

# #VISIONZERO2030



The Mineta Transportation Institute Essay Contest invites students, grades 6-12, to propose and explore a solution to a problem centered around the 2023 theme of #VisionZero2030.

More than 43,000 people die on roads in the U.S. each year and millions more are injured. Conventional viewpoints have held that road collisions are an inevitable consequence of modern roads. However, armed with the right strategies, we can stop this trend and bring these grim statistics down to zero. This is #VisionZero2030—a commitment to eradicating traffic-related fatalities and injuries by the year 2030.

Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg called the number of traffic deaths a national crisis. Last year, the Biden Administration awarded \$5 billion to the Safe Streets & Roads for All to promote safety for all road users, particularly vulnerable pedestrians and bicyclists. Despite these efforts, the heartrending reality persists—on average, four lives are lost every hour, every day, across the nation due to traffic collisions. The clock is ticking, and the time for action is now.

**Two winners will be selected: one from grades 6-9 and one from grades 10-12**



Grades 6-9



Grades 10-12



Details & Submission: <https://transweb.sjsu.edu/Essay-Contest>

Submit by January 29, 2024 at 11:59PM PT

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