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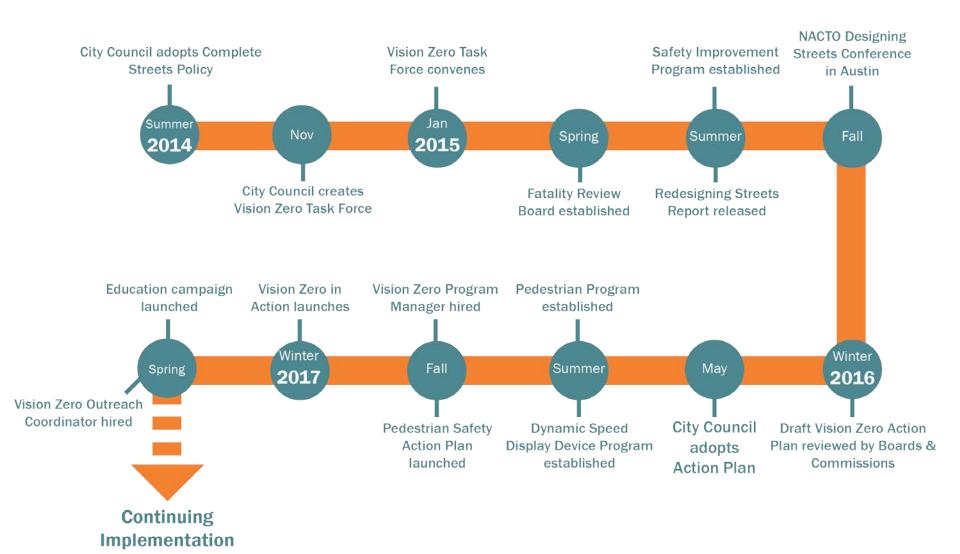
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#### Vision Zero Timeline



# Vision Zero Reporting

#### 3 levels of detail:

- 1. Report Card: 4-page summary document
- 2. Annual Report: In-depth review of progress, including highlights from each of the Focus Areas
- 3. Progress Reports:
  Detailed tracking of each action in the Action Plan, included in the Annual Report appendix

Report Card **Annual Report Progress** Reports



### **Report Card**

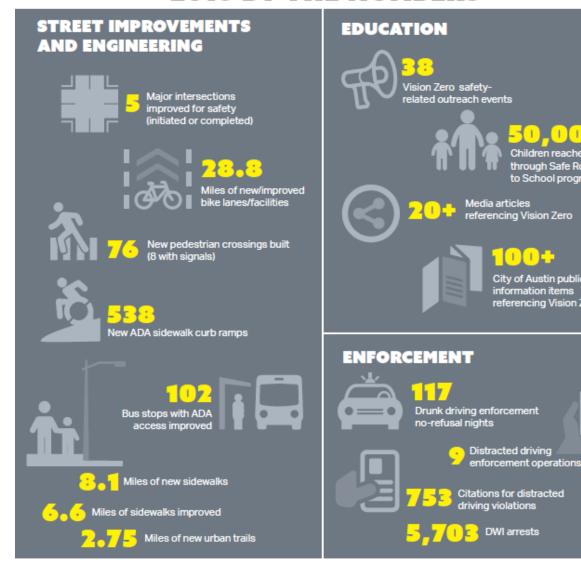
A four page at-a-glance summary of **2016** actions & stats

#### **2016 BY THE NUMBERS**

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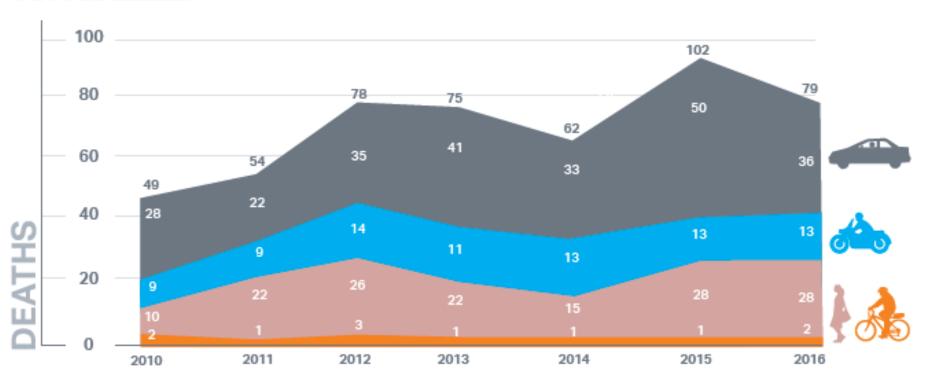
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City of Austin public information items referencing Vision Zero



