Vision Zero

Actions we are taking to create safer street for all

VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN

In May 2021, the City of Albuquerque released its Vision Zero Action Plan, which lays out steps that the City, working with agency and community partners, will take to reduce traffic fatalities and make our streets safer. Read the Vision Zero Action Plan, here.

WHAT WE ARE DOING

We are already taking steps toward Vision Zero in our community through policy, projects, and community engagement.

Mobile Speed Enforcement: The Keller Administration proposed mobile speed enforcement to help keep streets safer, the top recommendations provided to the City in the Vision Zero Action Plan. The administration has hosted community meetings on the topic and opened a public input questionnaire. Through both forums, the public provided positive feedback on the initiative and helpful input regarding equitable implementation. The Mobile Speed Enforcement Ordinance 21-69 passed city council in October, 2021.

Awareness Campaign: The City has created an awareness campaign around Vision Zero to encourage safe behavior on Albuquerque roadways. Strategies in the campaign include yard signs, videos, social media messaging.

Road Improvements: Over $300,000 invested in Complete Streets restriping projects that slow down traffic and enhance bike lanes; $1.2 million in ADA compliance upgrades; and safety incorporated into roadway redesign and signal programming throughout Albuquerque. Redesign projects like road buffets, roundabouts, and other traffic calming measures help make roadways safer for all users. In September 2020, $4 million in transportation tax bonds were approved to be dedicated to Vision Zero projects.

Road Safety Assessment: In the summer of 2020, with support from the Federal Highways Administration, the City conducted a Pedestrian Road Safety Assessment on Louisiana Boulevard south of Lomas to identify projects that will increase safety and make it easier to walk and bike in this area.

Louisiana Boulevard Interventions for Safe Streets: Community-based solutions to calm traffic and increase safety in the International District; Short term actions for long term goals

Policy Updates: In 2019, City Council adopted an update to the City’s Complete Streets Ordinance, calling for attention to both equity and safety in roadway projects.

School Crossings: conducted school crossing study, installing HAWK and
Vision Zero is a commitment to create safer streets for all, whether walking, biking, driving, or taking transit, and regardless of age or ability. It is used around the world, and right here in Albuquerque, to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all.

**RRFB signals at school crossings based on study recommendations, and refreshing crosswalks and signage near schools.**

Read the Study here and view a Story Map of findings for each school.

**Downtown Safety:** 20 mph speed limit downtown and improvements to increase walkability and bike friendliness throughout downtown.

**Prioritized Investment:** The City invested over $7 million in Southeast Albuquerque for improved ADA compliance, curb and gutter, sidewalks, and lighting.

**Law Enforcement Training:** Crash investigation and reconstruction training, including specialized training for investigating and reconstructing pedestrian- and bike-involved crashes for APD traffic enforcement officers.

**Neighborhood Traffic Management Program:** This program implements traffic calming tools to address speeding and cut-through traffic on local residential streets.

**Community Events:** Our community is committed to increasing awareness about traffic safety and providing opportunities for walking and biking in our communities. These include CiQlovia and bike valets at big community events like Balloon Fiesta and Summerfest.

**Active Streets:** In response to COVID-19, City Council created an Active Streets Initiative via R-59 and R-87 to facilitate safe, socially distanced outdoor recreation, transportation, and commercial food and beverage service. City staff worked with community groups and residents interested in this initiative to identify locations where this kind of safe socially-distanced outdoor space would provide the most benefit to residents where access to parks is limited.

“Far too often we see tragic crashes on our roadways. We put the Vision Zero Action Plan forward to make sure that at the City we are doing all that we can to prevent these incidences from happening—looking at everything from speed management to how we design our roads.”

—Mayor Tim Keller

“Traffic safety is vital to our effort to improve overall public safety in our community. We share a commitment to save lives and protect our residents from dangerous crashes, including those involving individuals walking, riding a bicycle, and using public transit.”

—Mobile Speed Enforcement sponsoring City Councilors Lan Sena, Isaac Benton, Klarissa Peña, and Brook Bassan

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