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OUR STREETS | OUR RESPONSIBILITY

Task Force Meeting
December 10, 2025





Welcome

- *Welcome and thank you for your commitment to Vision Zero in Charlotte!*
- *Please note: This meeting is being recorded*

OUR 2040 ASPIRATIONS



- ▶ **Safe** | Vision Zero As a community, we will eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries for all who share Charlotte streets.
- ▶ **Being safe means:** No one in Charlotte will be seriously hurt or killed traveling on our streets.
- ▶ **Equitable** | 50-50 Mode Share As a community, half of our commute trips will be made by means other than a single-occupancy vehicle, through walking, biking, and taking transit.
- ▶ **Being equitable means:** Living and working in Charlotte will not require traveling by car.

Vision Zero Task Force |

Meeting Agenda

- ▶ Welcome – Charlie Jones (CDOT) & Meg Fencil (Sustain Charlotte) (Co-Chairs)
- ▶ Agenda Overview – Sierra Richardson (CDOT)
- ▶ Task Force Member Refresh – Katie Witherspoon (CDOT)
- ▶ Vision Zero Data Report – Katie Witherspoon (CDOT)
- ▶ CMPD Data Update – Sgt. Adam Jones (CMPD)
- ▶ Outreach & Engagement Update – Sierra Richardson (CDOT)

Task Force Membership Refresh

Katie Witherspoon

*CDOT | Mobility Planning Division
Manager*



Task Force Member Refresh |

Task Force Overview

- ▶ The Vision Zero Task Force, co-chaired by the Charlotte Department of Transportation and Sustain Charlotte, has representatives from public health, transportation, police, fire, medic, policy makers and community advocates.
- ▶ The Task Force provides feedback and input on the implementation of the City's Vision Zero Action Plan. The Task Force holds quarterly working meetings for implementation of the Action Plan Strategies.

Task Force Member Refresh |

What is a Task Force Member?

- ▶ A Task Force member is a designated person who represents a particular organization or group that supports the Vision Zero mission and will actively work to accomplish tasks and goals that will improve traffic safety efforts.
- ▶ Task Force members, led by Task Force Co-Chairs, work collaboratively to achieve specific objectives that support the goal of eliminating fatalities and serious injuries due to crashes on Charlotte's streets.

Task Force Member Refresh |

Member Expectations

- ▶ 2-year commitment
- ▶ Quarterly in-person meetings
- ▶ Engage and support working groups and attend working group meetings as determined by group
- ▶ Completing tasks/duties assigned by Co-Chairs and/or working group leads

Task Force Member Refresh |

Working Groups

- ▶ Data & Design
 - ▶ Analyze the Data & Safe Streets for All
- ▶ Engagement & Outreach
 - ▶ Shape Community Culture of Safety
- ▶ Planning & Policy
 - ▶ Evaluate Planning & Policy

Task Force Member Refresh |

Timeline & Logistics

- ▶ Kick-off new structure at March 2026 meeting
 - ▶ Confirm time and duration
 - ▶ Option to meet at Task Force Member host locations

Task Force Member Refresh |

Organizations – *Who are we missing?*

- AARP North Carolina
- Atrium Health
- Centralina Regional Council
- Charlotte Area Transit System
- Charlotte Center City Partners
- Charlotte Collaboration for Equitable Health*
- Charlotte Department of Transportation
- Charlotte Fire Department
- Charlotte General Services
- Charlotte Housing & Neighborhood Services
- Charlotte Planning, Design and Development
- Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools
- Mecklenburg County Parks & Recreation
- Mecklenburg County Public Health
- Medic
- North Carolina Department of Transportation
- Novant Health
- South Park Community Partners
- Sustain Charlotte
- University City Partners
- University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Vision Zero Data & Analysis

Katie Witherspoon

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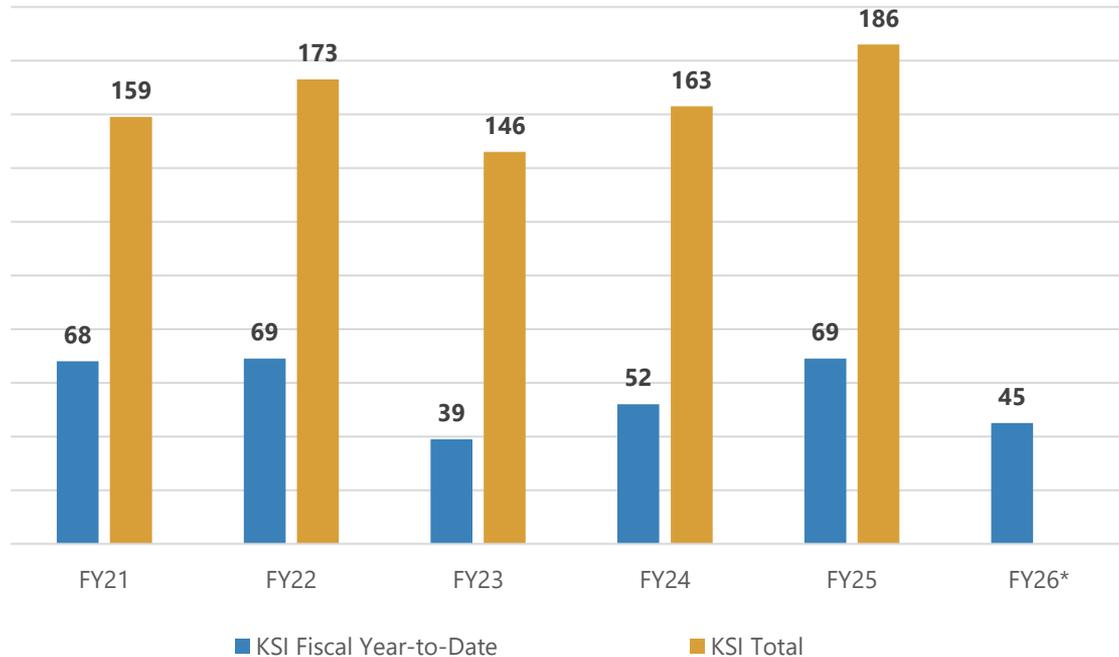


Vision Zero Annual Report

- ▶ FY25 Annual Report to be published online soon
- ▶ Data Updates & Report Outs
- ▶ Year-End Summary in Annual Report
- ▶ *Update: Fiscal Year vs. Calendar Year Data*

