

## Memorandum

**To:** CRCOG Transportation Committee  
**From:** Roger Krahn, Principal Transportation Engineer  
**CC:** Robert Aloise, Director of Transportation Planning  
**Meeting Date:** October 21, 2024  
**Subject:** Canton: Vision Zero Program of Distinction for Schools

In accordance with recent state legislation, CTDOT has established a Vision Zero Program of Distinction for Schools. The Town of Canton was one of only four (4) school districts in the state to be awarded this distinction in the first year of the program. Excerpts from a Canton press release are included below.

*The district was recognized by the Connecticut Department of Transportation as a Vision Zero Program of Distinction. The Vision Zero Program of Distinction aims to recognize schools and districts who are committed to safe routes to school and promoting safe transportation practices.*

*The CTDOT Vision Zero Council recognized Canton as one of four recipient districts for the first-ever Vision Zero Program Distinction Award in a ceremony on September 13, 2024. Other recipient districts include East Haddam, Hamden, and Norwalk. Canton was recognized for their extensive work with their Safe Routes to School assessment in collaboration with the Canton community, and the development of their Bike Tech program in collaboration with Benidorm Bikes, a local bicycle shop.*

*Jon Bishop, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, represented Canton at the recognition event with Jan Tanner, owner of Benidorm Bikes. Bishop says, “we are so proud to work alongside such a great community and incredibly grateful for the collaborative work with Benidorm Bikes and Bike Walk Canton. Their passion has helped to support this reality for us.”*

See the Safe Routes to School page on CTDOT’s website for information on the Vision Zero Program Distinction for Schools and how to apply:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DOT/Programs/Safe-Routes-to-School-SRTS-Program/SRTS---Home>