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June 14, 2019

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JERSEY CITY REINSTITUTING A VISION ZERO TASK FORCE TO ADVANCE THE ACTIONS AND STRATEGIES SPECIFICED IN THE JERSEY CITY VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Mayor of the City of Jersey City by law, I hereby issue the following Executive Order:

WHEREAS, Jersey City adopted a Complete Streets Policy in May of 2011, which mandated that all public streets be designed to safely accommodate travel by pedestrians and bicyclists as well as motorized vehicles; and

WHEREAS, significant accomplishments have already been achieved as a result of this policy as well as through the City's collaboration with the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority's Local Safety Program, which addresses high priority crash locations on local roadways; and

WHEREAS, despite these efforts, the City currently averages approximately twenty (20) severe injury crashes and nine (9) traffic fatalities within the City per year, inclusive of crashes on State and County roadways, with an average of three (3) traffic fatalities per year occurring on City streets; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to address traffic safety in the City, Executive Order 2018-007 was signed to formally adopt a Vision Zero Initiative tailored for Jersey City and to create a Vision Zero Task Force to draft an Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Jersey City Vision Zero Task Plan was formally adopted by the Municipal Council on February 14, 2019 outlining specific actions and strategies the City must take to achieve its goal of zero traffic fatalities and severe injuries on City roadways by the year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Vision Zero Task Force expired after one year following the issuance of Executive Order 2018-007

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by law as Mayor of the City of Jersey City, I hereby issue the following Executive Order formally reinstating a Vision Zero Task Force to advance the actions and strategies outlined in the Jersey City Action Plan.

A. Creation of a Vision Zero Task Force

There is hereby created a Vision Zero Task Force which shall advance the Actions and Strategies outlined in the Jersey City Vision Zero Action Plan.

B. Duties of the Vision Zero Task Force

The Task Force shall:

- 1. Meet quarterly to track progress on the Actions being led and supported by each agency, as specified in the Vision Zero Action Plan.
- 2. Publish an Annual report summarizing the work completed in accordance with the Action Plan.

C. Membership, Terms and Removal

1. The Vision Zero Task Force shall consist of eighteen (18) members, including the Director of Traffic & Transportation and the City's Senior Transportation Planner, who shall serve as Co-Chairs of the Task Force.

In addition, the task force shall consist of the following members:

The Business Administrator or his or her designee;

The Municipal Council President or his or her designee;

The Corporation Counsel or his or her designee;

The Chief of Police or his or her designee;

The Chief of the Division of Fire or his or her designee;

The Director of the Department of Public Works or his or her designee;

The Director of the Department of Health & Human Services or his or her designee;

The Director of the Division of Engineering; or his or her designee;

The Director of the Division of Parking Enforcement; or his or her designee;

The Mayor or his designee; and

A representative from Bike JC, the primary Jersey City bicycle safety organization;

A representative from Safe Streets JC, the primary Jersey City pedestrian and traffic safety organization; and

A representative from the Jersey City Board of Education

A representative from the City of Hoboken

A representative from Hudson County

A representative from the New Jersey Department of Transportation

- 2. The Vision Zero Task Force shall remain in existence until the year 2026. All the members shall be appointed by the Mayor and shall serve for a term of seven (7) years. Vacancies created by resignation or otherwise shall be filled by the Mayor for the completion of the term.
- 3. All members of the Task Force, with the exception of the Co-Chairs, shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and can be removed from the Task Force by the Mayor at any time and for any reason.

4. The Task Force shall meet at least once every quarter at a time fixed by the Chairpersons. The Chairpersons may call special meetings as necessary.

F. Cooperation with City Departments and Agencies

The Division of Engineering, Traffic & Transportation and the Department of Public Safety and all City departments and agencies shall cooperate with the work of the Task Force to the degree possible and permitted by law.

G. Effective Date

This Order shall be effective immediately. It shall be kept on file in the Offices of the City Clerk and the Business Administrator and it will also be made available to the public upon request.

Very truly yours,

STEVEN M. FULOP

MAYOR

cc: Brian Platt, Business Administrator Robert Byrne, City Clerk Peter Baker, Corporation Counsel All Department Directors