Serious Injury & Fatal Crashes

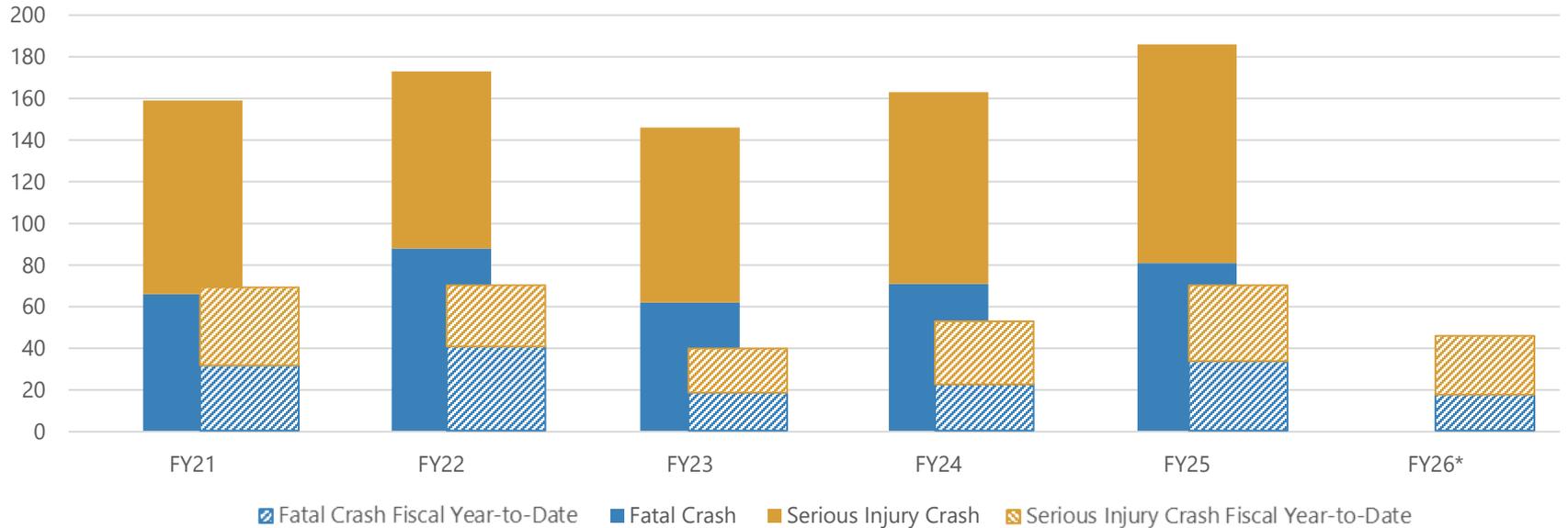
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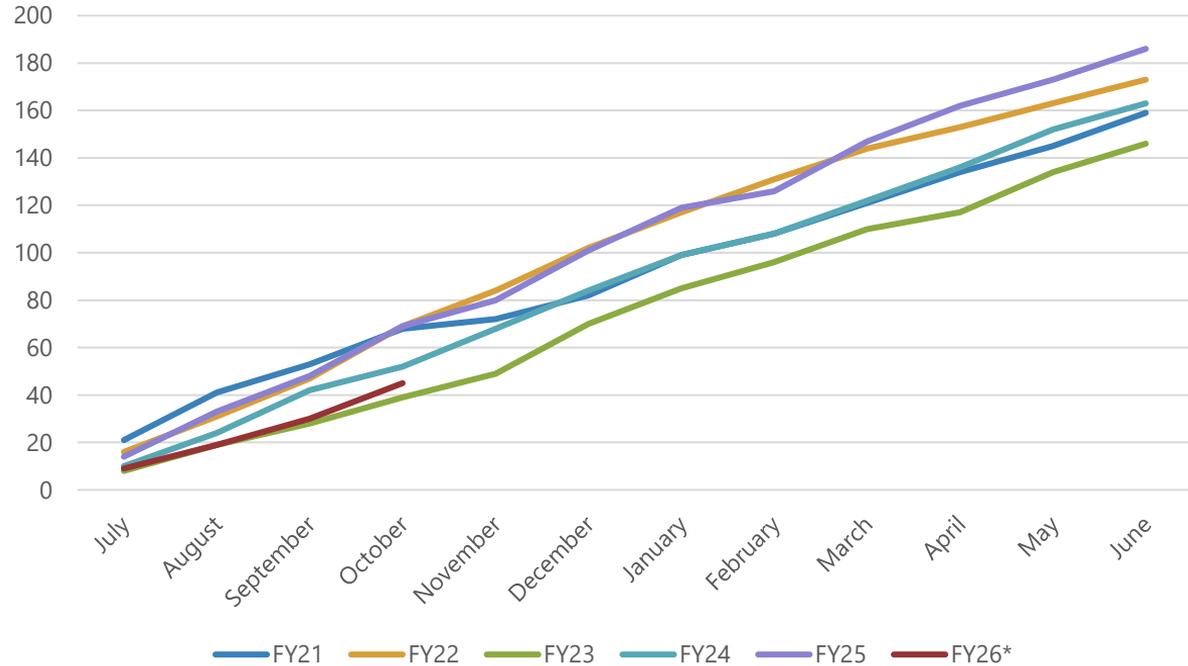
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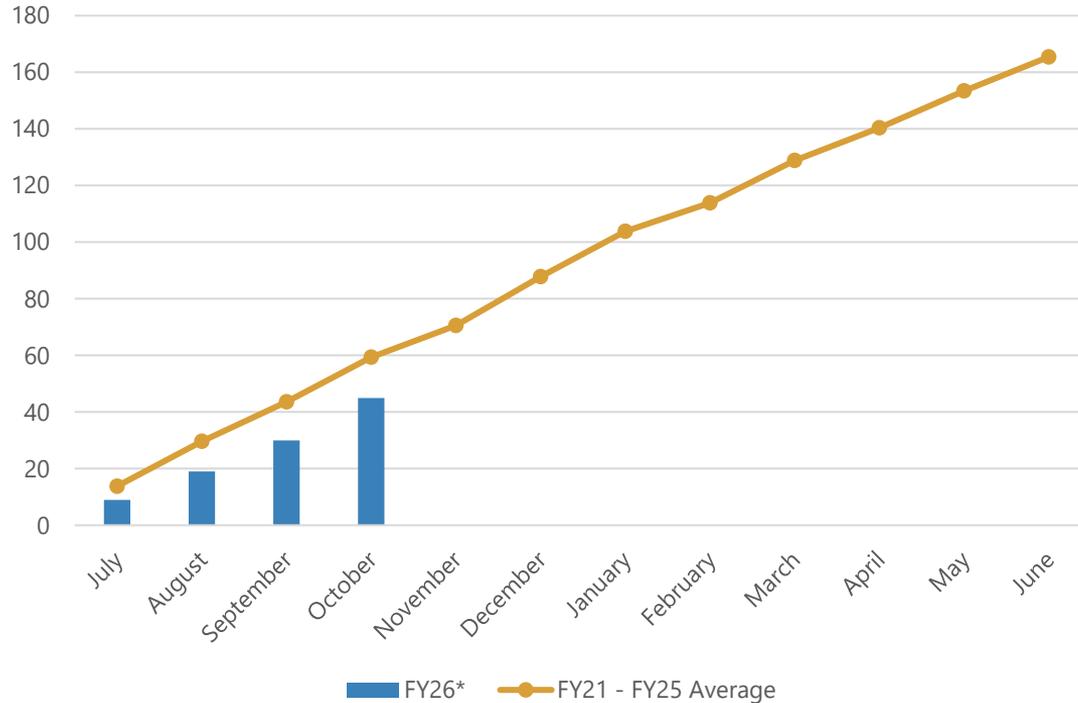
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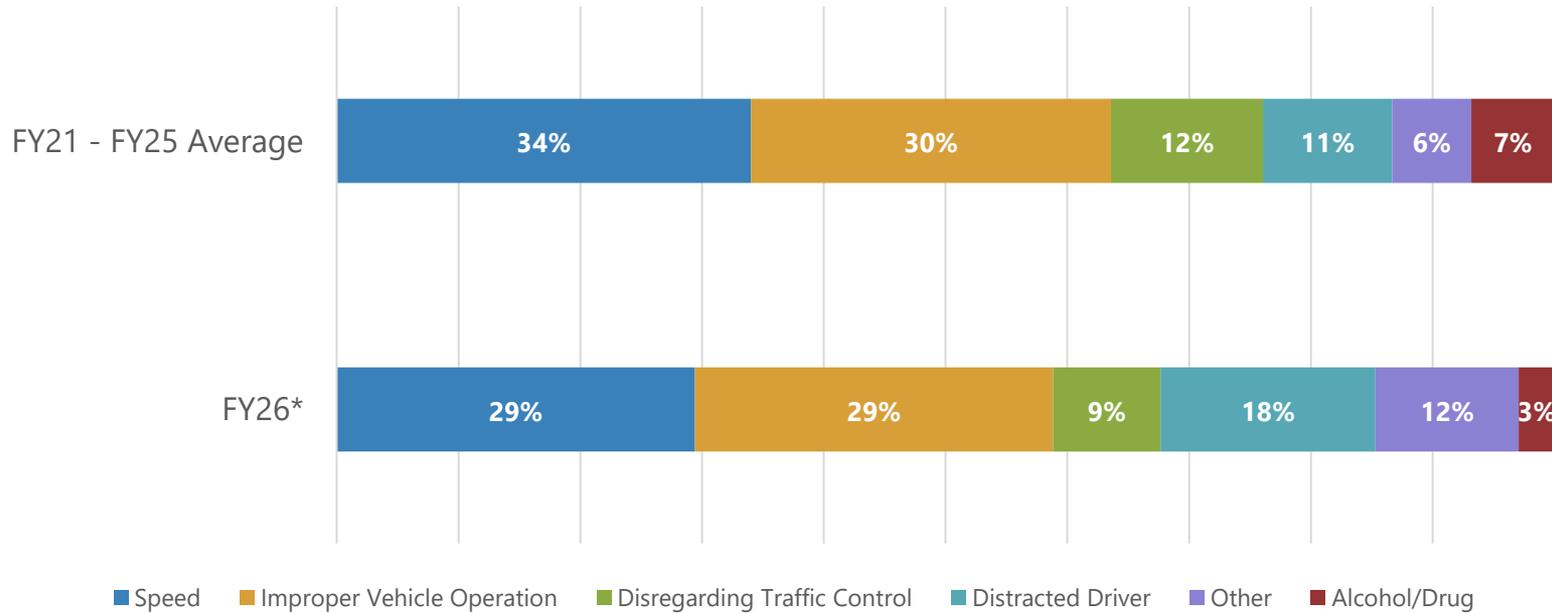
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Most Common Contributing Factors for Serious Injury & Fatal Crashes *(through October 2025, DMV 349)*