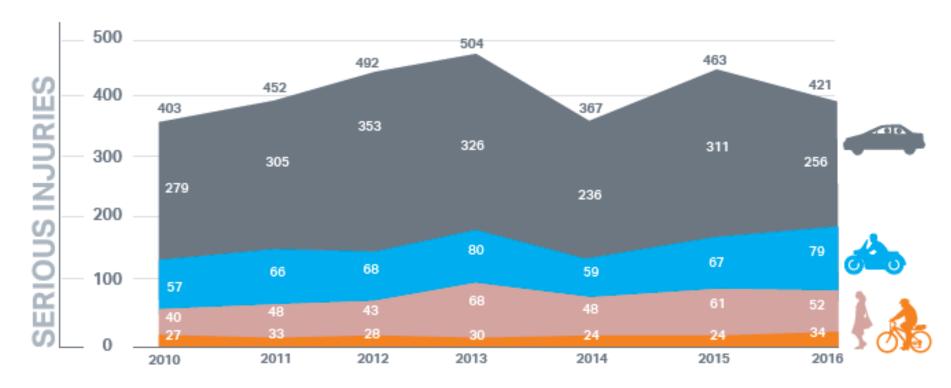
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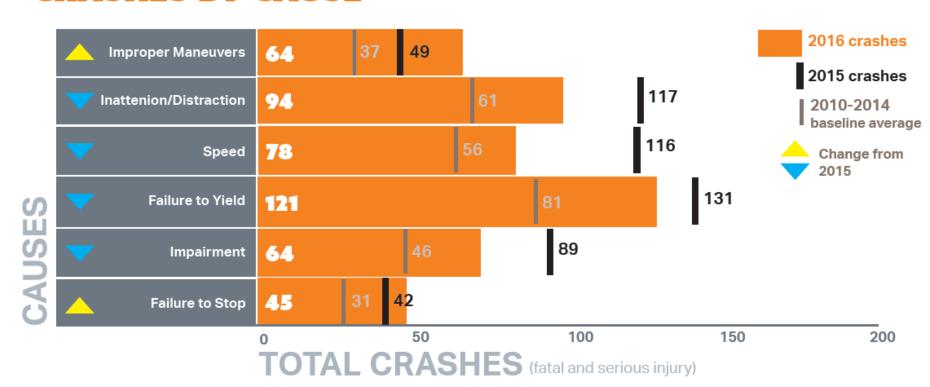


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#### **CRASHES BY CAUSE**





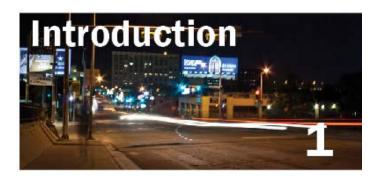
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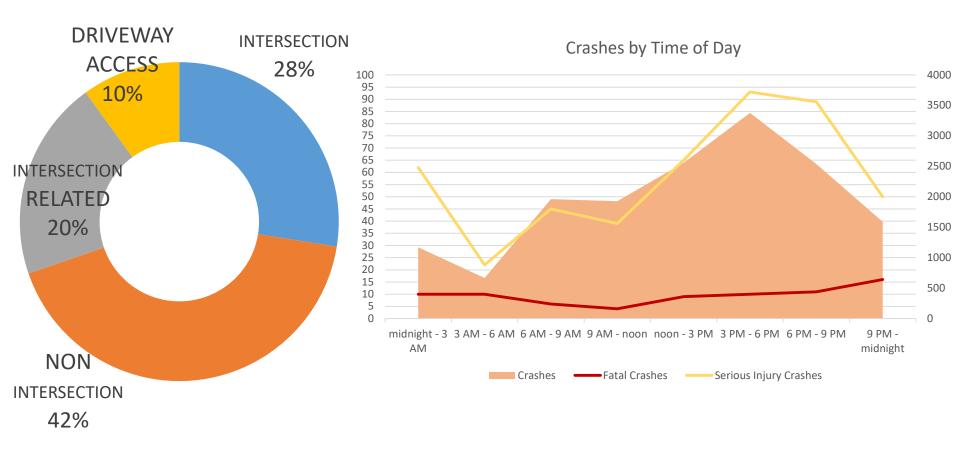
#### 1. Introduction

