EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Purpose and process

Between the seven-year span of 2017-2023, 29 people died and 117 people were seriously injured from traffic crashes on West Sacramento streets. Even one traffic-related death is a death too many because every traffic death and serious injury changes the lives of loved ones and people involved in the crash forever.

Vision Zero is a global initiative committed to developing programs, practices, and projects that prioritize the safety of all street users and bring communities closer to a target of zero life-changing or fatal traffic crashes.

Safer streets in West Sacramento are possible, but it requires collective responsibility and action. Over an eighteen-month period, crash data and road characteristics were analyzed to understand the safety conditions within the city. The community and city staff shared their experiences as people who walk, roll, bike, drive and manage the streets of West Sacramento and provided input on improvements that could be made to the roadways and policies of the city.

The Vision Zero Action Plan identifies a network of high injury locations throughout the city, potential priority corridors for safety improvements and five near term project to be considered. The Plan also outlines a set of goals, strategies and actions to create a truly safe transportation system for West Sacramento residents and visitors who travel in many different ways.

Key Traffic Safety Findings

- While people driving motor vehicles were far more likely to be involved in crashes, people walking, biking, and driving motorcycles were much more likely to die or be seriously injured when involved in a crash.
- People aged 20-24 years and 25-29 years represent 26% of FSI crashes.
- Males are overrepresented in FSI crashes.
- Crashes are more prevalent in the latter half of the week and at dusk or dark.
- Over half of FSI crashes (63%) occur in a disadvantaged community. Most of the FSI crashes involving VRUs (86% pedestrian-involved, 85% bicyclist-involved, 56% motorcyclist-involved) occurred in disadvantaged communities.
- Driving under the influence, traffic signs and signals, and pedestrian violations were among the top primary collision factors.
- Community members noted people driving too fast, a need for more street lighting and sidewalks, and more enforcement of traffic laws for all road users as some primary concerns
- 70% of fatal and serious injury crashes occur on just 3.5% of West Sacramento streets.
- 79% of street segments identified in the analysis as high injury locations overlapped with locations identified as challenging by the public.

Commitment

The City of West Sacramento is committed to reducing the number of fatal and serious injury crashes by half in 2035, with the eventual goal of zero in 2050.