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Top 10 Crash Types | Serious Injury & Fatal Crashes

<i>Crash Type in Order of Most to Least by Average (FY21-FY25)</i>	FY26*	FY25	FY24	FY23	FY22	FY21
Pedestrian	14	42	49	38	42	36
Ran off road right	4	21	21	18	20	25
Left turn, same roadway	5	28	23	15	21	12
Rear end, slow or stop	4	18	15	16	15	16
Ran off road left	6	13	7	11	14	20
Head on	4	11	12	13	15	11
Left turn, different roadways	2	10	13	9	15	12
Angle	3	15	10	7	11	10
Sideswipe, same direction		6	3	7	8	5
Pedalcyclist	2	10	3	4	1	2

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Crash Type Definitions

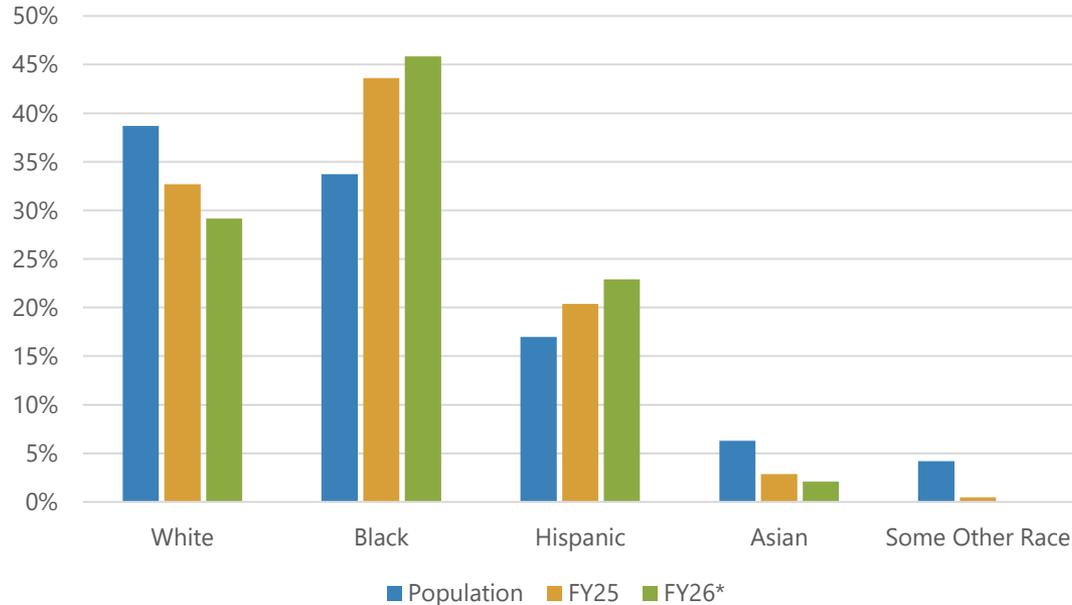
- ▶ Pedestrian: A crash in which a motor vehicle strikes or is struck by a person who is not in a vehicle.
- ▶ Ran off road right: A crash where a vehicle departs the right side of the roadway and collides with an object, overturns, or leaves the travel way.
- ▶ Left turn, same roadway: A crash that occurs when a vehicle turning left collides with another vehicle traveling on the same roadway.
- ▶ Rear end, slow or stop: A crash in which a following vehicle strikes the rear of a leading vehicle that is slowing or stopped.
- ▶ Ran off road left: A crash where a vehicle departs the left side of the roadway and collides with an object, overturns, or leaves the travel way.