- a. The Challenge
- b. Organizational Structure
- c. Timeline
- d. Crash Trends
- 2. Focus Areas: review of progress, including highlights from each of the Focus Areas
- 3. Appendix: Progress
  Reports: Detailed tracking of each action in the Action Plan





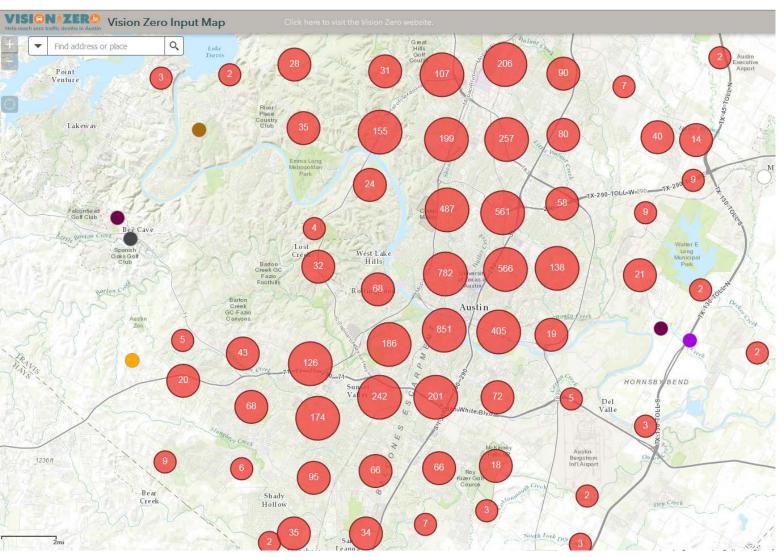




**Cross-Agency Data Sharing:** APD and ATD gained access to TxDOT's Crash Records Information System (CRIS) in late 2016. This access to a single database for crash records is helping staff across agencies to evaluate crashes and to better coordinate safety improvements going forward.

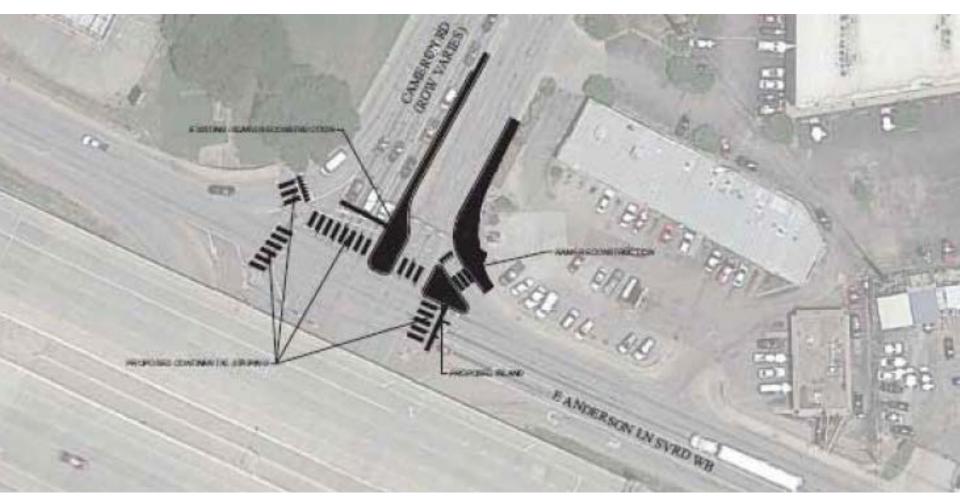
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**Electronic Crash Reporting:** Officers responding to a crash use a CR-3 form to record crash details, including the vehicles and people involved, contributing factors, charges, and location. To improve accuracy and streamline completion of crash forms and analysis of crashes, APD transitioned to electronic CR-3 submittal in the Spring of 2016, allowing officers to complete CR-3s using a handheld device.



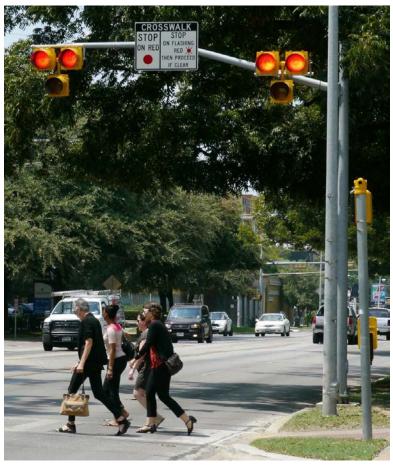
# Vision Zero Input Tool:

Over 7,000 comments, covering all of Austin. These comments will be used in planning efforts, including the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan.

