

## Agenda Item Summary

**To:** Policy Board  
**From:** Roger Krahn, Principal Transportation Engineer  
**CC:** Matthew Hart, Executive Director  
**Meeting Date:** October 23, 2024  
**Subject:** Vision Zero Goal

### Background:

The Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) was awarded a U.S. Department of Transportation Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant to develop a comprehensive safety action plan for the CRCOG region. Safety action plans include strategies and prioritized projects with the goal of reducing fatal and serious injury crashes. The CRCOG safety action plan is being prepared to comply with the anticipated application criteria for future SS4A grants in upcoming years.

The eight (8) components of a safety action plan under the SS4A program are:

1. Leadership Commitment and Goal Setting
2. Planning Structure
3. Safety Analysis
4. Engagement and Collaboration
5. Equity Considerations
6. Policy and Process Changes
7. Strategy and Project Selections
8. Progress and Transparency

The first component requires **Leadership Commitment and Goal Setting**. This step requires an official public commitment by a high-ranking official and/or governing body (e.g., CRCOG Policy Board) to an eventual goal of zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries. **The commitment must include one or both of the following:**

- 1. The target date for achieving zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries**
- 2. An ambitious percentage reduction of roadway fatalities and serious injuries by a specific date** with an eventual goal of eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries.

The CRCOG Vision Zero Task force approved the following goal at its September 5, 2024 meeting. This goal was also approved by the CRCOG Transportation Committee at its September 16, 2024 meeting.

**CRCOG's Vision Zero goal is to reach zero fatal and serious injury roadway (and multi-use trail) crashes by 2040 with an intermediate target to reduce fatal, serious, and overall crashes by 50% by 2032.**

Note that this goal is different from the five annual safety targets that CTDOT must set to comply with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) regulations. FHWA requires Metropolitan Planning Organizations to either endorse the five annual statewide safety targets or develop their own. The Vision Zero goal setting process is not part of the process of setting the five annual safety targets, which CRCOG has reviewed and adopted in recent years. Although these are two different goal setting procedures, they both highlight the need to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes on our roads.

**Benefit to Member Towns/CRCOG:**

The endorsement of the goal will allow member towns to meet one of the required application criteria for the SS4A funding applications. Endorsing a goal provides the leadership commitment to ongoing support, engagement, and accountability to work toward zero roadway deaths and serious injuries in our region.

**Financial/Operational Impact:**

A safety action plan provides municipalities with the ability to make direct application for various future SS4A grants.

**Project Schedule:**

The next round of SS4A funding applications is anticipated in the Spring of 2025.

**Recommendation:**

Based on the endorsement from our Vision Zero Task Force and Transportation Committee, staff recommends that the Policy Board move to adopt the attached resolution.

**Attachments:**

- Proposed Resolution - CRCOG Vision Zero Goal
- CRCOG Fatalities by Person Type 2023
- CRCOG Serious Injuries by Person Type 2023

## RESOLUTION

### CRCOG Vision Zero Goal

**WHEREAS**, Vision Zero is a strategy to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all roadway users; and

**WHEREAS**, CRCOG was awarded a U.S. Department of Transportation Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant to develop a comprehensive safety action plan for the Capitol Region Council of Governments region; and

**WHEREAS**, the first component of a safety action plan requires leadership commitment and goal setting, that includes an official public commitment by a high-ranking official and/or governing body to an eventual goal of zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, the CRCOG Vision Zero Task force approved the following goal at its September 5, 2024 meeting; and the CRCOG Transportation Committee endorsed the goal at its September 16, 2024 meeting for approval by the CRCOG Policy Board.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Capitol Region Council of Governments does hereby set the following Vision Zero goal:

**CRCOG's Vision Zero goal is to reach zero fatal and serious injury roadway (and multi-use trail) crashes by 2040 with an intermediate target to reduce fatal, serious, and overall crashes by 50% by 2032.**

#### CERTIFICATE

I certify the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Policy Board, at its meeting held on October 23, 2024.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jason Bowsza, Secretary