Crash Type Definitions

- ▶ Head on: A crash in which two vehicles traveling in opposite directions collide front-to-front.
- ▶ Left turn, different roadways: A crash that occurs when a vehicle turning left from one roadway collides with a vehicle on a crossing or connecting roadway.
- ▶ Angle: A crash involving two vehicles that collide at approximately right angles, often at intersections, when two vehicles are going straight on intersecting roads, and neither vehicle is turning.
- ▶ Sideswipe, same direction: A crash in which two parallel vehicles traveling in the same direction make side-to-side contact.
- ▶ Pedalcyclist: A crash in which a motor vehicle strikes or is struck by a person riding a bicycle or other pedal-powered device.

Serious Injury & Fatal Crashes by Race

(through October 2025)



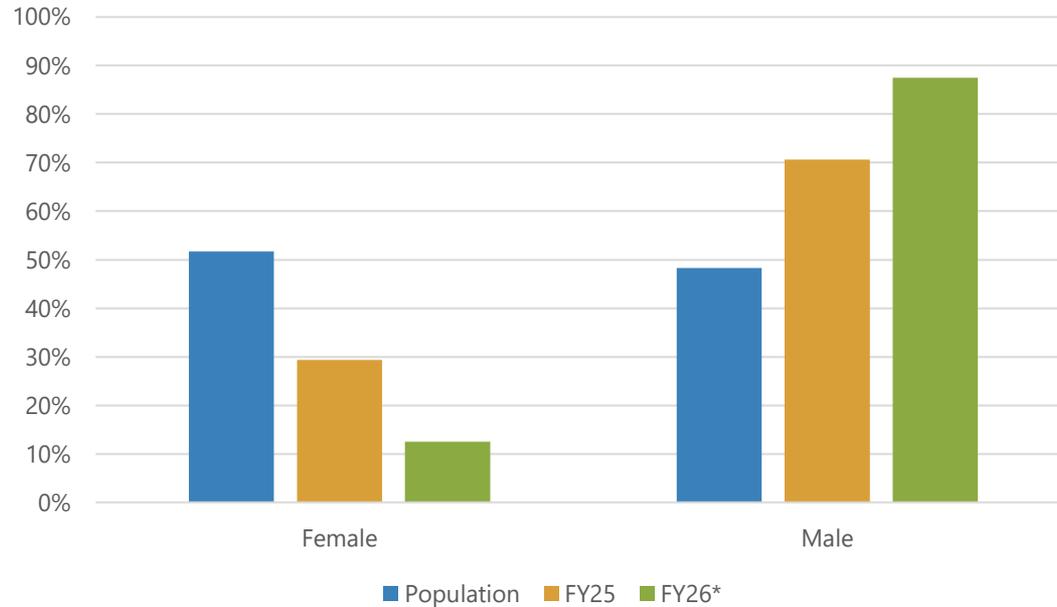
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Source: American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimate (2023)

Serious Injury & Fatal Crashes by Gender

(through October 2025)

