

# Sunnyvale Vision Zero Plan

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- **1. "Safety First" -** prioritizes traffic safety over other transportation considerations
- 2. Preventable acknowledges that traffic deaths and serious injuries are preventable
- **3.** Multidisciplinary Approach brings together a diverse set of stakeholders to address the complex problem of traffic safety

## Sunnyvale Vision Zero Plan - Project Timeline



Achieve a **50% reduction** in fatalities and serious injuries by 2029.

Continue progress towards **zero** in the ten years that follow.

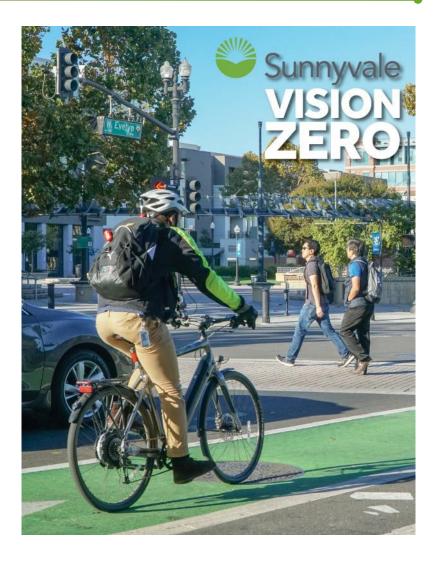


### **Guiding Principles**

- 1. Traffic deaths are unacceptable and preventable
- 2. Safe transportation options for all users in all communities
- 3. Safety over efficiency
- 4. A quantitative, collaborative, and equitable approach to Vision Zero actions
- 5. Design to anticipate error and minimize injury severity
- 6. Design for speeds that safely accommodate all modes of travel
- 7. Ongoing evaluation to measure performance against the Sunnyvale Vision Zero Plan objectives

## Plan Development

- Collision Analysis
- High Injury Network
- Collision Profiles
- Countermeasure Toolbox
- Action Plan





Vision Zero Program Initiatives and Evaluation



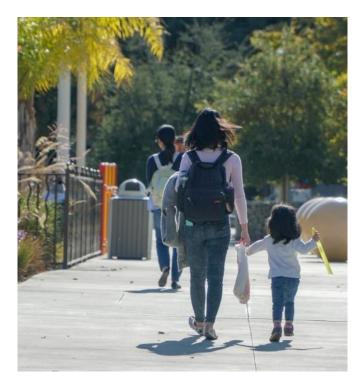
Street Design and Operation



**Behavioral Change** 



Vulnerable Road Users



### **Program Initiatives and Evaluation**

- Collect Annual Bicycle, Pedestrian and Vehicle Count
- Incorporate Vision Zero Concept into Future Plans and Projects
- Set up/Maintain a Vision Zero Website

### Street Design and Operation

- Capital Improvement Projects
- Pavement Rehabilitation Projects
- Quick Build Projects



### Land Use Development Improvements



**Consolidated Driveways** 

Installation of Adjacent Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities

**Roadway Lighting** 



Installation of Bulb-outs and Reduced Corner Radius

Sidewalk to Close Gaps

### **Behavioral Change**

- DUI Saturation Patrols
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Enforcement Operations
- Develop a Comprehensive, Strategic Outreach Plan for Vision Zero Campaign



### Vulnerable Road Users

 Virtual Bicycle Safety Training for K-5<sup>th</sup> Graders

- Walk, Bike & Roll Banners
- SRTS Incentives



### Key Takeaways

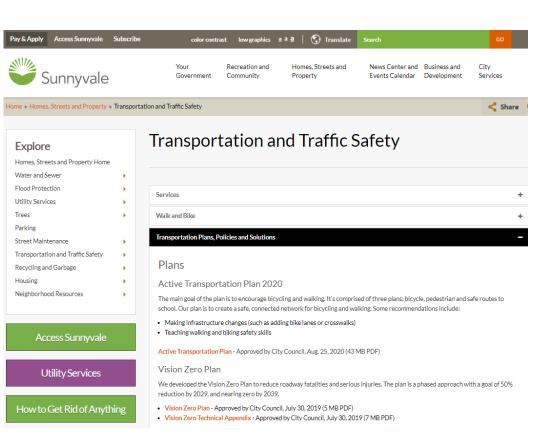
- Robust Community Engagement
- Comprehensive Collision Analysis
- Development an Outreach plan for Vision Zero Campaign
- Focus on how to incorporate Vision Zero Concept/Design in Future Projects

