

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Three years after the launch of Vision Zero, the City of Boston is making incremental progress towards eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2030. Each life lost on Boston streets continues to be an occasion to reflect on the urgency of the Vision Zero goal.

The Massachusetts Vision Zero Coalition is committed to reviewing the City's performance annually to ensure public accountability in reaching its goals. This year's report assesses progress in two areas: Vision Zero Fundamentals and Vision Zero Actions, and provides recommendations for incorporating equitable enforcement strategy in adherence with the national guidelines published by the Vision Zero Network.

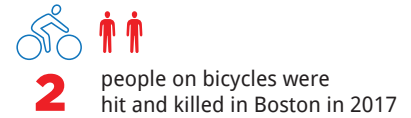
Mayor Walsh's recently announced commitment of \$5 million in additional funds for transportation staffing and projects for FY19 is a major step in the right direction. The increased capacity heightens the need for strong interdepartmental collaboration, and it's becoming increasingly clear that Vision Zero needs to move beyond the Transportation Department and become a priority within all partnering municipal agencies in order for the city to reach its goals.

2017 Traffic Fatalities

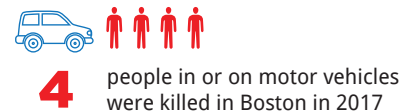
Walking



Bicycling



Driving



Year Two Scorecard Summary

Vision Zero Fundamentals

Vision Zero Fundamentals are the core elements required to support systemic change on our streets:

1. Build a Robust Data Framework



2. Set Measurable Goals with a Clear Timeline for Implementation



3. Be Accountable



4. Ensure Transparency



Recommendations:

- ✓ Establish interdepartmental accountability systems for collecting, sharing, and analyzing data.
- ✓ Utilize the Vision Zero Network's Action Plan Guidelines to set near-term (1-2 year) and interim (3-5 year) goals through 2030.
- ✓ Optimize project management by integrating as many operations between the Public Works and Transportation Departments as possible.
- ✓ Report regularly (annually at a minimum) to key stakeholders, decision making bodies, and the public.

Vision Zero Actions

Vision Zero Actions are grouped into four critical areas:

1. Reducing Speeds



2. Building Safer Streets



3. Engaging Bostonians



4. Equitable Enforcement

N/A

(The Coalition will assess Boston's progress in this area in the 2018 report.)



Showing Leadership



Making Progress



Needs Improvement

Recommendations:

- ✓ Position Vision Zero street design improvements within planning and implementation of all routine street maintenance.
- ✓ Conduct planning and community outreach for Vision Zero priority projects during the winter and implement projects in the spring.
- ✓ Ensure that the Police Department participates meaningfully in crash site visits with the Task Force.
- ✓ Develop a Vision Zero training manual to share with key stakeholders.
- ✓ Evaluate and adopt equitable enforcement strategies for the City of Boston.

What You Can Do

Since we released the first progress report for Boston in 2016, two more cities, Cambridge and Somerville, have committed to Vision Zero. For FY19, Mayor Walsh has proposed a transformational \$5 million transportation investment that will greatly expand the City's ability to more rapidly implement dozens of critical street and transit projects.

The momentum to prioritize safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all is growing, and we encourage you to get involved by taking any of the actions below:

- ◆ **Contact your city councilors** and ask them to support the transportation investment and increased budget for Vision Zero for FY19.
- ◆ **Sign up to receive alerts from the Coalition** so you can attend the Police, Public Works, and Transportation Department hearings for the FY19 budget this spring, and testify in support of the \$5 million investment for safer, healthier, and more sustainable transportation, which will directly benefit Vision Zero. Email info@visionzerocoalition.org for more information.
- ◆ Share this progress report summary and the full report on social media and with your neighbors and elected officials. #VisionZero

Together we can eliminate fatal and serious injury crashes on our streets by 2030.