



City of Bellevue

Vision Zero Progress and Safe Speeds Bellevue Direction

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Direction

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Agenda

1. Bellevue Road Safety Trends
2. 2025-2026 Safe System Activities
3. Safe Speeds Bellevue Council Direction

Vision Zero Policies, Plans and Programs



2021



2022



2024



2026



2023

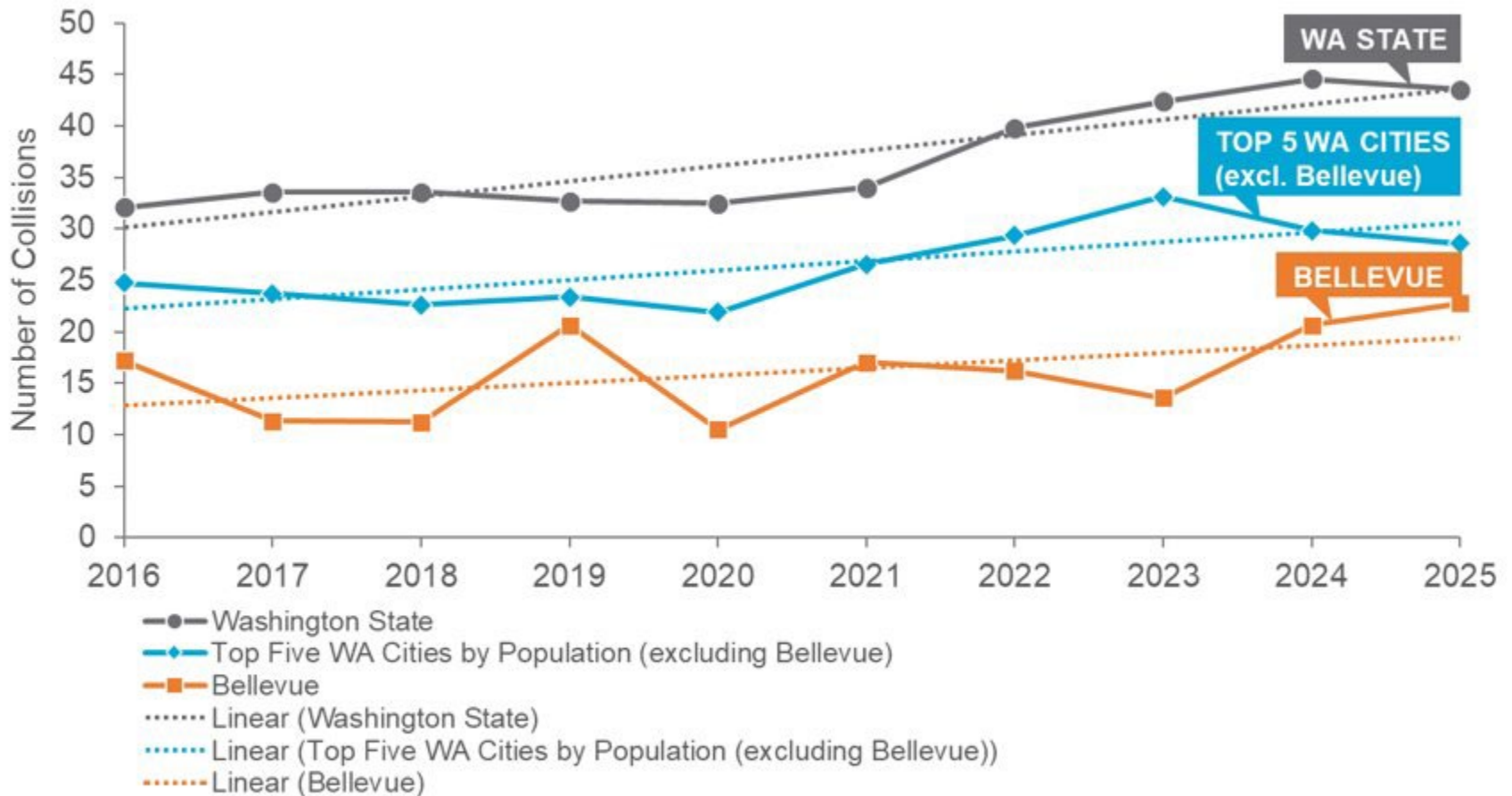


2025



Fatal and Serious Injury (FSI) Crashes by Population 2016-2025

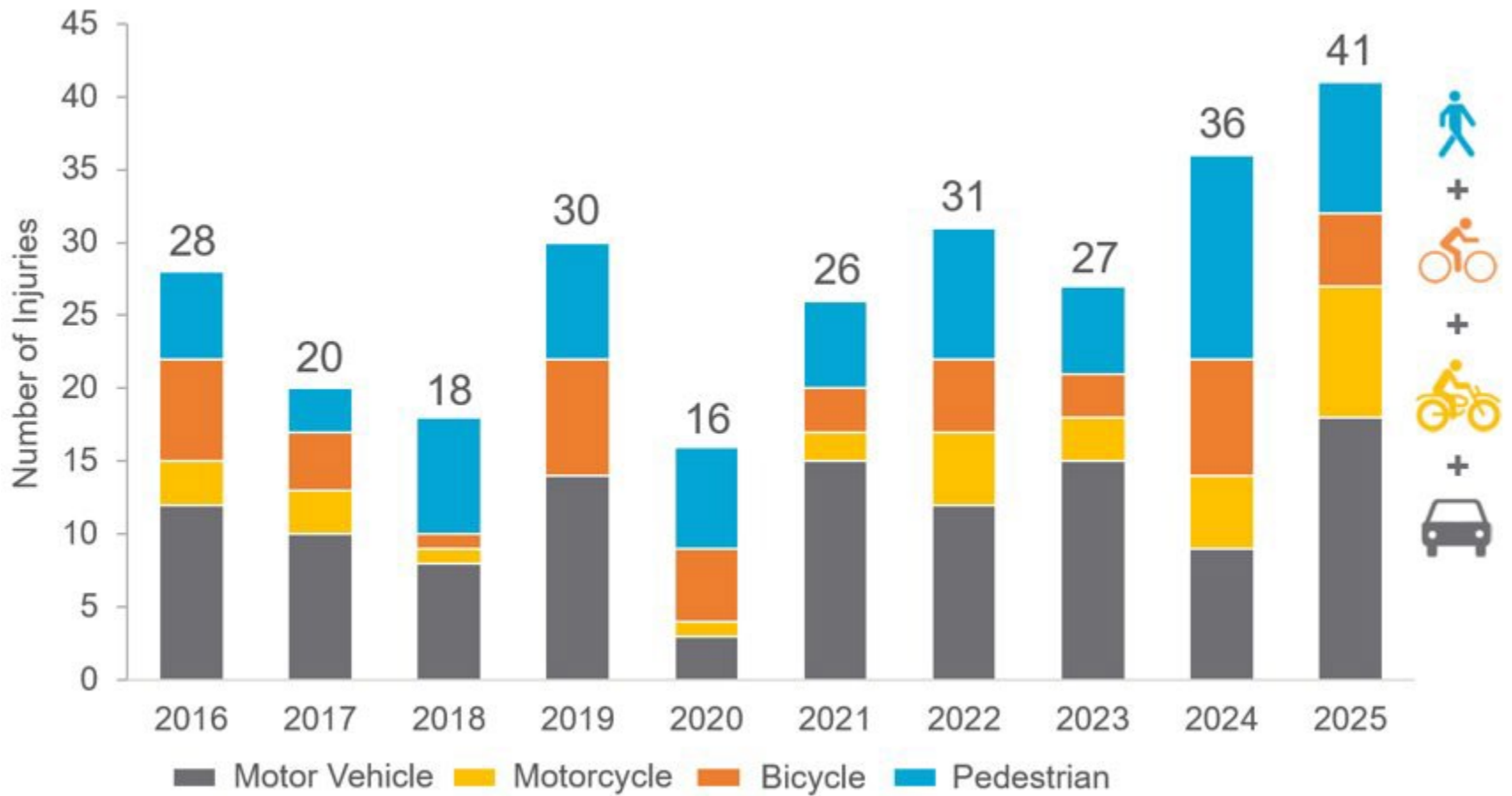
Fatal and Serious Injury Collisions by 100,000 Population, 2016-2025



Source: WSDOT Collision Data (2016-2025)

Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes in Bellevue by Injured Person and Type 2016-2025

