



West Hartford Vision Zero Task Force Meeting

January 8, 2024



Moment of Silence



Agenda



1. Welcome and Updates
2. New Business
 - a. Debrief of Public Meeting #2
 - i. Summary of comments and Action Plan revisions
 - b. Draft Online Crash Dashboard
 - c. Vision Zero Advisory Committee
 - d. Thank You!
3. Upcoming Meetings
4. Public Comment



Project Updates



Project Schedule



2023

Jan

Feb

Mar

Apr

May



Town
Adopts
Vision Zero
Resolution



Town
Convenes
Task Force &
Forms Sub-
Committees



Town
Selects
Consultant
Team

2023

Jun

Jul

Aug

Sept

Oct

Nov

Dec

2024

Jan

**VISION ZERO
ACTION PLAN
ASSESSMENT**

Town Plan &
Policy Review

Develop Action
Plan Framework

Conduct Town-wide
Crash Analysis

Establish
Preliminary Goals,
Strategies & Action

**PUBLIC
MEETING
#1**

Establish
HIN & VZ
Safety
Focus Areas

Community
Survey &
Interactive
Map

Establish
Performance Measures &
Monitoring Plan

Develop DRAFT Vision Zero
Action Plan

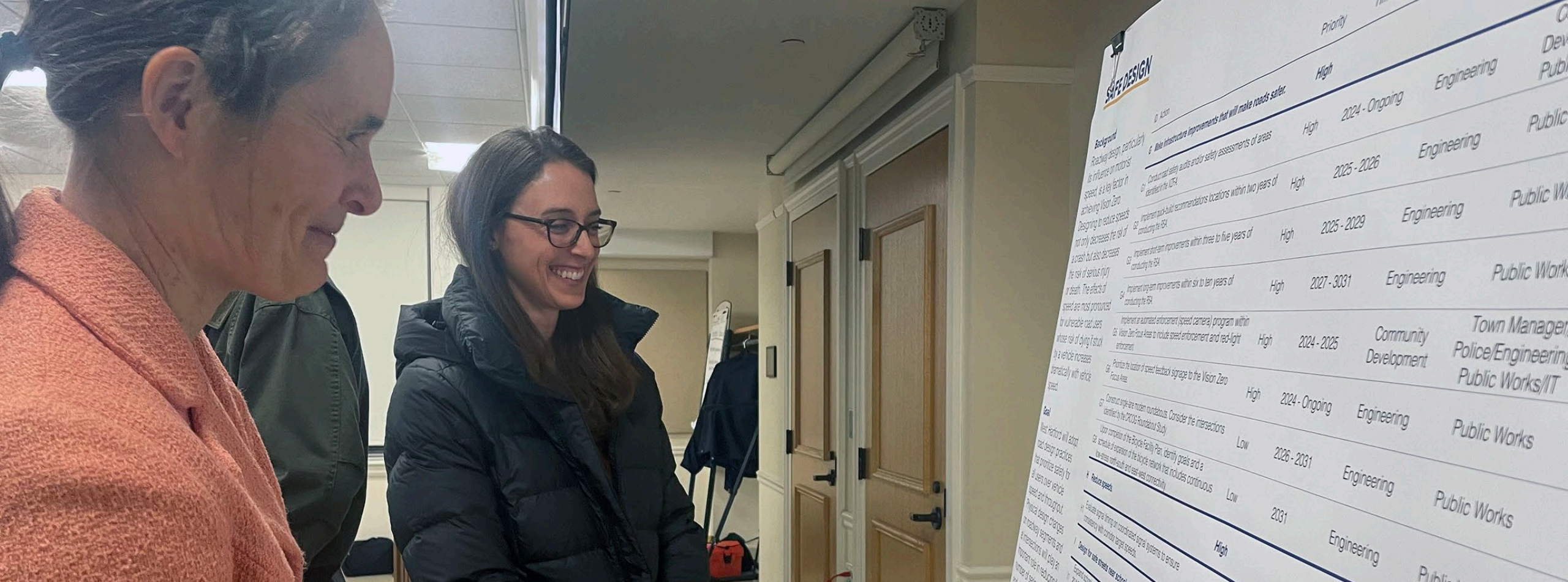
**PUBLIC
MEETING
#2**

Stakeholder Meetings to
Review Findings & Draft
Plan Elements

Develop
Final
Action
Plan

PROJECT WEBPAGE UPDATES

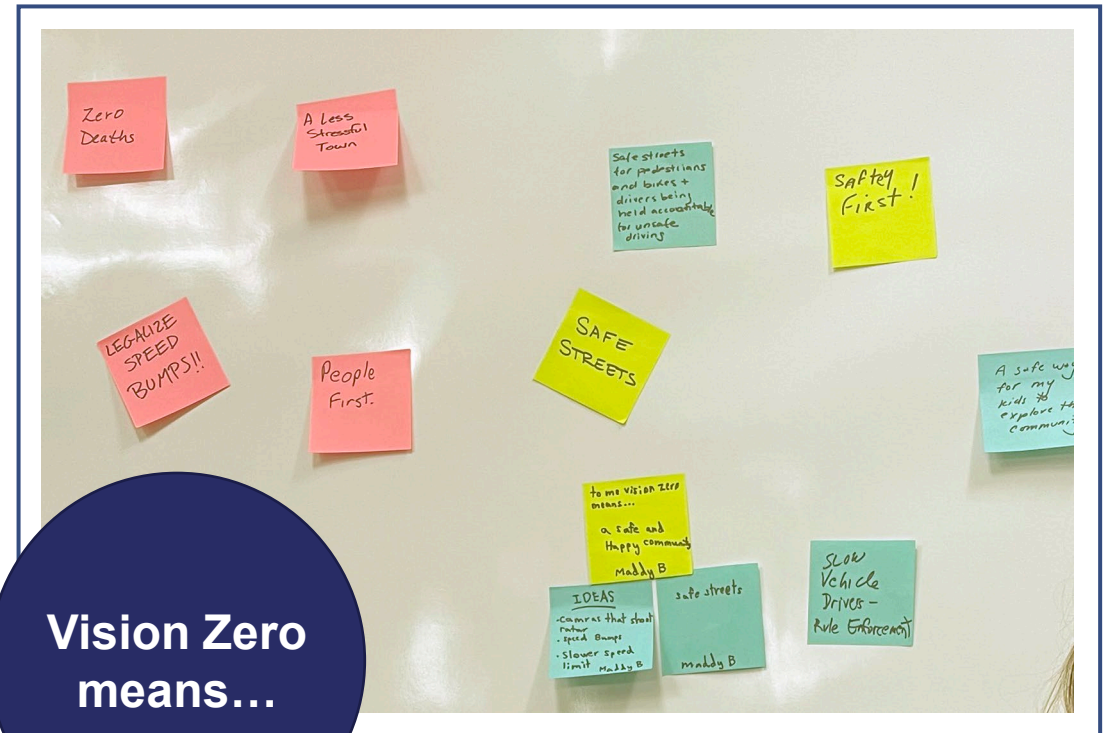
REGULAR TASK FORCE MEETINGS



Public Meeting #2 & Action Plan Revisions

Debrief of Public Meeting #2

- Held Wednesday, December 6, 5:30-7:30pm
- At capacity (80 people) in Library Meeting Room
- Open house with presentation, sign-in activity, and comment forms
- Media coverage
 - NBC, WHNH, CT Insider, We-Ha.com, etc
- Task Force support



Debrief of Public Meeting #2

- What we heard
 - Feedback on specific HIN roadways
 - Pace of the Action Plan process (too fast vs. too slow)
 - Concern for Action Plan strength and viability
- Advertised the public comment period of the Draft Action Plan from December 4-18



