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**Councilmember Whitburn and Council President  
Elo-Rivera Lead Effort to Unanimously Pass Safe  
Streets Resolution**

SAN DIEGO— Councilmember Stephen Whitburn, District 3 and Council President Sean Elo-Rivera, District 9 took a decisive step towards improving public safety in San Diego by introducing and passing the **Safe Streets Resolution**, a new

comprehensive policy analysis to reduce preventable traffic deaths and injuries across all nine Council Districts.

This resolution affirms street safety as the City of San Diego's highest transportation priority, signaling a renewed commitment to protecting all San Diegans on the roads. As part of this new resolution, existing municipal codes and council policies will be reviewed by the Office of the Independent Budget Analyst for improvements.

*“This is about taking a stand—for every pedestrian, every cyclist, every driver, and every San Diegan who deserves to live without fear of tragedy on our street”, said Councilmember Stephen Whitburn. “This resolution is more than words. It is a commitment to action. We are directing the Independent Budget Analyst to dive deep into our existing transportation policies and regulations. We want to identify where we can do better, where we can act faster, and where we can implement real solutions—right now.”*

*“Every person in every community deserves to feel safe, whether they are walking, cycling, or driving on our city streets. Tragically, far too many people continue to be impacted by traffic violence in our city. The lives lost, the injuries endured, and the fear that San Diegans feel can be prevented — if we take the action our residents demand,” said Council President Sean Elo-Rivera. “That’s why Councilmember Whitburn and I are setting a clear directive to prioritize traffic safety and the streamlining of processes so San Diego can more quickly make the lifesaving improvements our residents deserve.”*

*“In fiscal year 2025, the Mayor and City Council supported vision zero goals by funding over 40 safety related projects totaling over \$43 million dollars with many going into construction this year”, said Bethany Bezak, Director of Transportation for the City of San Diego .” As we approach the tenth year since making the Vision Zero commitment as a City, it’s important that we reflect back on the lessons learned and investments made, but also reaffirm our dedication to improve safety for everyone that uses our sidewalks, bike lanes, and streets.”*