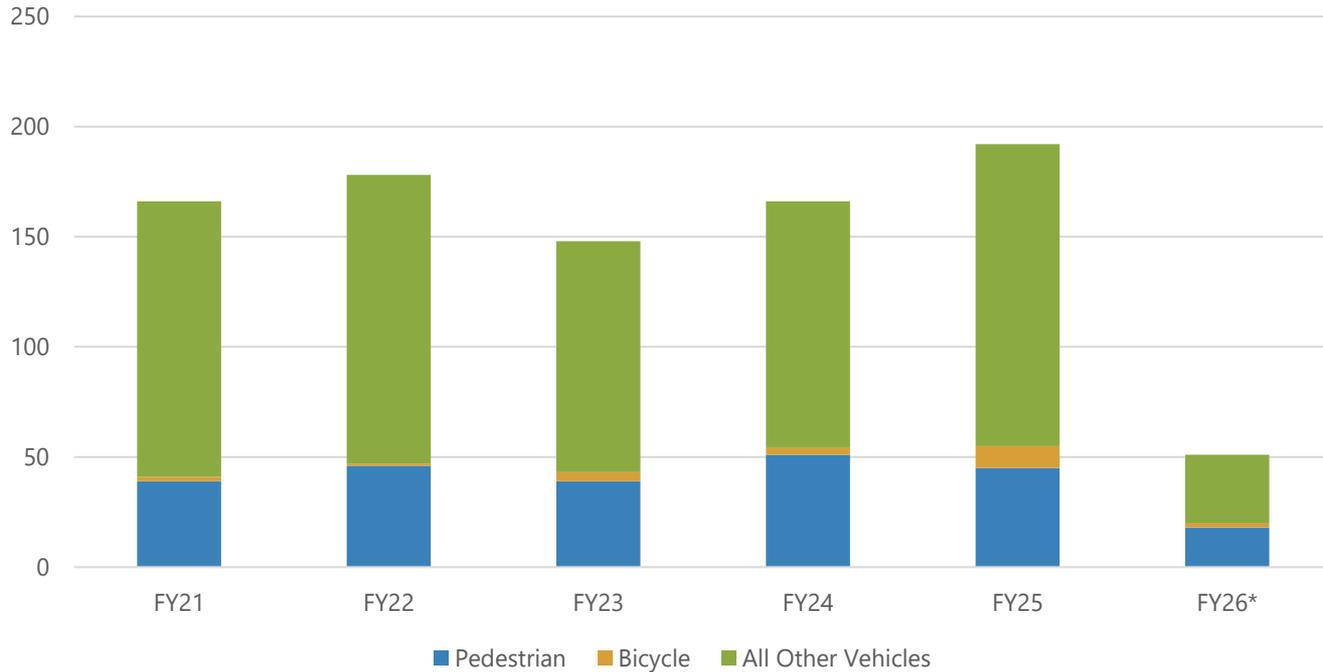


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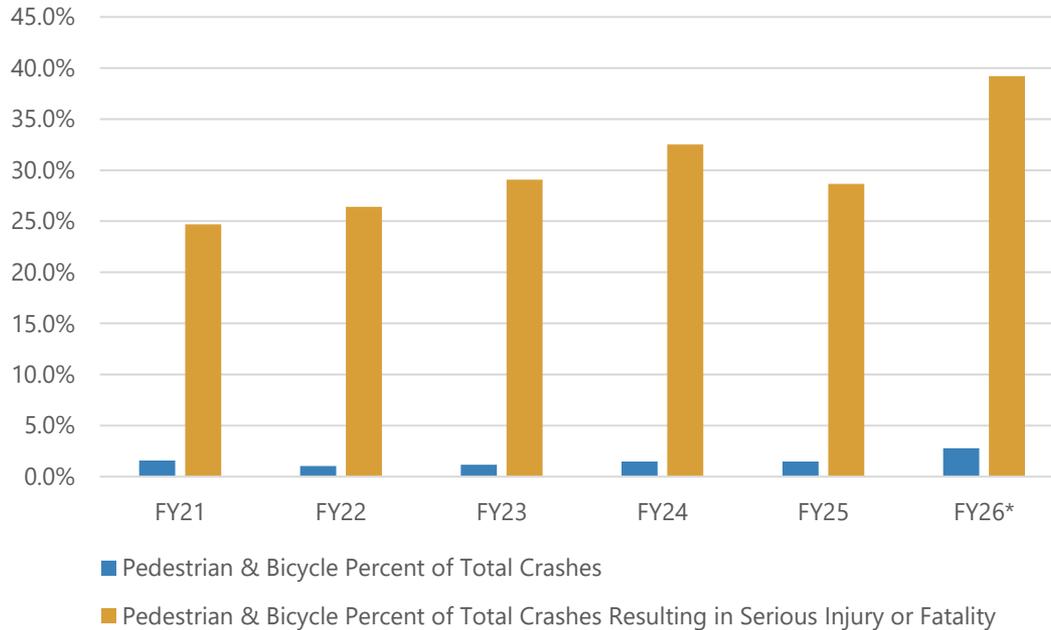
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Pedestrian, Bicycle, & Vehicle Serious Injury & Fatal Crashes *(through October 2025)*



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Pedestrian & Bicycle Percent of Total Crashes *(through October 2025)*



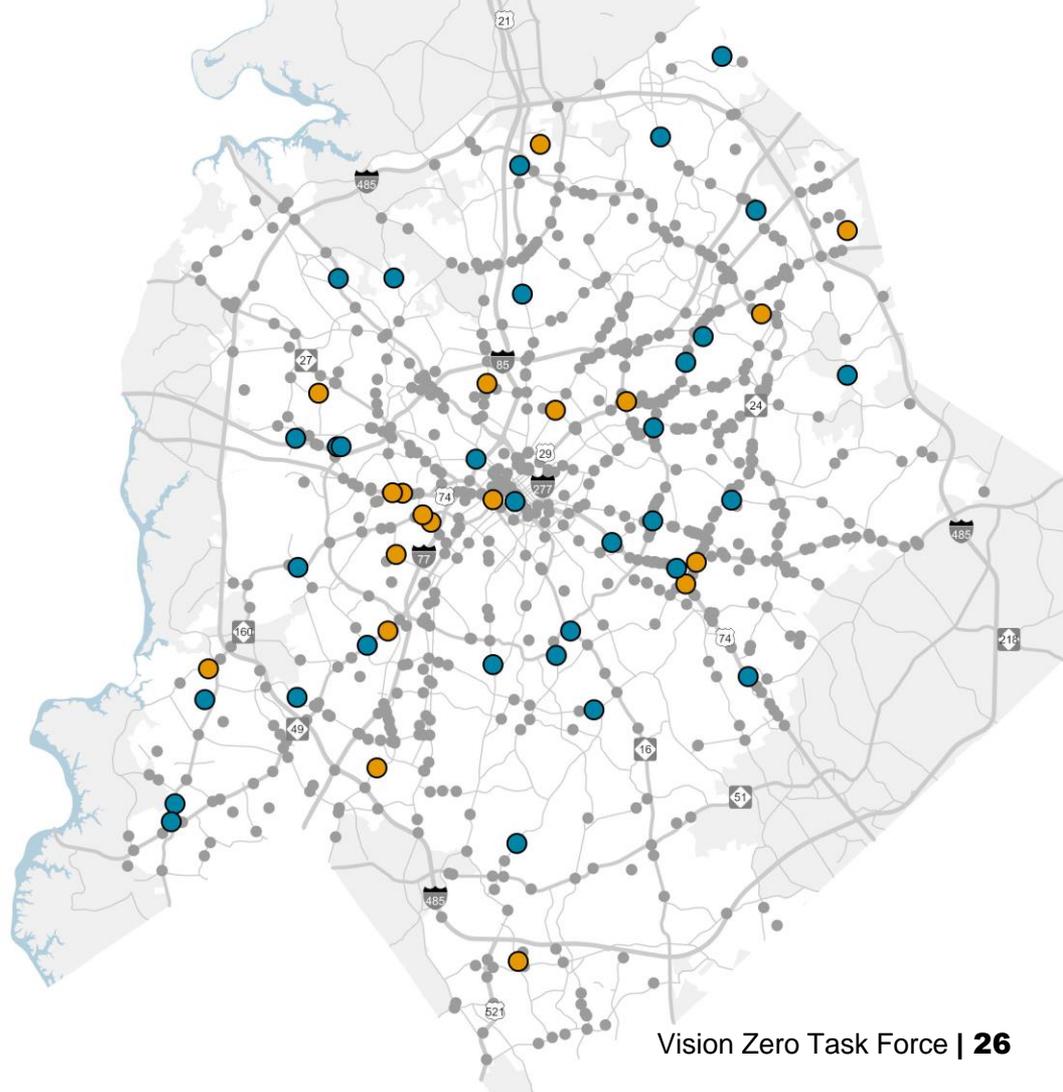
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Serious Injury & Fatal Crashes by Location