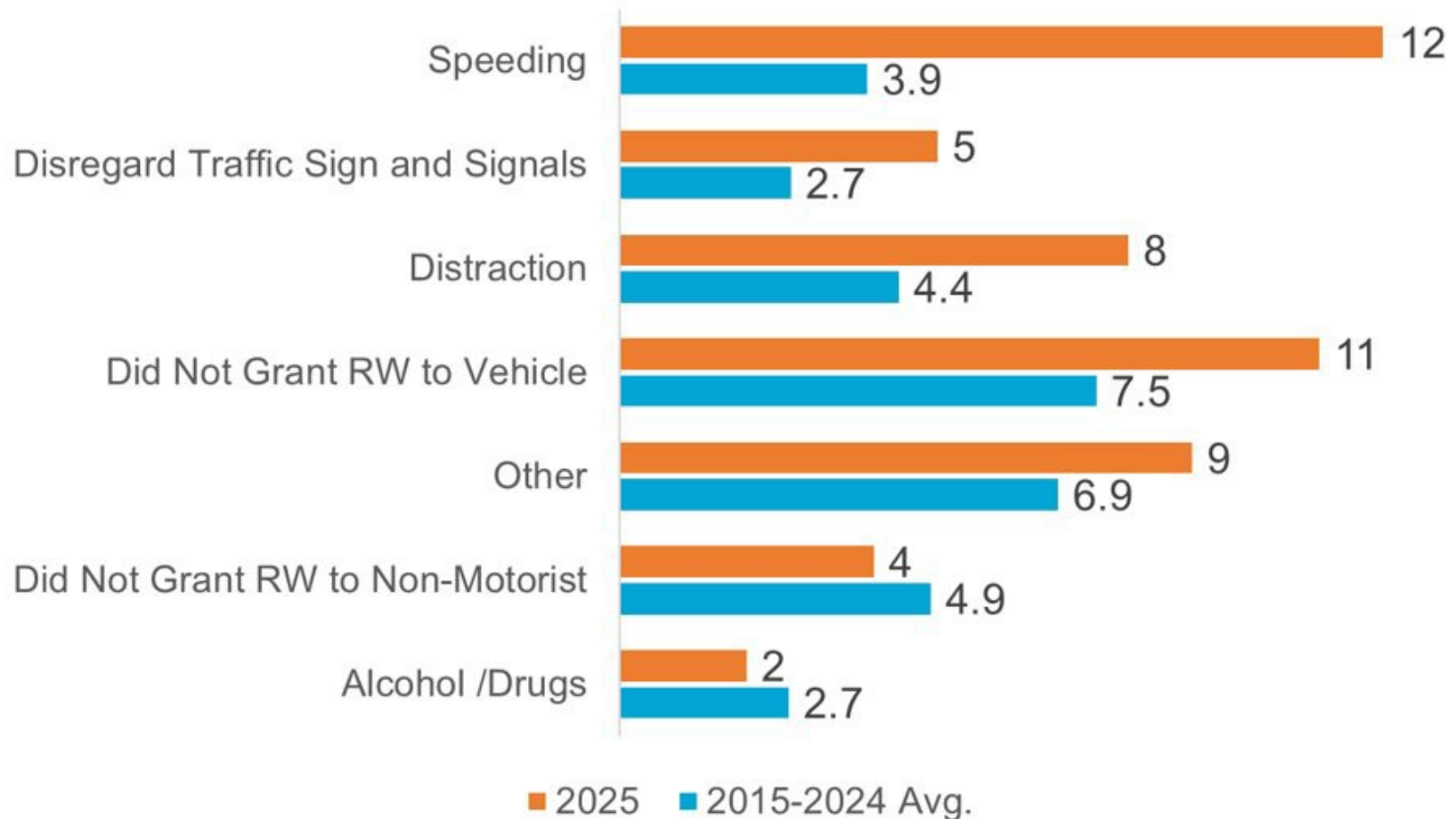
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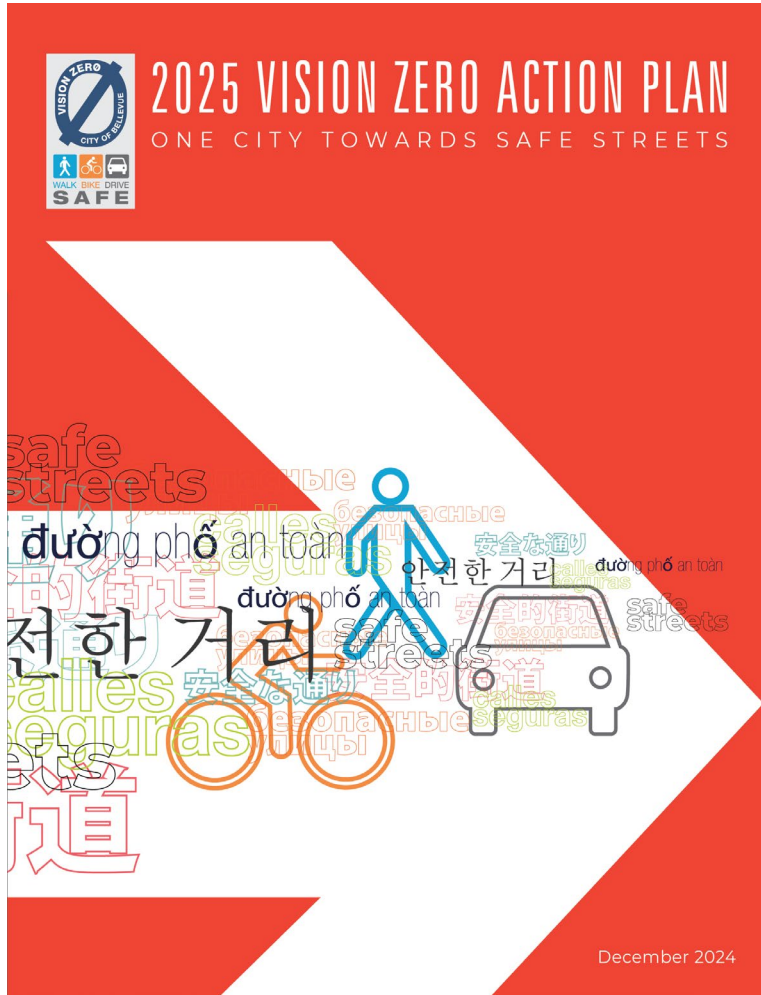
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2025 Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes in Bellevue comparisons to 10-year average

