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 to help us identify unsafe areas.



Vision Zero is a proven, successful method of making our streets safer with the goal of eliminating all fatal and serious injury traffic crashes.

Endorsed by the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), funding has been awarded to more than 1,000 communities in all 50 states to develop Vision Zero programs.

Vision Zero is based on the *Safe System Approach* and incorporates proactive, preventative improvements to roadway design and focuses on enhancing safety for all road users. These strategies help to identify problems and set a path towards reducing the loss of precious lives and the associated costs to our community.



Leavenworth County's Next Steps

To accomplish the goal of Vision Zero, the County is developing the **Leavenworth County Vision Zero Action Plan**. This initiative is funded through the USDOT's *Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program*. This plan will lay out a comprehensive framework of actionable, measurable, and innovative strategies that emphasize design and policy solutions, all informed by community and stakeholder input.

In addition, the plan will build from efforts of the Leavenworth County Local Road Safety Plan, developed in 2021 in collaboration with Kansas Department of Transportation, which identified roadway safety improvements on County roads.

The Safe System Approach: Eliminating Traffic Deaths



The Plan's Guiding Principles



Public Input

Gathering, analyzing and incorporating community feedback into the plan



Equity

Ensuring safety strategies include underserved and underrepresented communities



Commitment and Accountability

Gaining buy-in from leadership and guiding alignment of funding, policies, and processes



Education

Informing the public about Vision Zero and cultivating a shared responsibility of all roadway users to improve safety



Data-Driven Improvements

Identifying high-risk locations, based on data analysis, and providing the industry's best-practice solutions



Multimodal Solutions

Eliminating fatal and serious injuries for those who walk, bike, drive, ride, and travel in Leavenworth County



Progress and Transparency

Prioritizing projects and policies that aim to reduce fatal and serious injuries by 2035 and providing accessible reporting on progress

Do you have questions? We have answers.



What is Vision Zero?

Vision Zero is a global movement to end traffic deaths and includes a shared responsibility for traffic safety among all transportation system users, designers, and operators. Vision Zero acknowledges that human mistakes are inevitable, and transportation systems can be designed and operated to accommodate certain types and levels of human mistakes to avoid death and serious injuries when a crash occurs.

What is a Vision Zero Action Plan?

A Vision Zero Action Plan outlines the most important contributing factors in fatal and serious injury traffic crashes using data analysis and public input. To address these contributing factors, the plan will lay out actionable, innovative, and measurable strategies that emphasize design and policy solutions, as well as designing complete streets and lowering speeds for safety to keep all roadway users safe.

What will the Vision Zero Action Plan be used for?

The Vision Zero Action Plan will be used to identify strategies, policies, countermeasures, and processes that will, over time, eliminate deaths and serious injuries on our roads. These policies and processes may relate to street design guidelines, funding allocations, education, and emergency responders. The plan will also be used to identify a set of Vision Zero street reconstruction projects and potential system-wide safety programs. The plan is focused on streets in the County of Leavenworth – it should be noted that I-70 and streets within the cities of Basehor, Lansing, Leavenworth, and Tonganoxie are not part of the Action Plan.

Why is the County of Leavenworth pursuing a Vision Zero Action Plan?

The County of Leavenworth is pursuing a Vision Zero Action Plan to reduce the number of fatalities and severe injuries to zero across the transportation system. This is part of a grant-funded initiative, and once completed, the plan could help the County become more competitive when applying for federal and state grant dollars for implementation actions that support safety for vehicles, pedestrians and bicycles.

Who is this Vision Zero Action Plan for?

This Vision Zero Action Plan covers all road users, including people driving and riding in vehicles, people walking, people biking, and any other person using the street. The Vision Zero Action Plan is not a bicycle and pedestrian plan.

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