission Recommendation