FSI Crash Contributing Factors (2025 vs. 2015-2024 Average)



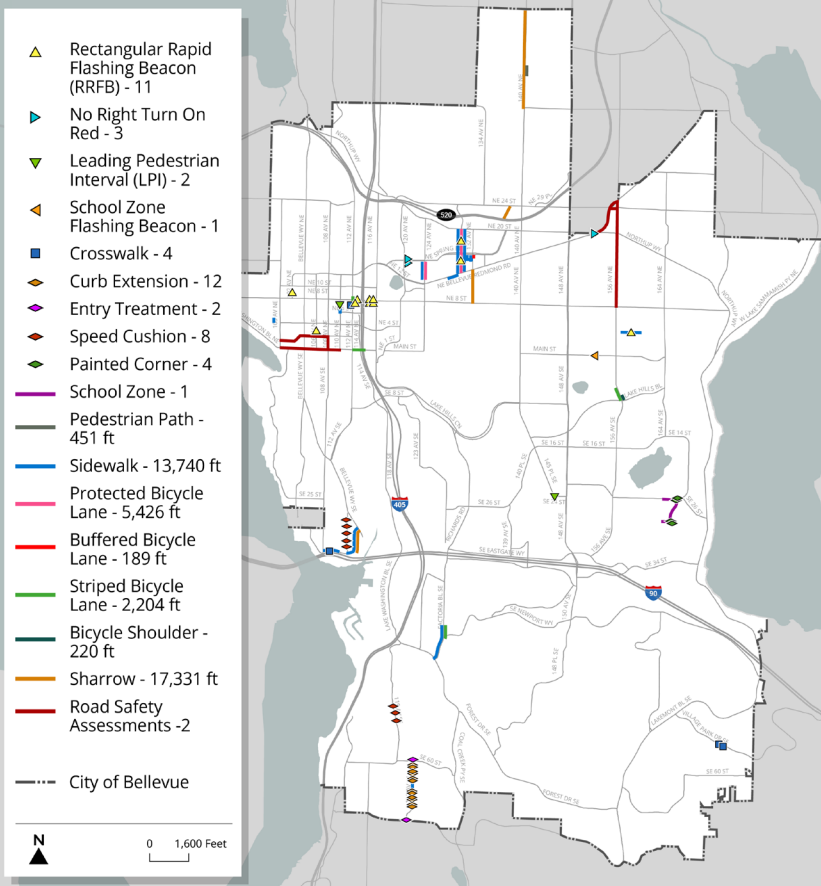
2025 Vision Zero Activities



- Secured \$1.8M+ in grants (TIB & ATP) for citywide safety projects
- Implemented Safe Routes to School program; completed plan and engaged 22 schools
- Updated micromobility regulations and initiated shared program procurement

