



# STAFF REPORT

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**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

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**Subject:** Study Session - Vision Zero Project Update

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the City Council receive a Vision Zero Project Update presentation by Fehr & Peers and provide input and feedback to staff.

## **BACKGROUND**

The City Council has identified the development of a Vision Zero Goal/Policy and a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) as a top-tier priority among its citywide strategic initiatives. Vision Zero represents a bold, data-driven commitment to eliminating all traffic-related fatalities and severe injuries, while simultaneously enhancing safe, equitable mobility for all.

This forward-thinking strategy integrates the principles of a Roadway Safety Plan and adopts a holistic approach to transportation safety. It addresses the needs of all roadway users—including motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders—through proactive planning, infrastructure improvements, policy development, and community engagement.

By embracing Vision Zero, the City affirms its dedication to creating a safer, more livable, and more inclusive transportation network, where no loss of life on Burlingame's streets is considered acceptable.

The development of the CSAP involves a comprehensive, data-informed approach that includes:

- In-depth analysis of historical crash data,
- Compilation of evidence-based safety strategies,
- Identification and prioritization of high-impact projects, and
- Recommendations for actionable safety initiatives.

A cornerstone of the CSAP is its robust public outreach and stakeholder engagement process. This inclusive effort ensures that the voices of all community members are heard and integrated into the plan.

Key participants involved in the process include:

- City Council Subcommittee, represented by Councilmember Stevenson and Vice-Mayor Pappajohn;
- Community Advisory Committee (CAC) representing various stakeholders including community members, residents, schools, and business leaders;
- Vision Zero Task Force, composed of representatives from various City departments; and
- The broader Burlingame community.

This collaborative framework is essential to building a shared vision for safer streets and fostering a culture of traffic safety throughout Burlingame. The City is working in partnership with Fehr & Peers, a transportation planning and engineering firm, to develop and adopt the Vision Zero Action Plan.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Vision Zero Project has successfully completed its third phase and advanced to the next phase of the CSAP process. This phase focuses on developing priority infrastructure projects and implementing supporting safety policies and programs. It also involves creating the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan with targeted safety solutions and strategies, translating the City's safety priorities into a clear, implementable roadmap for improving safety citywide.

At this study session, staff will present the Roadmap to Zero, highlighting three spotlight strategies: (1) implementing safe speeds and lowering speed limits on selected streets, (2) introducing a micromobility primer to address e-micromobility safety, and (3) enhancing citywide lighting to improve visibility and safety. These strategies represent key components of the overall plan and are intended to advance the City's Vision Zero goals.

The purpose of this presentation is to share progress on the CSAP and gather Council feedback before the plan moves into public review. Staff seeks Council input on the overall framework and key elements of the draft plan, as well as perspectives on the spotlight strategies and whether they align with the City's safety goals and policy direction. In addition, staff requests feedback on the proposed next steps and timeline, including whether the engagement process provides sufficient opportunity for Council, stakeholders, and community input prior to adoption.

Specifically, staff is asking Council to consider the following questions:

- Do you have feedback on the key elements of the CSAP shared today?
- What are your thoughts on the strategies highlighted in this presentation?
- Do the proposed next steps leading up to City Council adoption provide sufficient opportunity for input?

As the project transitions into its final phase, Fehr & Peers will continue supporting staff through extensive outreach with the Task Force, Community Advisory Committee, and the Traffic, Safety & Parking Commission. Following this outreach, the project team will release the full draft plan for public review. This process will include a formal discussion at a Traffic, Safety & Parking Commission meeting, followed by incorporation of input from stakeholders and the broader

community to refine and finalize the plan. The final draft Comprehensive Safety Action Plan will then be brought to the Traffic, Safety & Parking Commission for consideration and recommendation, with the last step being Council adoption.

Exhibit:

- Presentation