### **Vision Zero Plan**

### Challenges in Implementation

- Coordination with Key Partners
- Prioritized Near-term Implementation Plan
  - Based on Available Budget & Resource
- Competing Priority Projects in Various Adopted Plans
- Reduction in Fatalities and Serious Injuries Does Not Happen Overnight

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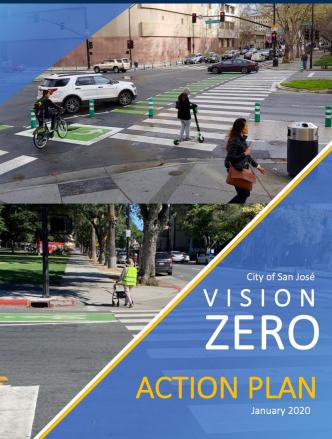
### For a copy of the final report, search Transportation and Traffic Safety on www.Sunnyvale.ca.gov

#### City of Sunnyvale – Vision Zero Plan – October 2021

# Creating a Vision Zero Action Plan

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Cupertino Bicycle Pedestrian Commission October 20, 2021



# **Adopting a Vision Zero Action Plan**

Step 1: Create a High Injury Network. See <u>Recommendations for California</u> <u>Statewide Guidance: High Injury</u> <u>Networks</u> by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) – September 2021

The HIN map is a basis to write a Vision Zero Action Plan, apply for funding, and begin the program.

A VZ plan checks the Local Roadway Safety Plan requirement, required for HSIP Cycle 11 applications by Caltrans BUSINESS VISITORS YOUR GOVERNMENT NEWS & STORIES

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#### **PRIORITY SAFETY CORRIDORS**

These 17 corridors account for a high proportion of fatalities and severe injuries on San José streets. They are the focus of our major safety projects and outreach campaigns.





# **Adopting a Vision Zero Action Plan**

San José adopted Vision Zero in 2015

3 Action Plans: 2015, 2017, 2020

2020 Vision Zero Action Plan was adopted on February 11, 2020

- Goals: Six Priority Action Areas
- Initial \$6.8 million city investment in \$18 million plan

Complements city goals and policies

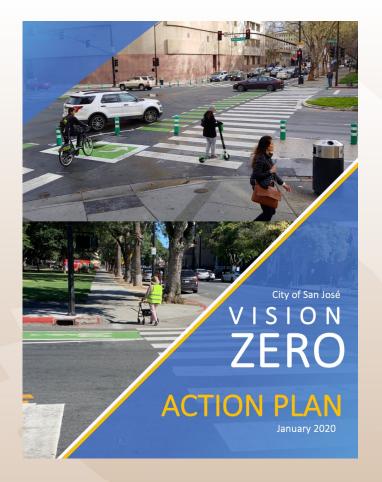
Safety, vulnerable modes, mode shift

Strategy: Data analysis informs investment





## **2020 Vision Zero Action Plan** 6 Priority Action Areas



- 1. Build Robust Data Analytics Tools
- 2. Form a Vision Zero Task Force
- 3. Strategize Traffic Enforcement
- 4. Increase Community Outreach and Engagement
- 5. Implement Quick Build data-driven safety improvements
- 6. Prioritize resources on high fatality and severe injury (KSI) corridors and districts



# **Implementing the Action Plan**

Manageable number of deliverables

Regular progress reports structured on the 6 areas

Create accountability goals

- 2 City Council committee appearances per year
- New: Vision Zero Task Force quarterly public meetings

Increase local awareness of Vision Zero meaning/brand

- Use outreach, news stories, public speaking to increase literacy
- Make crash and injury data publicly available
- Discuss how project types are the result of data analysis
- Explain how proposed solutions respond to the data
- Future: post project data evaluation to show project performance



