

Item #3 – Input from Lewis Leff – Austin Transportation/Vision Zero

We have a public website that has a dashboard and a map which shows historical data as well as data through 2 weeks ago.

<https://visionzero.austin.gov/viewer/>

There are important insights that I'd like to point out for your upcoming conversation.

- There are ~13,000 crashes that receive a crash report from a peace officer each year, and tens of thousands of other minor collisions. The loss of life and quality of life for those directly involved in the most severe crashes is staggering. And the total volume of crashes requires an incredible amount of public safety resources to respond to these incidents, and has huge aggregate implications on traffic congestion and more for our community.
- You'll see a modal breakdown on the website. Pedestrian fatalities in Austin are rising, similar to statewide and national trends. High vehicular speeds, larger vehicles, lack of sufficient lighting, and roadway design are the key systemic reasons for this. Bicyclist fatal crashes are maintaining a relatively low level after years of investment from our community in safer infrastructure.
- I would encourage you all to look at the map page, as the location and time of crashes tells a story as well. Over half of our fatal crashes happen between 8pm-4am. Historically, ~2/3 of our fatal crashes happen on-system (TxDOT-owned roadways like freeways and frontage roads and major arterials) and this year that number is up to 3/4.