Resolution urging the California State Legislature and Governor to pass legislation authorizing the use of Automated Speed Enforcement technology in the City and County of San Francisco.

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 the most dangerous traffic violations, and adopt policy changes in order to eliminate traffic deaths by 2024; and

WHEREAS, Speeding is the number one cause of fatal and severe injury collisions in San Francisco, claiming ten times more lives than drunk driving; and

WHEREAS, The California Office of Traffic Safety consistently ranks San Francisco as the number one city in the state for seniors to be injured and killed in traffic collisions while walking; and

WHEREAS, In San Francisco, the annual medical costs for pedestrians injured in a traffic collision is $15,000,000 and the total annual economic costs of traffic injuries and fatalities is $564 million per year; and

WHEREAS, According to the Budget and Legislative Analyst, pedestrians and cyclists are at a heightened risk of injury in speed-related crashes: studies show that if a pedestrian is hit by a car traveling 40 mph there is an 85% chance the pedestrian will be killed, but if a driver strikes a pedestrian while traveling 20 mph there is a 5% chance the pedestrian will be killed; and

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WHEREAS, Automated speed enforcement, or speeding cameras, when used in conjunction with traditional means of traffic enforcement and public education, complements law enforcement’s traffic safety efforts and enforcement programs; and

WHEREAS, The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that fixed speed cameras reduce injury crashes by 20% to 25%, and mobile speed cameras reduce injury collisions by 21% to 51%, and “automated enforcement systems can result in measureable safety improvement at high crash locations;” and

WHEREAS, One hundred and forty one communities in the United States have implemented automated speed enforcement camera programs; however, California law prohibits the use of camera technology to enforce existing speed limits; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco County Transportation Authority supported state legislation to authorize an Automated Speed Enforcement program San Francisco at their December 15, 2016, meeting; and

WHEREAS, Numerous community leaders and groups support the use of Automated Speed Enforcement in San Francisco, including Walk San Francisco, The San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, California Walks, CC Puede, The Central City SRO Collective, The FDR Democratic Club of San Francisco, Livable City, The Traffic Safety Coalition, and Friends of Monterey Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, The revenue derived from an Automated Speed Enforcement program could be used to invest in pedestrian safety or other roadway traffic safety improvements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco supports the use of Automated Speed Enforcement technology in San Francisco to reduce speeding and increase safety; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, To protect the privacy interests of persons who are issued citations under an Automated Speed Enforcement program, that the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco supports a program in which the photographic, video, or other visual records generated by the program are confidential, and are made available only to alleged violators, and to governmental and law enforcement agencies solely for the purpose of enforcing these violations; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges our local delegation who represent San Francisco in the State Legislature to support legislation authorizing Automated Speed Enforcement Technology in the City and County of San Francisco and further urges the California State Legislature and Governor Jerry Brown to pass such legislation; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the office of Senator Mark Leno, and Assemblymembers David Chiu and Phil Ting.
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February 02, 2016 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee

File No. 160079

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 2/2/2016 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

2/12/16

Mayor
Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Peggy Neven
Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

2/12/16
Date