

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-__**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Michael Garcia

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7 **A RESOLUTION**

8 **ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF SANTA FE AS A VISION ZERO CITY**

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10 **WHEREAS**, in 2022 the National Traffic Safety Administration reported that out of
11 5,930,496 nationwide police-reported crashes, 42,514 resulted in fatalities while 2,382,771 resulted
12 in serious injuries; and

13 **WHEREAS**, of the 42,514 fatalities in 2022, 11,300 were unrestrained motor vehicle
14 occupants; 13,500 were alcohol-impaired driving related; and 12,150 were speed related – all
15 preventable crashes; and

16 **WHEREAS**, New Mexico has had the highest pedestrian fatalities per capita rate in the
17 nation since 2016; and

18 **WHEREAS**, from 2018-2022, fatalities in New Mexico have increased by 19%; and

19 **WHEREAS**, in 2022, New Mexico's traffic fatality rate of 1.73 ~~is~~ was higher than the
20 national average of 1.33; and

21 **WHEREAS**, from 2018 to 2022, NMDOT's data reveals that for state roads, Santa Fe
22 shows up in four of the top 10 "high incident intersections" for pedestrian crashes and in two of the
23 top 10 for fatal crashes; and

24 **WHEREAS**, in Santa Fe, the worst areas for pedestrian crashes are along the intersections
25 on Cerrillos Road, including, in order, Camino Carlos Rey, Zafarano Drive, St. Michael's Drive,

1 and Siler Road; and

2 **WHEREAS**, Cerrillos Road also has three top 10 intersections for fatal crashes, including
3 in order, Richards Avenue, Camino Carlos Rey, and Zafarano Drive; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in 2021, the Federal Highway Administration adopted Vision Zero – an idea
5 that no one should die or suffer serious injury in road traffic crashes – first adopted in Sweden in
6 1997 and since then has spread around the world including some twenty cities in the USA; and

7 **WHEREAS**, reaching zero deaths requires the implementation of a Safe System approach
8 which is founded on six principles: deaths and serious injuries are unacceptable, humans make
9 mistakes, humans are vulnerable, responsibility is shared, safety is proactive, and redundancy is
10 crucial; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in 2024, the New Mexico Department of Transportation launched the Target
12 ZeroNM initiative that will coordinate all the transportation safety work currently underway and
13 sharpens the Department’s focus on safety; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Target ZeroNM envisions a transportation system where every journey is
15 completed safely, with zero driving related deaths in our State by 2050.

16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
17 **CITY OF SANTA FE that it** hereby commits to Vision Zero, a collaborative and data-driven
18 effort to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2050.

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager is hereby directed to work with
20 staff to complete the following actions in support of the Vision Zero goal:

- 21 1) Incorporate Vision Zero into the implementation of all relevant existing plans and policies,
22 including but not limited to the Bicycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee’s Strategic
23 Plan FY2023-2033, Santa Fe Local Road Safety Plan (2022), and Complete Streets
24 Resolution 2022-46.
- 25 2) Promote and support a safety culture that places safety first and foremost in road system

1 investment decisions. To achieve our zero deaths vision, everyone must accept that
2 fatalities and serious injuries are unacceptable and preventable.

3 3) Apply the Safe System approach in designing City’s roadway system which involves
4 anticipating human mistakes by designing and managing road infrastructure to keep the
5 risk of a mistake low; and when a mistake leads to a crash, the impact on the human body
6 doesn’t result in a fatality or serious injury. Road design and management should
7 encourage safe speeds appropriate pre-crash angles to reduce injury severity.

8 4) Prioritize for implementation actions identified in the 2022 Santa Fe Local Road Safety
9 Plan.

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11 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

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15 ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR

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17 ATTEST:
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20 ANGELA SALAZAR, CITY CLERK

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22 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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25 ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY

1 *Legislation/2025/Resolutions/*