

Recent traffic fatalities involving bicyclists have underscored the importance of improving bicyclist and bike trail safety. Across the city we have done more than any previous administration to improve the safety, the usability, and the number of bike trails and lanes, such as those added to Louisiana. We have plans to do more. Our departments have the following plans to do more, including:

1. APD Enforcement Action(s):

- APD to conduct short-term enforcement actions at several key street crossings and HAWK/PHB locations and issue a press notice about how many citations were given.

2. Upcoming Safety Projects

- Hahn Arroyo (Paseo del Nordeste) trail and Carlisle HAWK light installation. (Likely end of October)
- City Employee and City Resident driver education: Update the city driving curriculum to obtain a City Operator Permit, to include bicycle and pedestrian safety training, as well as proper behavior at HAWK/PHB signals and crosswalks.
- Add a new ASE camera by the end of 2025 near the crossing on Carlisle

3. Propose State Law Changes:

- Improve Driver Education: New Mexico's state statute does not require driver training to cover bicycle and pedestrian safety.
- Mandatory Vehicle Yield ("Kayla's Law"): Update state law to require drivers to yield to bicyclists and pedestrians at a crosswalk.
- Local Funding for Safety Improvements: Allow cities to keep more of the Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) revenue for safety-related projects. The City today must share 50% of that money with the state.

4. Propose Local Ordinance Changes/City Council Resolutions:

- Send an Executive Communication with a proposed Resolution for Council. The resolution should: update the ABQ traffic code to make sure bicyclists have the same protections as pedestrians at HAWK and PHB signals, require mandatory stop and yield for cyclists at marked crossings; confirm the city's commitment to devote a portion of the ¼-cent transportation tax to the Vision Zero program and prohibit those funds from being used on other streets.

5. Focus on Bikeways Master Plan

- Bikeways Trail Plan: Identify 5 to 10 high priority projects from the Bikeways and Trail Plan to fund, install, and celebrate. Funding can come from a variety of sources.

6. Public Outreach

- Utilize city media, including social media, to encourage drivers to watch for bicyclists and pedestrians. Leverage internal media, such as the Crosswalk Hawk.