

City of
Bellevue



Transportation Commission Study Session

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TO: Chair Wu and Members of the Transportation Commission

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SUBJECT: Bellevue Vision Zero Action Plan: Safe Systems Strategies

DIRECTION REQUESTED

THE COMMISSION IS ASKED TO TAKE ACTION ON THE SAFE SYSTEMS STRATEGIES, PREPARE A TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO COUNCIL THAT INCLUDES A REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DIRECTION TO PREPARE RECOMMENDED POLICIES TO INCORPORATE INTO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

☒ Action

☐ Discussion/Direction

☐ Information

At its January 9, 2020 meeting, staff requests Transportation Commission review and approve the Safe Systems approach and strategies that holistically consider Safe Speeds, Safe People, Safe Vehicles, and Safe Streets as coordinated solutions towards Vision Zero.

To facilitate the Transportation Commission's deliberations staff prepared a Safe Systems Matrix (Attachment 1). The Safe Systems Matrix consolidates: the component elements of the Safe Systems approach and strategies; clarifying information requested by the Chair and Vice-Chair at their December 9 meeting with staff; Transportation Commission feedback received at its December 12, 2019 meeting; and, additional feedback received from Commissioners leading up to the January 9, 2020 meeting.

Finally, staff requests Transportation Commission review and approve the draft transmittal letter to Council (Attachment 2). Staff requests Commission representation at a future City Council study session meeting to share insights and the transmittal letter. When the study session meeting is scheduled staff will bring forward a draft resolution endorsing the Safe

Systems approach and strategies for City Council consideration and action. This City Council action will provide guidance to staff as it finalizes the Vision Zero Action Plan.

Tonight's discussion and actions – both approving the Transportation Commission's previous endorsement of the Safe Systems strategies and approving the transmittal letter to the City Council – represent important milestones towards finalizing the actions nested within the Vision Zero Action Plan. Staff requests Commission representation at a future City Council study session meeting to share insights and the transmittal letter.

Tonight's action – approving the Safe Systems strategies – builds upon the City Council's "why" statement (i.e., the Vision Zero goal) by articulating "what" steps (i.e., Safe Systems strategies) the Transportation Commission and staff should pursue to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries in Bellevue by 2030. The development of strategies and their resultant shorter-term actions is a continuing activity. Indeed, many of the actions that will be identified in the Bellevue Vision Zero Action Plan will necessitate additional rounds of Transportation Commission and City Council consultation and approval processes.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Transportation Commission:

- review and approve the Safe Systems strategies that holistically consider Safe Speeds, Safe People, Safe Vehicles, and Safe Streets as coordinated solutions towards Vision Zero; and,
- approve the transmittal letter to the City Council that includes a request for City Council direction to prepare recommended policies that integrate the Safe Systems approach and strategies into the Comprehensive Plan

Note: Staff is not seeking specific language changes to the Comprehensive Plan at this time; pending City Council direction, this will be an agenda item for the Transportation Commission's 2020 work program.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Safe Systems Matrix
2. Draft Transmittal Letter