(through October 2025)*

Legend

-  Fatal Crash (FY26)
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-  Serious Injury & Fatal Crashes (FY21 - FY25)



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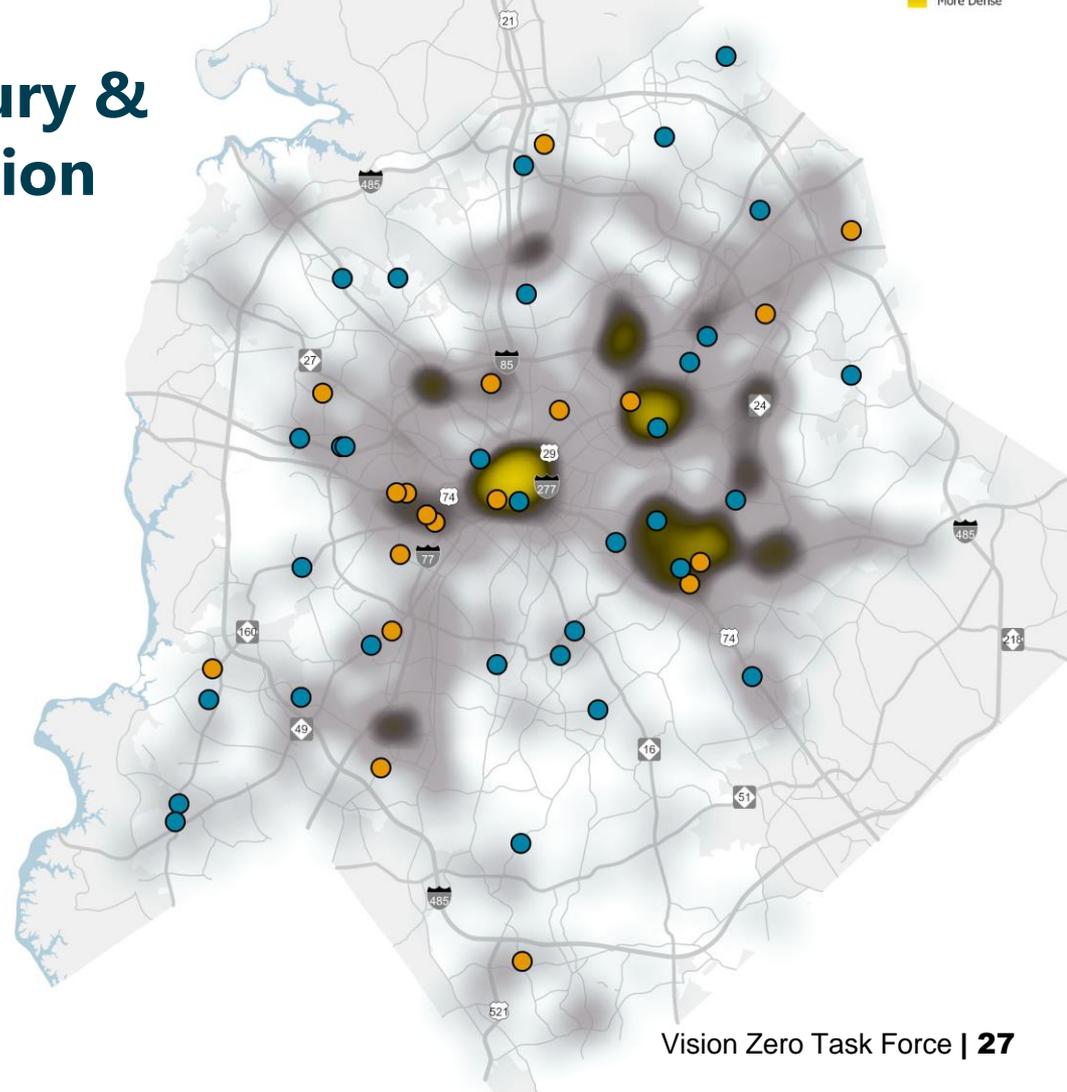
Density of Serious Injury & Fatal Crashes by Location

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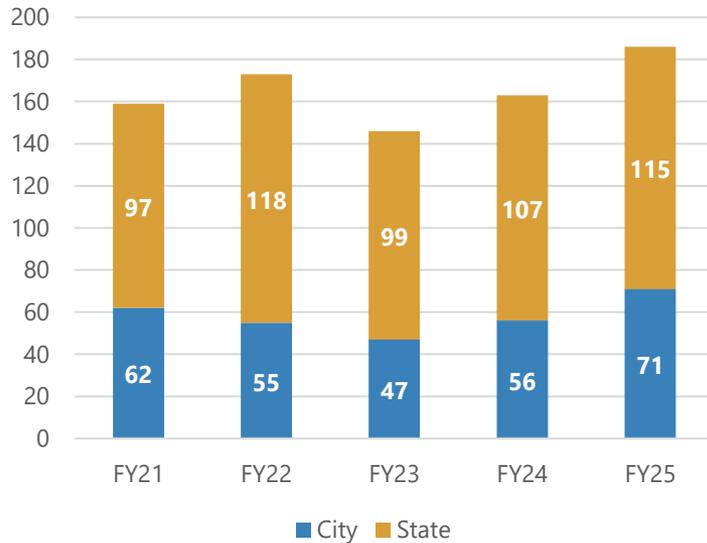
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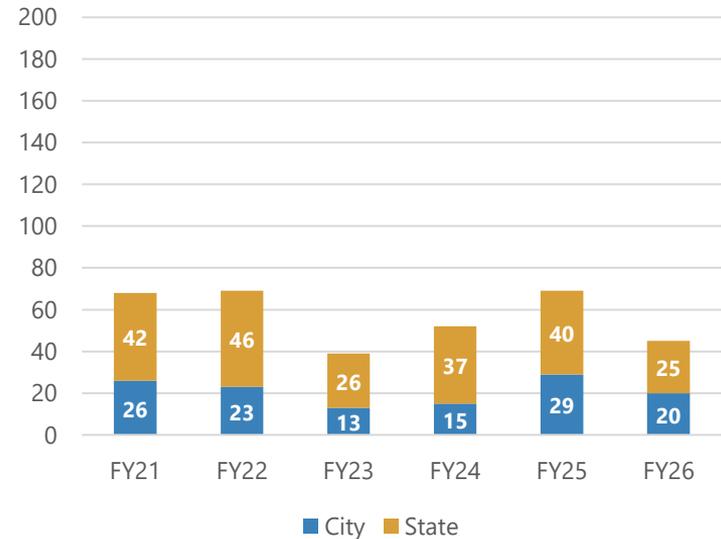
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Serious Injury & Fatal Crashes | City & State Maintained Streets

