

**VISION ZERO TEXAS**

# **WE CAN END TRAFFIC DEATHS IN TEXAS**



## **BUT WE NEED LEADERSHIP FROM THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR.**

**Vision Zero Texas** is collaborating with communities and organizations from across the state to support this legislative agenda for #txlege 2019.

### **SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS**

The Safe Neighborhood Streets bill would lower the prima facie speed limit — the speed limit on all little streets that don't have a speed limit sign — from 30 to 25 mph, and it will give cities the power that counties already have to use 20 mph speed limits to design streets where kids are free to be kids.

### **CONSISTENT STATEWIDE HANDS-FREE LAW**

While the official estimates from TXDoT are that about 500 people die from distracted driving across Texas every year, we know that we are under-reporting the extent of distracted driving crashes by almost half. Police are reporting that the current statewide texting ban is generally unenforceable, while cities with hands free laws have seen greater clarity in enforcement and lower rates of distracted driving.

### **STOP FOR PEDESTRIANS**

Texas is currently a Yield to Pedestrians state — and also one of the most dangerous states in the nation for pedestrians. Several states have recently found that a small change to traffic laws from being a “yield to” to a “stop for” state can help save lives and provide much greater clarity while you are driving, walking, or using a wheelchair.

### **ENDING TRAFFIC DEATHS**

A clear statewide goal to end the epidemic of traffic deaths by 2040 will increase the rate at which our state agencies and local governments can reduce the danger on our streets. The state's Strategic Highway Safety Plan assumes that traffic deaths will *continue to rise*, because of a lack of prioritizing safety from our leadership. A multi-agency task force would bring recommendations back to the 2021 legislative session to rapidly increase safety on Texas roads.

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