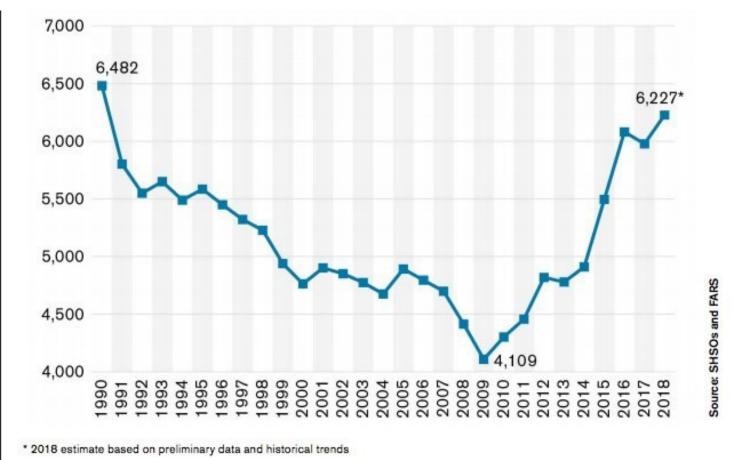
# Vision Zero in the US Adopted in 50 cities since 2014

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## US Pedestrian Fatalities Uptrend since 2009



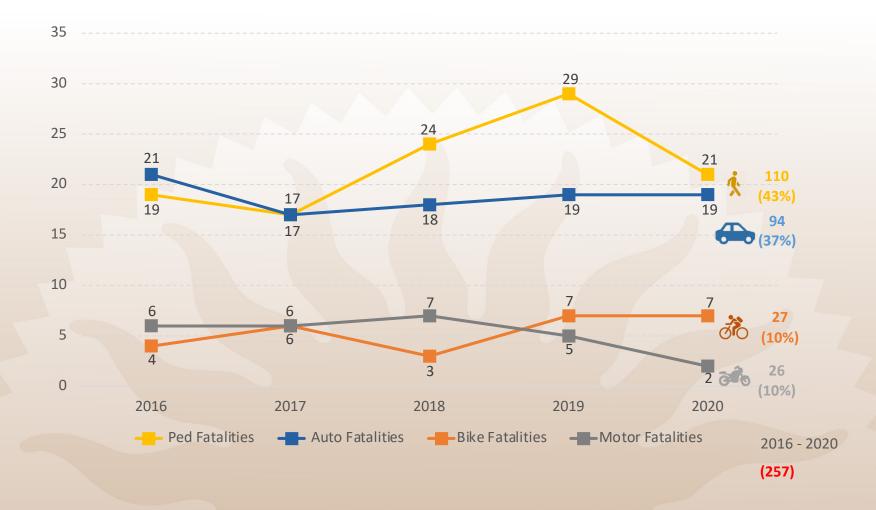


# San Jose Traffic Fatalities (Last 10 years)



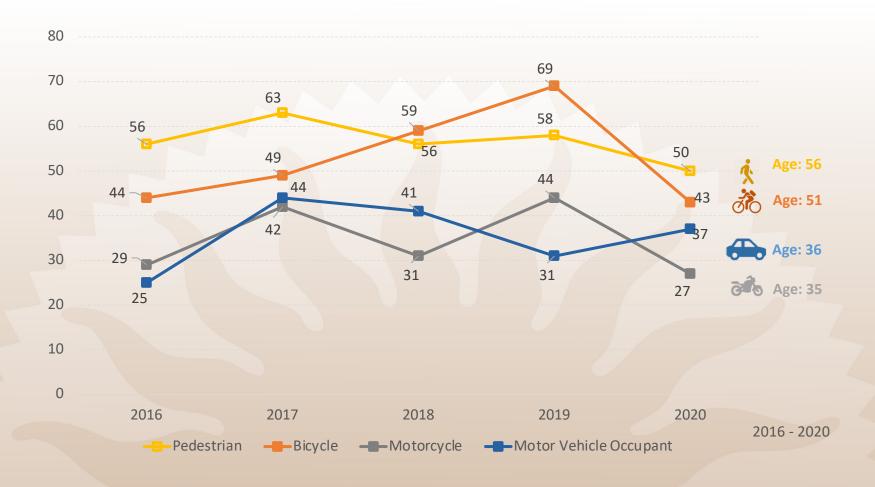


## **Traffic Fatalities** 2016-2020 by Street User Type



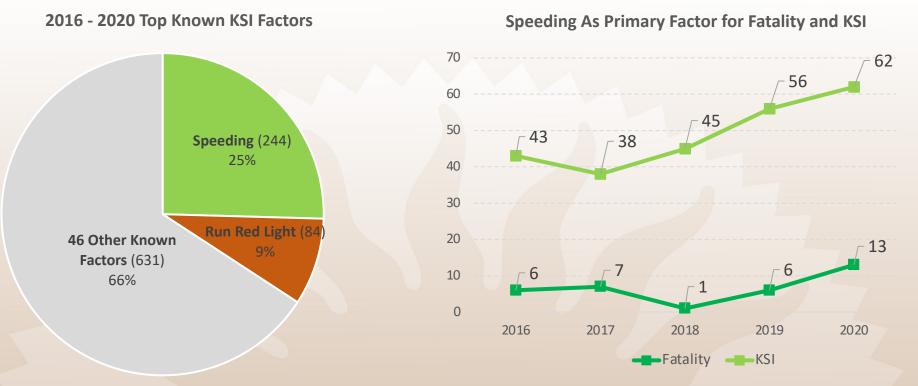


# **Traffic Fatalities** Median Age





## Top Known Factors Leading to KSI Speeding, Red Light Running



- 2020 Primary Factor Speeding is 3 times Red Light Running in KSI
- Traffic fatalities caused by Speeding more than doubled from 2019

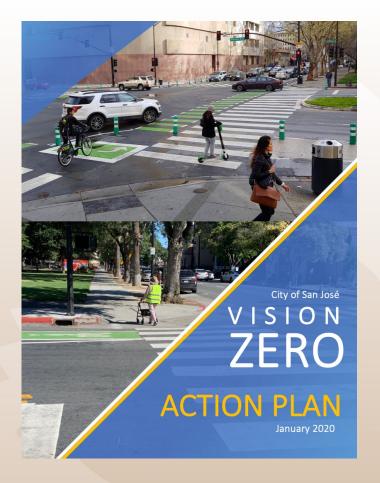


# **2021 Traffic Fatalities (1/1-9/30/21)** Appear related to State reopening on June 15





## **2020 Vision Zero Action Plan** Progress on 6 Priority Action Areas

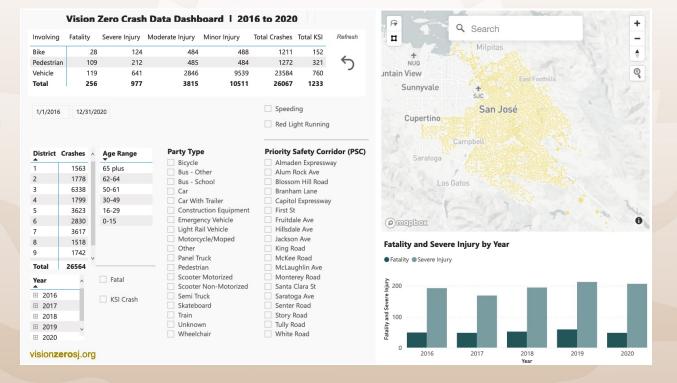