Total KSI Crashes



Total KSI Crashes: Fiscal Year-to-Date



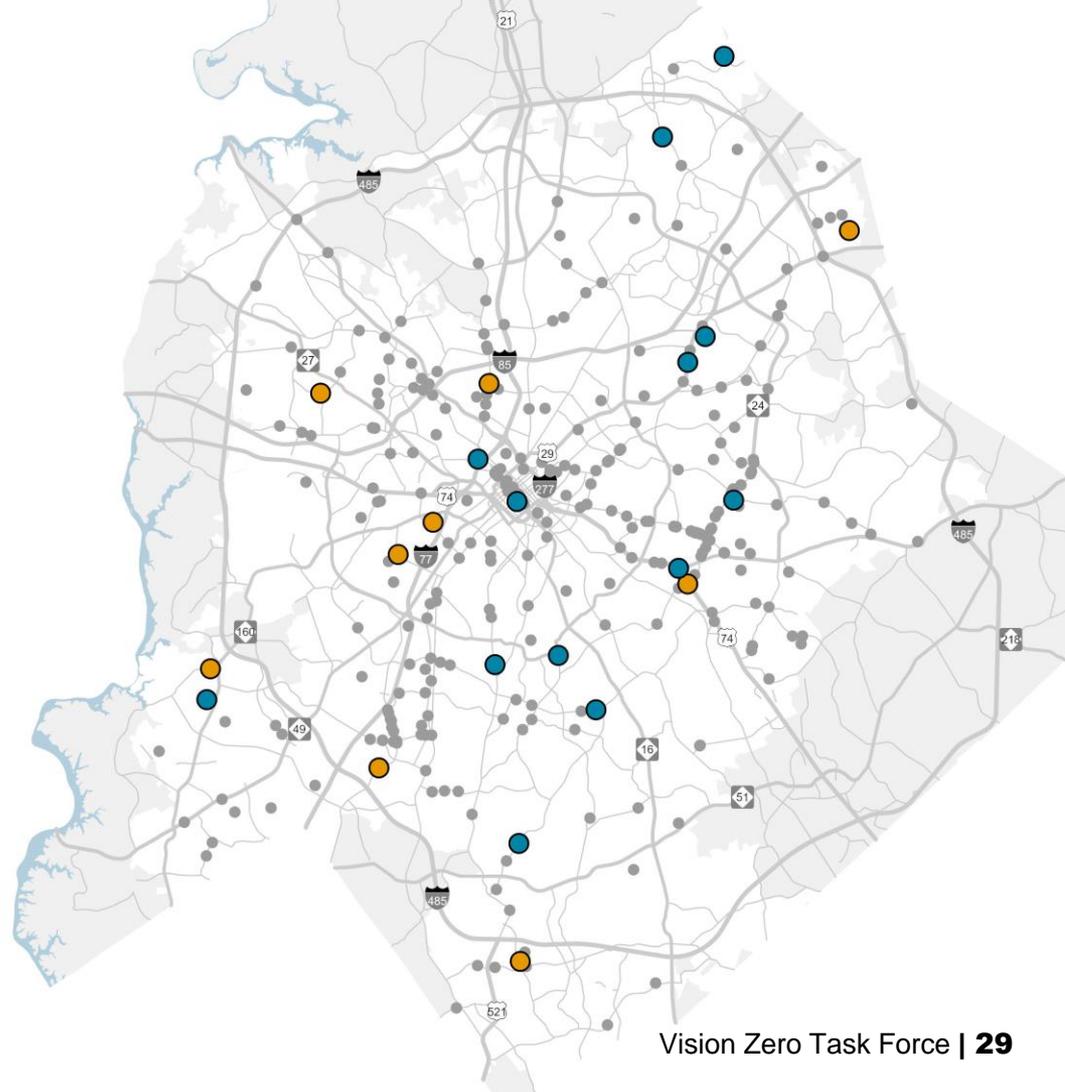
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Serious Injury & Fatal Crashes by Location | City Maintained Streets (through October 2025*)

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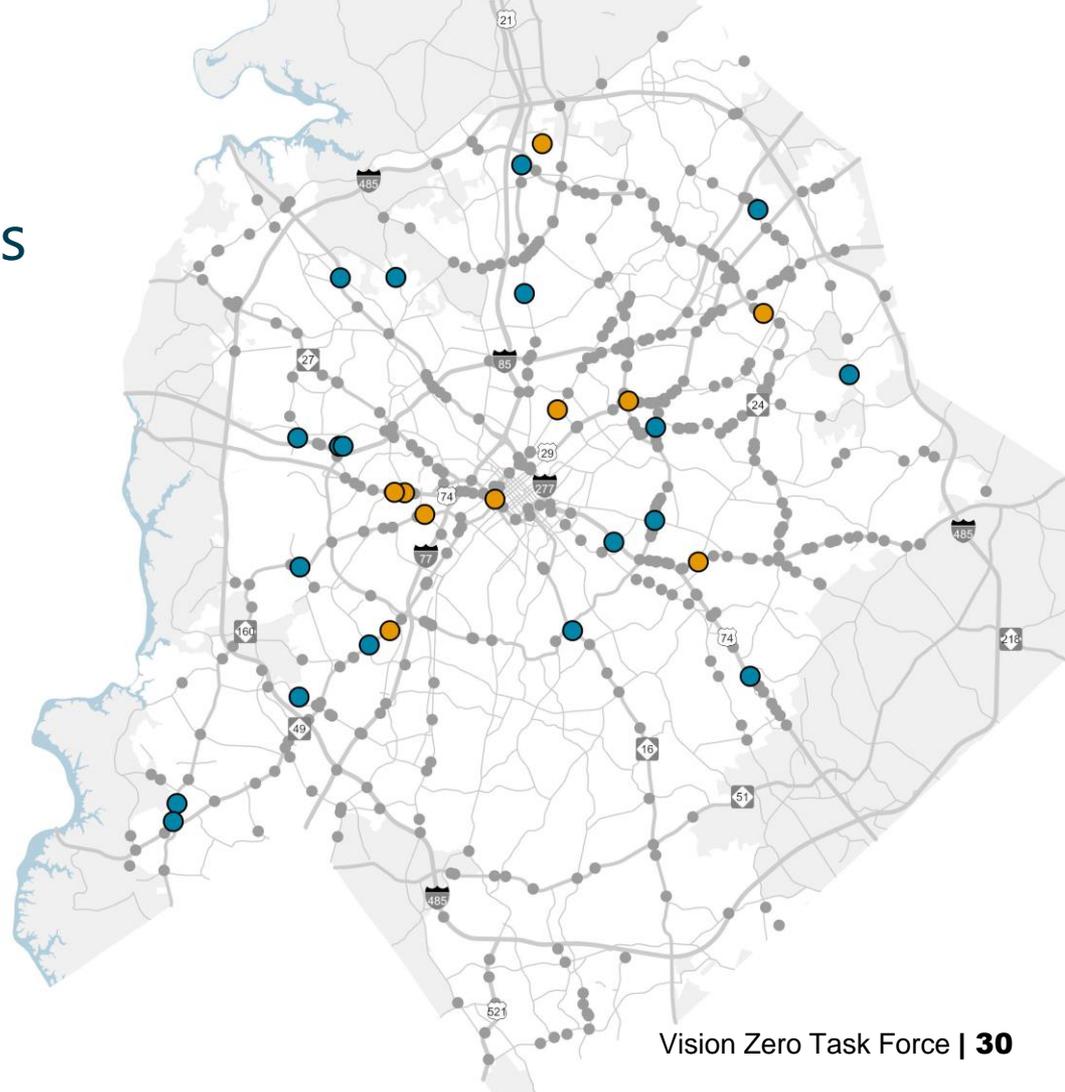
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Serious Injury & Fatal Crashes by Location | State Maintained Streets (through October 2025*)

