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## Performance Audit Findings to Advance Improvements to Pedestrian Safety

## 18 Recommendations will be Implemented to Help Eliminate Pedestrian Casualties

SAN DIEGO – Audit Committee Chairman Scott Sherman released the results of a performance audit by the City Auditor's office which outlined 18 recommendations to help the city save lives by utilizing a data driven approach in combination with engineering, enforcement, and education.

The Audit Report comes on the heels of the City's adoption of the Vision Zero plan, a comprehensive and aggressive approach to eliminate fatalities and serious injury by 2025. City Council adopted a resolution formally supporting the Vision Zero Campaign in October, 2015 and this year Mayor Kevin Faulconer established the Vision Zero Task Force to assist city staff in the development of a comprehensive strategic plan.

The Performance Audit made 18 recommendations, 11 of which are already identified as action items in the FY'17 Vision Zero Strategic Plan. City management has also agreed to implement all of the audit's recommendations by fall of next year. Key recommendations can be found here: (link to management responses) https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/17-006\_highlights.pdf

"Unanimous agreement by city management to implement all 18 recommendations shows that city leaders are serious about adopting the policies of Vision Zero," said Councilmember Sherman. "I appreciate the hard work of City Auditor Eduardo Luna and his team for this comprehensive report that will save lives."

"The City of San Diego can improve pedestrian safety by using data to focus efforts on most dangerous locations. This is one of our most important audits completed so far because it will help to save lives by focusing the administration's Vision Zero efforts on the most effective ways to improve pedestrian safety," said City Auditor Eduardo Luna.

"Our streets should be safe no matter where we go, or how we get there. The Auditor's report provides critical data about the urgency which the City needs to act to make streets safer and save lives. It is clear now more than ever we need to implement Vision Zero in San Diego. We look forward to working with the City to take strategic action," said Kathleen Ferrier, Director of Advocacy for Circulate San Diego.

To review the full report, please click here: <u>https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/17-006\_performance\_audit\_ped\_safety.pdf</u>