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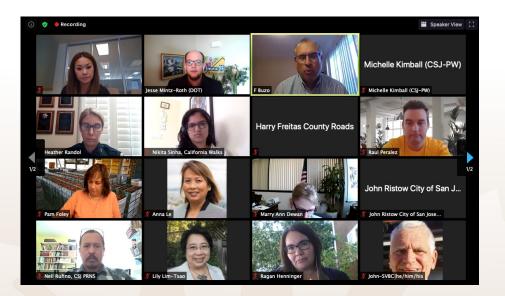
# **1. Build Robust Data Analytics Tools**

- 1. Transportation Specialist to Perform Data Analysis
- 2. Urban Logiq Startup in Residence (STiR) began March 2021
- 3. Smart City/Near Miss Intersection Safety Analytics
- 4. Crash and Injury data at vision zerosj.org





# 2. Form a Vision Zero Task Force



#### 20 members

- Chair Raul Peralez
- Vice Chair Pam Foley
- 9 CSJ members
- 6 Santa Clara County members
- 3 Local advocates

#### **Quarterly Meetings**

- 1. Welcome: September 25, 2020
- 2. Outreach: December 10, 2020
- 3. Data: March 5, 2021
- 4. Task Force #4: June 4, 2021
- 5. Task Force #5: September 23, 2021
- 6. Task Force #6: December 10, 2021
- 7. Task Force #7: March 28, 2022
- 8. Task Force #8: June 30, 2022



# **3. Strategize Traffic Enforcement**

Working with the San José Police Department:

