Four years after the launch of Vision Zero in the City of Boston, the number of fatal crashes has measurably decreased, while the total number of crashes requiring EMS response has increased. The drop in fatalities is a promising shift, but the Coalition also acknowledges that we must continue to focus on strategies to reduce the overall number of injury crashes.

In 2018, Mayor Walsh committed to an additional $5 million for transportation staffing and projects for FY19. As the Transportation Department continues to integrate new staff members, creating clear organizational structures is needed to establish how projects will be managed and executed. We recommend taking advantage of the recent departure of the Transportation Commissioner and vacant Public Works Commissioner position to combine the Public Works and Transportation Departments into one, integrated agency.

The Coalition is committed to reviewing the City’s performance annually to ensure public accountability in reaching its goals. The following assessment was made in adherence with the guidelines published by the national Vision Zero Network in “Vision Zero: Planning an Effective Road Map For Action.”

**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

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**Recommendations:**

- Hire a full-time Boston Police data analyst to clean up crash report data, investigate trends, and work closely with the Transportation Department, Boston EMS, and MassDOT to ensure Boston’s crash data is properly reported.

- Create a comprehensive map of completed and ongoing projects with clear benchmarks to track progress through the “zero” goal year of 2030.

- Hold all departments accountable to the guidelines of Vision Zero when completing tasks and projects on the street and clearly communicate to the public which department(s) are responsible for which projects.

- Report annual progress against the goals of the Action Plan. The City’s Action Plan should also be updated regularly with specific goals that have a built-in timeline with benchmarks for tracking progress.

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**Year Three Scorecard Summary**
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

Recommendations:

✔ Pass a resolution by the City Council supporting S.1376 and push the agenda on the topic of automated enforcement in the City of Boston.

✔ Ensure that priority corridor projects in low-income neighborhoods, communities of color, and Environmental Justice communities are implemented with equal quality and speed as they are in wealthier neighborhoods.

✔ Develop a policy around mandating safer trucks through development permits and contracts, publishing which city-contracted trucks have installed side guards to demonstrate accountability around enforcement, and working towards adoption of high-visibility truck cabs.

✔ Develop a Vision Zero training manual to share with key stakeholders and require Vision Zero training for City staff and contractors to ensure that their public messaging and actions align with the City’s Vision Zero commitment.

✔ Ensure that Vision Zero principles are well-integrated into the Police Department, and that all officers are trained and aware of the Vision Zero program.

What You Can Do

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:

◆ Share this Progress Report summary and the full report on social media and with your neighbors and elected officials. #VisionZero

◆ Contact your city councilors and ask them to ensure transportation and Vision Zero funding are a priority in the FY20 budget process this spring.

◆ Sign up to receive alerts from the Coalition so you can attend the Police, Public Works, and Transportation Department hearings for the FY20 budget this spring, and testify in support of investments for safer, healthier, and more sustainable transportation, which will directly benefit Vision Zero.

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