November 22, 2021
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Vision Zero Council
I. Committee Chair Welcome and Introductions
II. Adoption of 10.7.21 meeting minutes
III. Mission Statement – final review and adoption
IV. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
   a) Future transportation initiatives
V. Vision Zero Website
VI. Committee Organization
   a) Recruitment – ways to join a VZC subcommittee
VII. Interagency Policy
   a) Discussion of draft policy and schedule
   b) Highlights of existing VZC community policies
VIII. Administrative Items
   a) Next Meeting – date and topics
IX. Public Comment
X. Adjourn
Welcome and Introductions
Adoption of 10.7.21 meeting minutes
The Vision Zero Council (VZC) believes even one life lost in a traffic crash is unacceptable, traffic deaths are preventable, and commits to using all available tools to eliminate conditions and behaviors that lead to serious injuries and deaths. The goal of the VZC is to bring together stakeholders to introduce policies, establish partnerships, and leverage available technologies to prevent death and serious injuries. Working together, we will eliminate traffic deaths and life-altering injuries.

The VZC will build new and strengthen existing partnerships between state agencies and safety advocates who are committed to eliminating traffic crashes that cause death and serious injuries. Through policies that make roadways safer and through inclusive community engagement, VZC will achieve the goal of zero deaths from traffic fatalities.
Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

• New Federal Programs focused on decarbonization and Vizion Zero investments
• Return of Safe Routes to School program
• Modifications to HSIP to allow up to 10% for non-infrastructure uses, other vulnerable user focus
• Changes to Open Container Penalty to allow use for ALL forms of impairment
• Allows NHTSA Section 402 funds to be used for school or work-zone automated enforcement
• Establishes new Move Over Law safety program
• Requires NHTSA to update crash data systems to account for different vehicles
• Requires NHTSA to advance passive alcohol impairment detection technology in vehicles
• New Railroad Crossing Elimination Program
• New Heavy Duty Vehicle safety provisions (automated braking, underride prevention)
Vision Zero Council – Website

- Documentation of all VZC activity
- Past meetings and minutes
- Although the content here is currently administrative, this site will serve as a resource for all things CT Vision Zero in the future
- **CT Vision Zero Website**  
• Proposed focus areas for subcommittee organization to be framed around the five “E’s” of traffic Safety
  • Engineering
  • Enforcement
  • Education
  • Emergency Medical Services
  • Equity
Vision Zero Council – Committee Organization

- **Subcommittees will be staffed in two ways:**

  - VZC council members will designate members of their organizations to participate

  - Interested safety stakeholders and members of the public can navigate to the VZC webpage and find the survey form for submission. You can also request a link to the form by emailing ctvisionzero@ct.gov

  - State agencies will provide support to subcommittee chairs in managing staffing and outreach to subcommittee members
Vision Zero Council - Interagency Policy

PA 21-28 requires:

• On or before February 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the council shall submit the state-wide policy and interagency approach and any other recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

Draft policy:

• Schedule, timeline and workflow
  o Broad outline will be shared from DOT
  o Council members will comment and add to the outline to create draft policy
  o Draft complete for public review and comment early in January (posted to VZC website)
  o Incorporate comments
  o Final discussion and adoption of policy at 1/19/22 meeting
Vision Zero Council - Interagency Policy

- Surveyed various Vision Zero communities, their policies, frameworks and action plans
- Identified common themes shared across Vision Zero communities for best practices
- The Vision Zero Network provides a good outline for a policy framework CT VZC may want to follow and expand upon
Vision Zero Council – Interagency Policy

• The Vision Zero Network recommends 9 components of a strong Vision Zero Commitment:

  • Political Commitment
  • Multi-Disciplinary Leadership
  • Action Plan
  • Equity
  • Cooperation & Collaboration
  • Systems-Based Approach (Safe Systems)
  • Data-Driven
  • Community Engagement
  • Transparency

9 Components of a Strong Vision Zero Commitment

Based on the experiences of early-adaptor cities in the United States, these nine components have proven to be an effective high-level framework for communities considering a Vision Zero commitment. While these are not the only factors to consider, they are critical aspects to ensure a strong and lasting commitment to Vision Zero.

POLITICAL COMMITMENT
The highest-ranking local officials (Mayor, City Council, City Manager) make an official and public commitment to a Vision Zero goal to achieve zero traffic fatalities and severe injuries among all road users (including people walking, biking, using transit, and driving) within a set timeframe. This should include a clear plan for all policies, laying out goals, timelines, stakeholders, and a commitment to community engagement, transparency, and equitable outcomes.

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY LEADERSHIP
An official city Vision Zero Taskforce (or Leadership Committee) is created and charged with leading the planning effort for Vision Zero. This Taskforce should include, at a minimum, high-ranking representatives from the Office of the Mayor, Police, Transportation (or equivalent), and Public Health. Other departments to involve include Planning, Fire, Emergency Services, Public Works, District Attorney, Office of Senior Services, Disability, and the School District.

ACTION PLAN
Vision Zero Action Plan (or Strategy) is created within 1 year of initial commitment and is implemented with clear strategies, owners of such strategies, timelines, targets, and performance measures.

EQUITY
City stakeholders commit to both an equitable approach to Vision Zero by establishing inclusive and representative processes, as well as equitable outcomes by ensuring measurable benchmarks to provide safe transportation options for all road users in all parts of the city.

COOPERATION & COLLABORATION
A commitment is made to encourage meaningful cooperation and collaboration among relevant governmental agencies & community stakeholders to establish a framework for multiple stakeholders to set shared goals and focus on coordination and accountability.

SYSTEMS-BASED APPROACH
City leaders commit to and prioritize a systems-based approach to Vision Zero — focusing on the built environment, systems, and policies that influence behavior — as well as adopting messaging that emphasizes that these traffic losses are preventable.

DATA-DRIVEN
City stakeholders commit to gathering, analyzing, utilizing, and sharing reliable data to understand traffic safety issues and prioritize resources based on evidence of the greatest needs and impact.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
Opportunities are created to invite meaningful community engagement, such as select community representatives on the Taskforce, broader community input through public meetings or workshops, online surveys, and other feedback opportunities.

TRANSPARENCY
The city’s process is transparent to city stakeholders and the community, including regular updates on the progress on the Action Plan and performance measures, and a yearly report (at minimum) to the local governing board (e.g., City Council).
Vision Zero Council – Interagency Policy

• Reviewed action plans from a dozen Vision Zero communities (NYC, Philadelphia, Austin, Portland etc.)

• Common high-level themes across action plans that may be conscripted to CT Vision Zero interagency policy:
  o Focusing the transportation system on people/improved overall system performance
  o Data-driven approaches to decision making and setting time-framed goals
  o Accountability, equitability and transparency
  o Interagency partnerships and community engagement
Vision Zero Council – Administrative Items

Subcommittee formation

- Council members submit individuals from their agencies for subcommittee participation
- Interested safety stakeholders and members of the public submit subcommittee survey forms

Next meeting 1.19.22

- FHWA/NHTSA presentation
- Will invite TRA Committee leadership
- Safe systems approach to zero deaths
- Finalize work on interagency policy
Vision Zero Council – Public Comment

• Please raise hand or use Q&A box