



CITY OF SANTA FE

Memorandum

Date: June 4, 2025

To: Governing Body, Public Works and Utilities Committee, Quality of Life Committee

From: Regina Wheeler, Public Works Director *RW*
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RE: Establishing Santa Fe as a Vision Zero

SUMMARY:

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to establish the City of Santa Fe (“City”) as a Vision Zero city, and to direct the City Manager to take actions that support the Vision Zero Goals on improved traffic safety and reduction in deaths and injuries due to traffic accidents and collisions. The purpose of Vision Zero is to implement policies and regulations that significantly reduce traffic fatalities and traffic related injuries while increasing safety, health, and equitable mobility for all. The resolution would direct the City Manager to work with City staff to complete the following Vision Zero strategies:

- Incorporate Vision Zero principles into the implementation of all relevant plans and policies, including but not limited to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee’s Strategic Plan for Fiscal Year 2023-2033, Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Local Road Safety Plan (2022), and the Complete Streets Design Standards.
- Prioritize safety measures that place human safety first and foremost in road and street system investment decisions.
- Apply the Safe System Approach in designing the City of Santa Fe’s roadway system which involves anticipating human mistakes by designing and managing road infrastructure to keep the risk of mistake low.

Making streets safer for all users has been a focus of the Public Works Department’s Complete Streets Division and the Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization, and establishing the City as a Vision Zero participant would build upon what the City has worked to accomplish. Several projects that increase safety have been implemented in the City, including utilizing high-visibility crosswalk markings, adding leading pedestrian intervals to signal timing to allow pedestrians to enter a crosswalk before turning vehicles begin to move, reconfiguring intersections, narrowing traffic lanes to slow traffic, and many other methods. These improvements have been funded through operating budget, legislative appropriations, federal funding, and impact fees.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution
Fiscal Impact Report