Public and Task Force Feedback



- 50 comments including emails and feedback to project staff
- Stakeholders are actively engaged and passionate about safety
- Both excitement and support, with frustration about how long actions may take
- Acknowledgement of funding and staff resource constraints
- Call for ongoing transparent communication

Summary of Comments



- Identify and fund immediate actions to meet the urgency of traffic violence
- Conduct inclusive community engagement
- Consider driver behavior, infrastructure, and specific locations of concern
- Support enforcement
- Other edits

Action Plan Revisions



| Comment Theme: Identify and fund immediate actions to meet the urgency of traffic violence | Action Plan Changes |
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| <p>Funding and staffing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concern about funding and resources available to complete Action Plan in a timeline manner• Inquiries about Town's intention to pursue additional grants | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modified Action A3 ("Pursue implementation grant funding...") to 2024 timeframe• Added new Action to Strategy D to engage with CRCOG through 2024 RTSP update so that WH's priorities are represented at a regional level• Added new Action to Strategy D to leverage CRCOG's Grant Coordination support services |
| <p>Road Safety Audits may thwart progress</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Added new Action to Strategy G to address "low hanging fruit" that will not impact corridor planning which can be implemented with limited coordination with community stakeholders and within 1-year by town staff• Added a "Key Action Highlight" to page 45 explaining the role and efficiency of the RSAs |

