



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. XI. N
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The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Resolution adopting the City of Oklahoma City Vision Zero Action Plan.

Background:

In 2023, Oklahoma City was awarded an \$800,000 federal grant to develop its first traffic safety plan, the Vision Zero Action Plan (VZAP). Funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program, the grant has a 20% local fund match requirement. The plan aims to reach zero fatalities and eliminate deadly crashes on public roadways, as well as create a safer, more equitable mobility system for all road users. The City of Oklahoma City selected Kimley-Horn to provide consultant services.

The plan provides an analysis of roadways in Oklahoma City and recommends countermeasures to reduce transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries on the City's most dangerous roadways. Through the implementation of this plan, the City aims to eliminate road fatalities through strategic infrastructure enhancements, policy recommendations, and inclusive education. The City is dedicated to protecting all road users and promoting a sustainable, vibrant community.

Vision Zero is an international traffic safety initiative that enacts change through prioritizing the principles of safe road design, enforcement, education, and community engagement. Through this holistic approach Vision Zero aims to achieve the goal of eventually eliminating all traffic fatalities and severe injuries. The Vision Zero initiative recognizes that human error is inevitable therefore road systems should be designed to mitigate consequences of mistakes. Through the emphasis of a comprehensive approach to crash related injury reduction cities can experience improvements in quality of life, safety, and community mobility.

The plan has an extensive community engagement process. Feedback from the community allowed the Vision Zero Planning Team to ensure that the plan will meet community needs. In addition, creating a space for the community to share concerns and opinions grows project support, allowing for easier and more impactful implementation of safety recommendations. The Public Engagement for the Oklahoma City Vision Zero Action Plan included the following opportunities for participation:

- Vision Zero Advisory Board (VZAB)
- Internal Work Sessions
- Regional Safety Summit
- Public Pop-ups
- Public Workshops
- Public Hearings to City Council and Other Committees
- Online Engagement

Once the plan is adopted, the City of Oklahoma City will seek to meet the submission deadlines for an implementation grant application under USDOT's SS4A program. An implementation grant would be instrumental in addressing the safety concerns identified in the Plan.

Link to Vision Zero Final Draft:

<https://www.okc.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/46800>

Previous Action:

On January 9, 2025, a presentation was given to the Planning Commission reviewing the Vision Zero Action Plan.

On January 23, 2025, the Planning Commission of the City of Oklahoma City unanimously voted to adopt the Vision Zero Action Plan and provided a recommendation to City Council to concurrently adopt the plan.

On January 24, 2025, a presentation was given to the Traffic and Transportation Commission reviewing the Vision Zero Action Plan.

On February 11, a presentation reviewing the Vision Zero Action Plan was provided to the City Council.

Review:

Planning Department

Recommendation: Resolution be adopted.