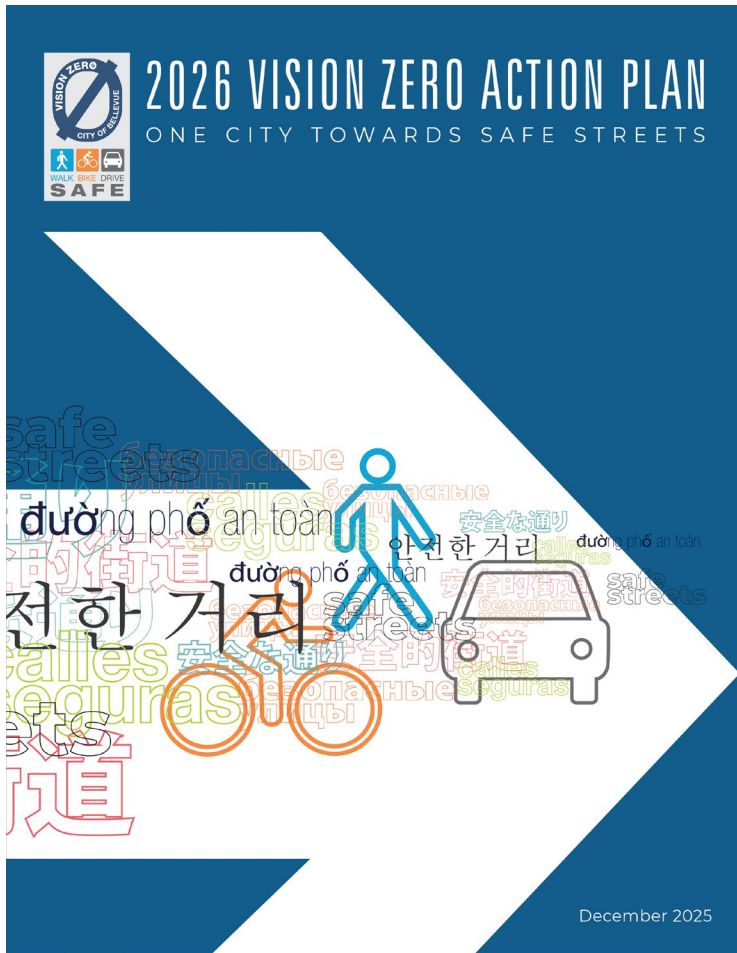
2025 Infrastructure Improvements

Safe System improvements Implemented on city streets in 2025



- 2.6 miles of sidewalks, 1.5 miles of bike lanes, and 3.3 miles of shared lane markings
- 48 treatments (speed cushions, curb extensions, crosswalk upgrades, radar signs, new school zone)
- 17 signal upgrades (RRFBs, No Turn on Red, LPIs, school zone beacon)

2026 Vision Zero Activities



- New signal technologies for real-time safety interventions
- Road Safety Audits on High Injury Network corridors
- Safe Speeds activities including new speed safety cameras citywide, 20 mph on most local streets, and 30+ mph streets citywide

Safe Speeds Bellevue

- Cornerstone of “Safe Speeds” strategy in Safe System framework
- Lower speeds decrease the frequency and severity of crashes
- Lower speed limits reduce high-end speeding (up to 42%)
- Reduced speed limits shown to decrease crashes

30+ mph streets are

25%



of the street network, but account for

88%



of crashes where a person is **killed or seriously injured**

2014-2025

Safe Speeds Bellevue Timeline: Council & Outreach

May 2025:
Launched
Safe Speeds
Bellevue
(study
session)

**June/July
2025:**
Approved/
implemented
evaluation
streets

Jan. 2026:
Draft Safer
Speed
Limits (study
session)