Action Plan Revisions

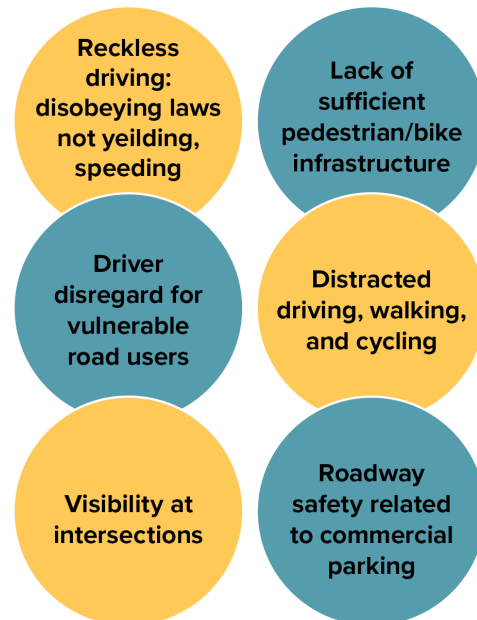


| Comment Theme: (continued) Identify and fund immediate actions to meet the urgency of traffic violence | Action Plan Changes |
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| Accelerate timelines, communicate performance measures, and share progress | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modified Action A5: “Conduct an annual review of the Vision Zero Action Plan. <i>Include a work plan for projects to be undertaken in the upcoming year.</i>”• Modified Action A6 (“internal Response Team”) to begin in 2024.• Added two sections to the “Implementation Support” chapter<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Performance Measures• Outline the Data Dashboard as an annually-updated resource that visualizes crash trends, patterns, and factors |

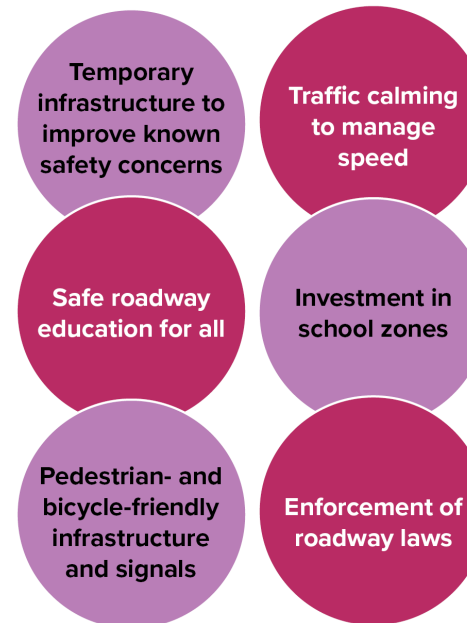
Action Plan Revisions

| Comment Theme: Conduct inclusive community engagement | Action Plan Changes |
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| Conduct transparent engagement and include those most impacted by traffic violence | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Added graphic communicating the community's primary concerns and actions that they support to Public Engagement chapter |

Concerns include...



Support for...



Action Plan Revisions



| Comment Theme: Revisit the priority and timing of Vision Zero campaigns | Action Plan Changes |
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| Mixed feedback on the need for and priority of strategic communications and Vision Zero education programs | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Added new Action to Strategy J: “Publish an online <i>Vision Zero Pledge</i> that allows community members to show their personal commitment to achieving zero deaths and serious injuries.” |
| Comment Theme: Other Edits | Action Plan Changes |
| Based on review of urgent VZFAs and identification of issues in the Park Road RSA and applicable countermeasures | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Revised list of potential countermeasures in Implementation Support chapter. |

Action Plan Revisions



| Comment Theme: Consider driver behavior, infrastructure, and specific locations of concern | Action Plan Changes |
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| <p>Suggestions about certain roadways or intersections that are not included on the VZFAs.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Added text to High Injury Network section: “It is anticipated that VZFA will be updated in 2027. This may result in segments being removed as improvements are made and new priority areas identified.”• Added section “Areas not identified within Vision Zero Focus Areas” with explanatory text:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• “VZFAs give direction to the Town on projects which should be prioritized for safety improvements. Other projects may be initiated with different goals such as regular maintenance, streetscaping, operational improvements, pedestrian and bicycle facility roll-out, or other goals. The Town will review opportunities for safety improvements as part of these projects.• VZFAs do not preclude traffic calming on the streets outlined in the “Neighborhood Street Traffic Calming Program.” |

Action Plan Revisions



Comment Theme: Consider driver behavior, infrastructure, and specific locations of concern

Action Plan Changes

Call for pedestrians to travel responsibly (wear visible clothing in low-light conditions) and follow the rules of the road.