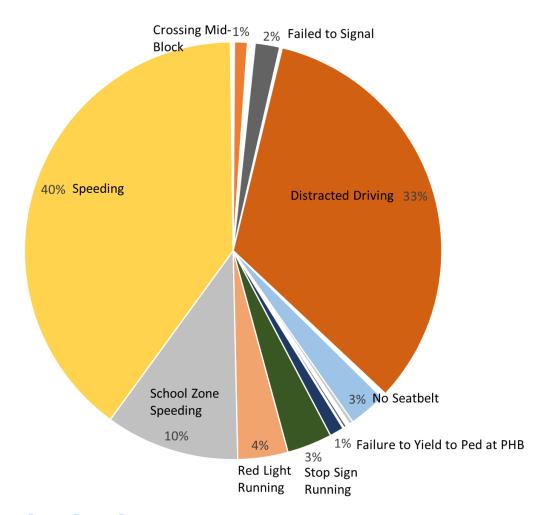


**Evaluation of Top Crash Locations:** ATD evaluated crash data to identify the high-crash intersections with the greatest potential to be made safer through re-design. Metrics used to review and prioritize the intersections included the frequency, rates and severity of crashes. 5 intersections were selected for immediate work in 2016.





**Grants:** In 2016, The Austin Transportation Department and the Austin Police Department received more than \$4M in grant funding for transportation safety-related efforts.



**Vision Zero in Action:** Joint education and enforcement effort by ATD and APD's to accelerate implementation of the Vision Zero Action Plan. Once fully implemented, this coordinated program will address a total of 23 Actions in the Vision Zero Action Plan spanning Evaluation, Education and Enforcement.



No Refusal: APD has increased the number of No Refusal events, including extending enforcement around holidays and events. During No Refusal events, officers have a bench warrant allowing blood draws for suspected drunk drivers who refuse to take a breathalyzer or blood draw test for intoxication. APD had an estimated 117 No-Refusal Nights in 2016.

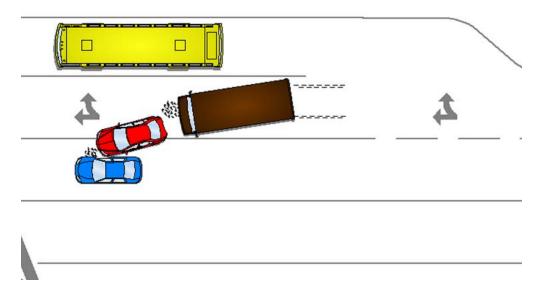




**Safe Driver Initiative:** In 2016, APD started the Safe Driver Initiative to enforce the City's Hands-Free Ordinance. Officers positioned on a Capital Metro bus observed whether drivers on Interstate 35 (IH-35) were using handheld devices and alerted motorcycle officers to issue citations. In 2016, APD conducted 9 operations, resulting in 753 citations and 83 warnings for hands free violations.



**Sobriety Center:** The Austin/Travis County Sobriety Center is a jointly funded initiative by the City of Austin and Travis County that seeks to provide an alternative to jail or the emergency room for publicly intoxicated individuals, improving safety for both the public and intoxicated individuals. Continued planning and coordination is expected through fiscal years 2017 and 2018, with anticipated opening in May of 2018.



Fatality Review Board: The Fatality Review Board was created in fall 2015, with membership from ATD, APD, APH, and PAZ. Following crash investigations by APD and ATD, the Board reviews all fatal crashes on a monthly basis and determines whether there are engineering solutions that may be applied to prevent future crashes at those locations.

In 2016, the Fatality Review Board evaluated 77 fatal crashes, identifying and implementing engineering improvements at 15 locations.



**High Crash Intersections:** Five high crash locations citywide were selected for engineering redesigns in 2016:

- Hwy 183 at Cameron Road
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. at IH-35
- Lamar Blvd. at Parmer Lane

- Lamar Blvd. at Rundberg Lane
- Slaughter Lane at Manchaca Road





**Street Design:** Over 40 complete streets safety projects have been installed since the adoption of the Vision Zero Action Plan, covering nearly 30 miles of streets throughout the City of Austin. Projects included adding pedestrian refuge islands, improving traffic signals by adding lead pedestrian intervals, protected bike lanes, left turn protection, traffic calming and other crash reduction strategies.