June 2026:
Consider
approval of
Safer Speed
Limits (study
session)

2027+:
Implement
speed limit
changes

Phase 1:
Consult & Inform

Phase 2:
Consult & Inform

Phase 3:
Inform

Continued Community Engagement

Activities since January:

- YouthLink Council (50+)
- Events: 2-Line Opening, EarthFest, Crossroads Community Night, Great Neighborhoods
- *It's Your City* (every household)
- Neighborhood News & Transportation newsletters
- Social media/email/flyers at community centers & libraries
- Survey (over 800 responses)

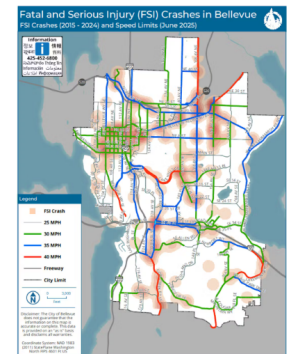


Safe Speeds Bellevue 2026



The City of Bellevue Transportation Department launched **Safe Speeds Bellevue** last year with the aim of improving road safety and supporting our [Vision Zero](#) goal of eliminating traffic deaths and serious-injury collisions on city streets by 2030.

The purpose of the Safe Streets Bellevue program is to make streets safer for everyone who uses them by evaluating streets for speed limit reductions and speed management. Crashes at lower speed limits are less forceful and are less likely to result in a fatal or serious injury. Lower speed limits have been shown to reduce the speed people drive, especially high-end speeds, and have resulted in fewer overall crashes and fatal and serious injury crashes in cities across the US.



Community Input Themes

Over 75% think speed of cars affects the safety of people driving, biking and walking

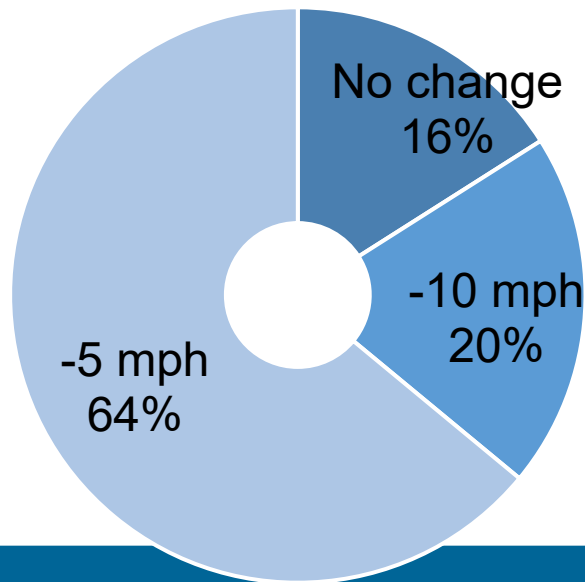


- **Enforcement:** speed limits need to be enforced
- **Design changes:** roadways need traffic calming
- **Speeding/distracted driving:** focus on behavior changes
- **Congestion:** lower speed limits will add to congestion

Proposed Speed Limits

- Evaluated 30+ mph speed limits based on **conflicts** (crossings and modal mixing) and **activity**
- 20 mph near Old Bellevue/Downtown Park

Change in Speed Limits by Mileage



Safe Speeds Bellevue Implementation

- Council action to revise city code (June 23)
- Additional Council action on streets near Redmond (2027)
- Design work in progress
- Implement in 2-3 phases beginning in 2027 (urban core first → high injury network)



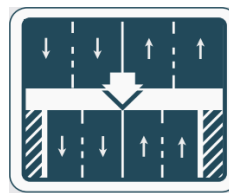
Following Council Action

- Coordinate with Police Department on changes
- Adjust signal timing
- Continue community outreach
- Monitor speed and crash trends

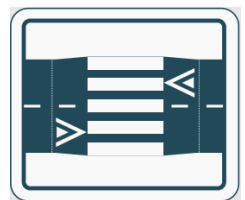
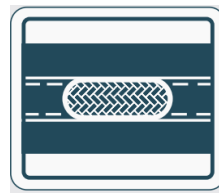
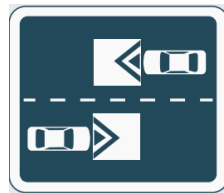
Implement Additional Tools



Technology



Traffic Calming



Crossings



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