


Memorandum

Date: March 8, 2023

To: The Transportation Commission

From: Jill Juliano, Transportation Engineer 

Re: Summary of Recommended Processes and Elements to Be Included In the Vision Zero Plan

Below is a summary of staff's and the Transportation Commission's recommendations for elements and processes to develop and elements that should be included in the Vision Zero plan that was discussed at the February 8, 2023 Transportation Commission meeting.

Per staff, the Village's Vision Zero plan would include:

- All the traditional elements of a Vision Zero plan
- Robust community engagement focusing on prioritizing diversity, equity and inclusion
- Inclusion of multi-unit and lower income families, focusing on those communities typically not included, early in the process
- Analysis of crash history with a focus on severe crashes (fatal and Type A crashes)
- Emphasis on bicycle and pedestrian crashes and safety concerns
- Integrate the plan with other Village transportation policies such as Complete Streets and Neighborhood Greenways
- Examine the Village's policies and procedures so we can start looking at neighborhood traffic calming on a regional basis
- Examine traffic calming process for locations that are not part of the existing traffic calming process.
- Education component
- Steering committee of key Village staff members such as the Sustainability Coordinator
- Stakeholder meetings with representatives from different Oak Park agencies such as District 97, Oak Park Library, the Park District and Oak Park Township.

Transportation Commission requested the following be added as part of the processes and elements included in the Vision Zero plan:

- Adding and involving the Village's Diversity, Equity and Involvement office in the development of the plan

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- Identifying specific commissions to have possible involvement in the process of developing the Vision Zero plan. The commissions mentioned are: Disability Access Commission, Community Relations Commission, Board of Health, Aging in Place and Environmental & Energy Commission
- Analyzing high severity vehicle on vehicle crashes as it affects pedestrian and bicyclists route choices because of a perception the intersection is dangerous.
- Whether and how traffic enforcement can best be used to supplement the Vision Zero plan as developed through the public engagement process and reviewed by the Village's Diversity, Equity and Involvement office.