Before After

**Sidewalk Projects:** The Sidewalk and Special Projects Division of Public Works completed 7.5 miles of new sidewalks in 2016. Highlighted projects include: Middle Fiskville (Rundberg to Northcape) and Cross Park Drive (Cameron to Wall)



#### **Dynamic Speed Display**

**Devices:** In September 2016, ATD began a new Rotating DSDD Pilot Program, deploying 6 portable DSDDs at different locations around the city. DDSDs collect real-time data on vehicular speeds and volumes.

This pilot program will help ATD determine whether DSDD's are an effective strategy for the long-term reduction of speeds on streets with documented speeding and will be used for more effective and targeted enforcement activities.



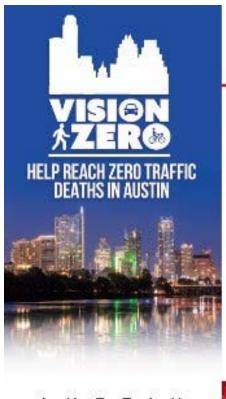








Outreach Events: Numerous City and community events, including Burnet Road Better Block, City Wellness Fair, ACC events, AISD events, the ATD/Capital Metro Traffic Jam, and 11 Walk + Bike Talks in each Council District



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#### WHAT CAUSES AUSTIN CRASHES?

Most traffic deaths and incapacitating injuries in Austin (79%) are caused by these dangerous behaviors:



Driver inattention or distraction



Speed



Alcohol and/or drugs



Improper movements (e.g., lane changing, backing or turning)



Failure to stop



Failure to yield right of way



#### HOW YOU CAN HELP

#### STAY FOCUSED

Distracted road users cause crashes.

Don't let if be you: Using the roadway is a full-time job. DO YOUR JOB.

- Don't muti-task- even eating, distracting conversation, or turning to attend to obliden can lead to a crash.
- Avoid anything that takes your eyes, mind or loave all the road; if can wait.
- Austin's Hands-Free Ordinance prohibits divers and bioyoists from using handheld electronic devices. Penalty: Up to \$500

#### LOOK TWICE

- Drivers: Look for people walking and blving especially when making a turn.
- Pedestrians: Cross streets at marked crosswalks or intersections, if possible. Always look both ways before crossing the street.
- Everyone: Be extra conflous wherever vehicles cross a sidewalk and/or bike lane.

**Educational Tools:** Foundational work for media/marketing campaigns, an educational brochure for distribution by APD during traffic stops, and bus messaging by Capital Metro



Do you drive all by yourself to get around town?

Learn about other options through the City's new Smart Trips program! Fill out a survey and let us know more about your commuting habits.

Once we receive your survey, a STAR (Smart Trips Austin Representative) will meet with you and drop off maps, bike lights, pedometers and other tools to help you diversify your commute.

We'll help you figure out the best options and routes for your commute.



Try the bus. It's easier than you think with the help of a STAR volunteer!

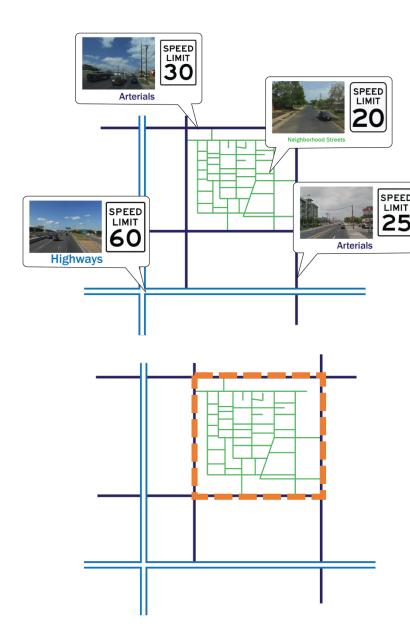
convenient than you think with a STAR volunteer! so many choices to a smarte commute. We can't wait to hear about YOUR Smart Trips experience! Maximize your transportation options! Minimize your commute stress!

**Smart Trips:** Smart Trips Austin is an active transportation encouragement program that aims to improve health and manage congestion by increasing walking, biking and public transit use to access work sites, schools, recreation, shopping and medical facilities. The City of Austin's Smart Trips Program in Central Austin saw a 6% increase in transit and a 3% increase in walking with a 2% decrease in single occupant vehicle trips. This program will continue into 2017 with funding provided by the City of Austin and Capital Metro.



