

**West Hartford Vision Zero Task Force Meeting**  
**Monday, February 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.**  
**Room 400, Town Hall**

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Introductions
  - a) Welcome from Mayor Cantor
- 3) Vision Zero Task Force Goals
  - a) Action Plan
  - b) Task Force Vision/Principles
  - c) Roles & Responsibilities
- 4) Vision Zero Website
- 5) Roadway Safety Study and Bicycle Facility Plan Update RFP Status
  - a) Assess West Hartford's Traffic Safety Challenges
- 6) Town-wide Crash Dashboard
- 7) Annual Meeting Calendar
- 8) Adjournment



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**Town of West Hartford  
Vision Zero Task Force**

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# Welcome

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# Agenda

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# Why Vision Zero?

- West Hartford Fatal Crashes
  - 6 deaths in 2022
  - 0 death in 2021
  - 1 death in 2020
  - 6 deaths between 2016-2018
- Vision Zero is a strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all.

## TRADITIONAL APPROACH

Traffic deaths are **INEVITABLE**

**PERFECT** human behavior

Prevent **COLLISIONS**

**INDIVIDUAL** responsibility

Saving lives is **EXPENSIVE**

**VS**

## VISION ZERO

Traffic deaths are **PREVENTABLE**

Integrate **HUMAN FAILING** in approach

Prevent **FATAL AND SEVERE CRASHES**

**SYSTEMS** approach

Saving lives is **NOT EXPENSIVE**

# Goals

- Develop West Hartford Vision Zero Action Plan
  - Foundation for Change – Zero deaths and serious injuries by 2033
  - Vision & Goal Setting
    - Concise statement that states the objectives towards zero deaths/serious injuries.
  - Guiding Principles
    - Sets the philosophy of West Hartford's Vision Zero program
  - Existing Conditions Review
    - Roadway Safety Study
    - Bicycle Facility Plans Update
  - Strategies + Action Steps
    - Community engagement
    - Policy and program recommendations
    - Funding priorities
    - Performance measures

# Vision Zero Website

## VISION ZERO

### Town of West Hartford Vision Zero Initiative

First implemented in Sweden, cities and towns across the United States are committing to Vision Zero. Vision Zero is premised on the fundamental principle that loss of life and serious injury from traffic crashes is unacceptable, yet acknowledges that while people make mistakes, the Town's roadway network should be designed to ensure that those inevitable mistakes do not result in severe injuries or deaths.

On January 10, 2023, the Town of West Hartford Town Council unanimously adopted the Vision Zero Initiative in Support of Safe, Health and Equitable Mobility with the goal of eliminating fatalities and severe injuries on West Hartford streets by 2033.

The Town's Vision Zero Initiative supports the following five principles:

- Deaths and serious injuries caused by traffic crashes are preventable;
- Human life and health should be prioritized in all transportation systems and in all aspects of transportation planning and design;
- Human error is inevitable and transportation systems should be forgiving;
- Transportation planning should focus on system-level changes to influence all individual's behavior; and
- Speed is a highly important factor in crash severity

Vision Zero is bold, aspirational and reinforces that we need shifts in thinking, planning, prioritizing and taking action. Our residents and visitors deserve to be safe as they move about Town, whether walking, bicycling, driving or taking public transit, and it is our responsibility to ensure conditions for such safety.



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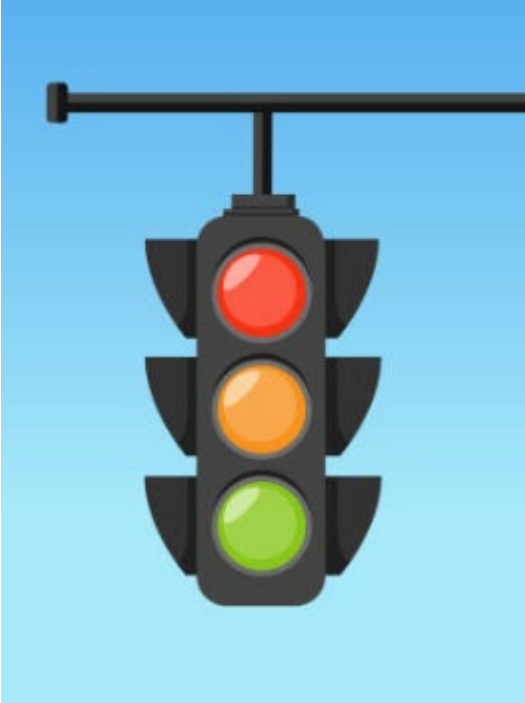
## NEXT MEETING



# Next Steps

- Set vision and guiding principles
- Confirm project schedule
- Finalize website
- Assignments
- Takeaways

# Adjournment



Questions?