- Updated “Culture” background section to include: “While human error is inevitable, Vision Zero will be more successful if it is supported by members of the public who understand the importance of Vision Zero and the role that they play in ensuring safe streets. Motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians each have responsibility to demonstrate safe behaviors. Vision Zero must actively engage with the public to teach traffic safety and design a safer system together. Cultural changes are evident in community action.”



Draft Crash Data Dashboard

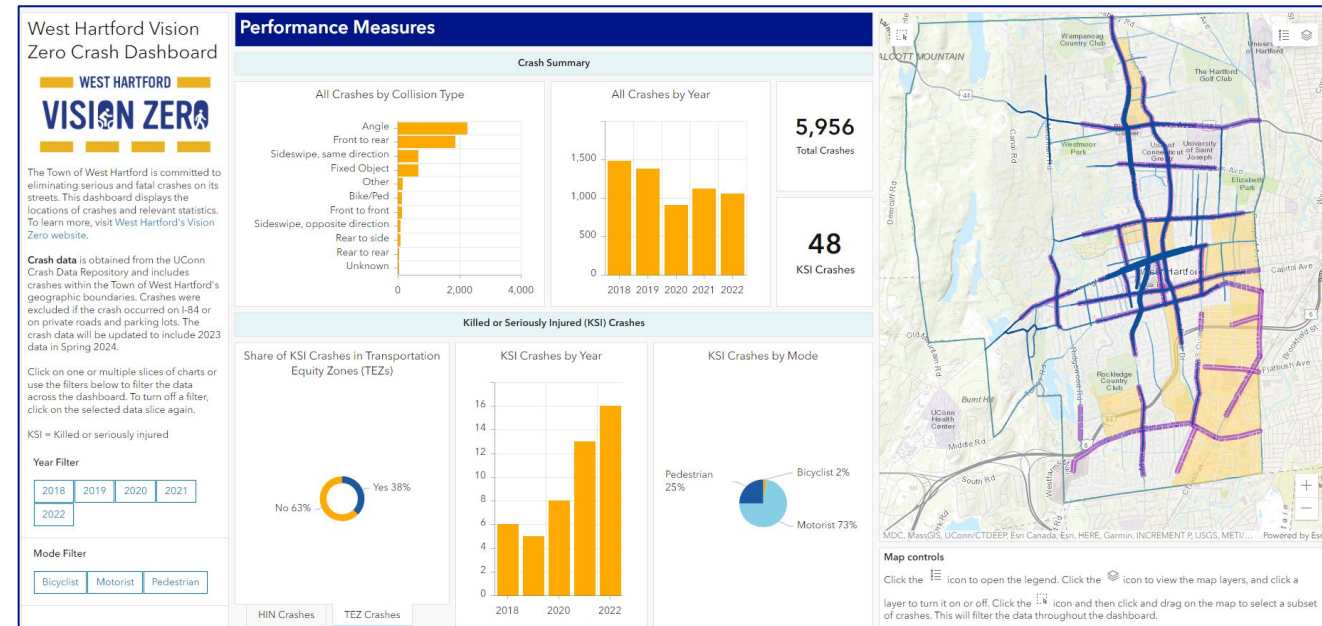


Draft Crash Data Dashboard



- Hosted on Town website
- Repository for crash data, interactive features, and roadway safety project status updates
- Timeline
 - Publish by end of January
 - Town will update annually
 - Anticipated early summer due to time delay in finalization of crash reports to the UConn Crash Data Repository

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Vision Zero Advisory Committee



35 Tasks Identified to Begin in 2024

**70 Tasks in Total*



Thank You!





Upcoming Meetings

Upcoming Meetings



- Finalization of Plan
 - January 17, 2024 at 8am | virtual
Presentation to Town Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED)
 - Time & Date TBD
Acceptance of Plan by CPED
- Tonight: Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee Meeting at 7pm
Town Hall Room 400 (this room)
 - Discussion Bicycle Facility Plan Update



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WEST HARTFORD
VISION ZERO

EXIT

Vision Zero
Public Meeting

SAFE DESIGN

| Project | Timeline | Lead | Team | Staffing | Support | Approval |
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| Background | | | | | | |
| 1. New intersection improvements for all road users | High | 2024-2025 | Engineering | Public Works | • | • |
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| 20. New intersection improvements for all road users | High | 2024-2025 | Engineering | Public Works | • | • |

Public Comment



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