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CMPD Data Update

Sgt. Jonathan West

*CMPD | Major Crash Investigation
Unit*



CMPD YTD Operations and Educational Events *(11/24/2025)*

- Vision Zero Enforcement Operations – 81
- Vision Zero Educational Campaigns – 44
- Stops – 4,398
- Violations – 5,222
- DWIs – 70

Outreach & Engagement Update

Scierra Richardson

CDOT | Mobility Public Relations Lead

INTERSECTION DESIGN DEPENDS ON
TO LITTLE SUGAR CREEK GREENWAY
BIKE BOXES ON MCDOWELL ST
URNS INTO CYCLE TRACK

OWELL ST

Love how it connects to Little Sugar Creek!



CONNECTION (DESIGN/ALIGNMENT)

I ♥ THIS

Very important to have a protected connection here!

World Day of Remembrance, 2025

Date: Sunday, November 16th at 6 pm

Location: Mint Museum Randolph



Vision Zero Cities Conference 2025

SAFE STREETS SAVE LIVES

New York City | October 28 – 30

New York University Kimmel Center

Hosted by Transportation Alternatives

Virtual Sessions – Key Takeaways

- *Exploring Innovative Transportation Solutions Panel*
 - Accessibility isn't about meeting the minimum requirements; it's about creating inclusive spaces.
 - Don't Park, BIKE. Exclusive tunnels/overpasses for bikes.
 - Create battery charging memberships and spaces for chargers.



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- *The Politics of Traffic Safety Panel*
 - Engagement Matters. Music, arts, and sports can transform traffic safety culture. Use benefit concerts and cultural events to unify communities.
 - Positive, universal messaging. Don't demonize any transportation mode. Speak to community benefit.
 - Reclaim and reframe freedom through mobility options.
 - View transportation conversations as relationship-building opportunities. Access to work, healthcare, education, houses of worship.
 - Work with institutions. Offer solutions when there is a problem.
 - Disrupt the status quo where necessary to make space for change.

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- *10 Years Later: What's Working? Panel*
 - A cultural shift towards accountability.
 - More cities adopting proactive safety policies.
 - Integration of Vision Zero into long-term transportation planning.
 - Expanded safety technologies and automated enforcement.
 - Austin:
 - Institutionalizing safety in driver education.
 - Crash data STORIES, not just numbers, to communicate impact.
 - Flowchart explaining how safety decisions are made.

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SAFE STREETS SAVE LIVES

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- Opening Keynote Speakers

Anthony Foxx: Director, Center for Public Leadership, Harvard Kennedy School, 17th U.S. Secretary of Transportation, 54th Mayor of Charlotte

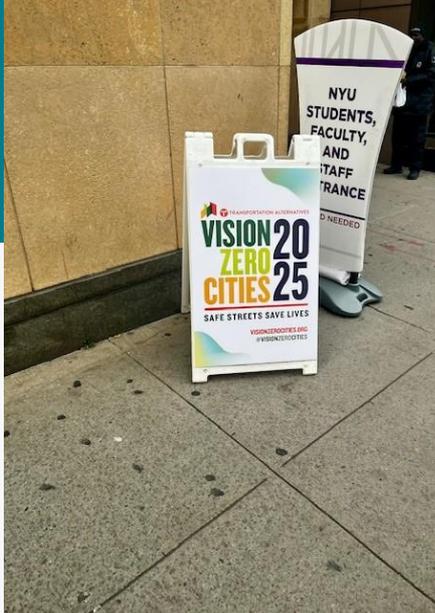
Polly Trottenberg: Dean, NYU Wagner School of Public Service, Former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Transportation & NYC Transportation Commissioner



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Breakout Sessions

<i>Streets Mean Business: Making the Economic Case for Safe Streets</i>	<i>Gender Equity in Transportation: Designing Streets and Systems for Everyone</i>	<i>Navigating Resource Scarcity: How to Fund Safer Streets</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congestion Pricing. • Fewer crashes save people and the economy \$. • Safe street designs benefit local retail businesses and increase property values. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure, vehicles, and technologies that protect women and children. • Female crash dummies. • How do we build on current practices? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain language. • Equitable community engagement. • What's top of mind for the people we serve? • Transparency and intention.



Mountains to Main Streets Workshop 2025

Asheville, NC | November 13

Key Takeaways

- How does the Strategic Highway Safety Plan align with our Vision Zero Action Plan and the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan? How do these plans *support* each other?
- Which strategies are working and meeting identified goals?
- Consider resident ambassadors through HOAs.
- Communicate proactively about projects, with intention and accountability.
- Utilize complete streets as an Economic Development tool.
- Framing and language around crash reporting is important.

Vision Zero & Social Media

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X: @CharlotteDOT

Hashtag: #VisionZero



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