Safe Routes to School: In 2016, the City's Safe Routes to School Program held events at 32 elementary schools. The Program (at the Public Works Department) works closely with elementary schools to educate and encourage students about walking and biking to school, provide crossing guards, and where feasible provide improved sidewalks and other pedestrian improvements. The program is successful in encouraging more students to walk and bike safely to school.

## Focus Area: Policy



# **Speed Management:** Responding to Austin City Council Resolution 20160519-049 of May 2016, staff researched academic literature and best practices to make a recommendation to the City Council Mobility

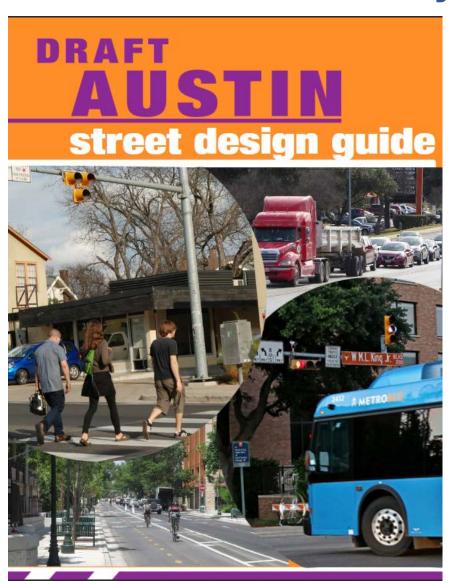
1. Support state legislative efforts in 2017 to lower the prima facie speed to 25 miles per hour:

Committee on Dec. 7, 2016 and the full City

Council on Dec. 15. Council voted to:

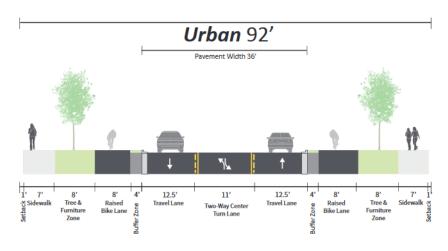
- 2. Incorporate target design speeds into plans and manuals;
- 3. Systematically evaluate arterial speed limits citywide for appropriateness; and
- 4. Establish a neighborhood slow zone pilot.

#### Focus Area: Policy



# Transportation & Land Use: Planning & Regulations:

Incorporating Vision Zero into CodeNEXT, the Austin Street Design Guide, and the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan.



#### Focus Area: Policy





Crashes within the North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Planning Area (2010-2014)

Factor	Fatal or Incopecitating	Other Severity			
Failure to Stop	•	13			
Speed	2	33			
Failure to Yield	7 1	34			
Impairment	1	18			
Distraction	<b>1</b>	<b>₹</b> 48			
Improper Maneuver	<b>*</b> 1	₩ 34			

City Planning: Burnet Road Better Block & North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Plan: Incorporating Vision Zero into other City plans and policies at a neighborhood scale.

#### **Progress Reports**

#### I. Evaluation

2017	PROGRESS	Strategy 1: Develop better analytical tools and metrics.									
Priority	RATING	Action from VZ Action Plan	Progress	Expected							
				Completion							
Р		Action 1: Integrate state and local tools into a common crash analysis tool that can identify and report on crash patterns and trends across the region, as well as along a roadway and within or at an intersection and automatically generate collision diagrams.	TxDOT Crash Record Information System (CRIS) has been identified as common crash data source. See Action 6 for progress related to CRIS access.  ATD is now using CRIS data for analysis of specific locations (see Action 5) and to better understand trends across the region.	Common crash tool is complete.  Next Steps: Explore opportunities to add additional attributes to CRIS datasets & research state-of-the-art collision diagram software.							
P		Action 2: Develop a user-friendly and comprehensive method of collecting information on the ground at crash locations to enable easier and more thorough analysis, especially of spatial patterns and design factors.	APD has transitioned to electronic submittal of the CR-3 form used to collect crash information.	Next Steps: Identify additional ways to improve crash data collection, including training.							
P		Action 3: Collect geospatial data for citations from the Municipal Court and include that data in crash analysis.	Municipal Court citation data does not include specific geospatial information. ATD is working with Municipal Court to identify ways to include geospatial information.	Summer 2017.							

# Progress for each action in the Action Plan: Includes whether the Task Force identified a particular action as a 2017 priority, a color-coded progress rating, the action text, information on progress to date, and expected completion.

The full Annual Report, including the Progress Report Appendix, is available on <a href="https://www.austintexas.gov/visionzero">www.austintexas.gov/visionzero</a>



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