- First staff increase in Traffic Enforcement unit in ten years
- Focus on: Top 2 known KSI factors: Speeding, Red Light Running
- Work with PD on upgrading their e-Citations systems
- Coordinate on enforcement during the darkest time of the year (November to March) when we typically see more fatalities

Took part in Zero Traffic Fatalities Task Force (2019) in Sacramento

Co-sponsor legislation with California cities for safer streets



# 4. Increase Community Outreach

- 1. Strategic Communications RFP: professional safety messaging and distribution
- 2. Safety Walk Audits Funded by OTS
- 3. "Look Out When It's Dark Out" campaign
  - Changeable Message Signs were used on Priority Corridors: November to March
  - Messages in 3 languages
- 4. Increasing Vision Zero coordination in the County, Region, and State











# 5. Quick-Build Safety Projects

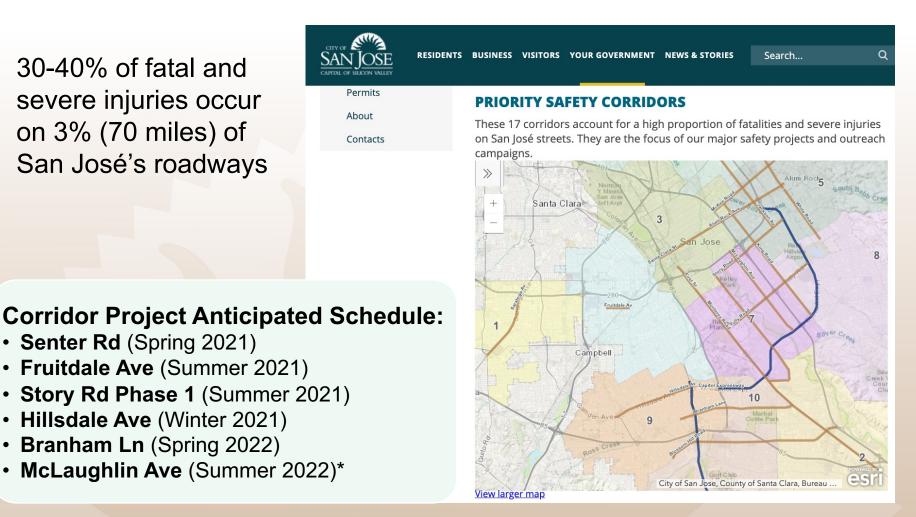
30-40% of fatal and severe injuries occur on 3% (70 miles) of San José's roadways

Senter Rd (Spring 2021)

Fruitdale Ave (Summer 2021)

Hillsdale Ave (Winter 2021)

Branham Ln (Spring 2022)





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# 5. Quick-Build Safety Projects Senter Road



 The 2020 VZ Action Plan funds Quick Build street safety redesigns of the 17 Priority Safety Corridors. The first project to be delivered was Senter Road.



# 6. Prioritize Resources on High-KSI Corridors and Districts

Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant program - \$507,000

November 2021 to February 2024

Main deliverables:

- 1. CalWalks: Inclusive outreach to determine focus areas
- 2. Quick Build street redesigns (D3,5,6,7)
- 3. Multi-stakeholder safety/placemaking strategies



#### District 3 - Characteristics, Community Feedback & Study Areas

#### Characteristics:

San José District 3 is the cultural, civic, and economic center of San José, encompassing <u>downtown</u> at its core and reaching out to include several of the most diverse neighborhoods in the city, including Japan Town, Little tity, and <u>Little Portugal</u>. Also present are landmarks ites San José Sate University, the SAT Center, Mineta San José International Airport, and the new Berryessa BART station. The two future BART stations (28th Street and Downtown) are also planned to be in District 3.

The downtown business district is home to most of the city's art, entertainment and cultural venues. Because the downtown area is considered in several past and existing planning efforts, for the specific area study, Walk Safe San José will focus on other areas with vulnerable populations in District 3. The district wise study will comprehensively review and provide stategies for the entire district, including the downtown area.

#### Community Feedback:

San José District 3 has the <u>second highest frequency of fatal and severe injuries</u> (2015-2019) in San José. Last summer, California Walks received several community feedback about transportation network in District 3 including concernes about unsate conditions for walking, wide streets, and specifiq issue.

#### Existing Conditions:



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