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MEMORANDUM

To: Transportation Commission

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Date: February 17, 2021

Subject: DRAFT VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN

Staff Recommendation:

It is recommended that Transportation Commission receive a briefing and provide input on the Draft Vision Zero Action Plan

Background:

Vision Zero policy was adopted in 2015 as part of the Transportation Master Plan. This goal states that by 2035, eliminate all transportation related fatal and serious injury crashes in Kirkland.

The key elements of the Vision Zero Safety Plan include:

- **Emphasis:** On crashes resulting in fatalities and serious injuries, with a date specific goal.
- **System Approach:** Rather than exclusively faulting drivers and other users of the transportation system, Vision Zero places the core responsibility for crashes on the overall system design.
- **Objectives for the one goal of zero fatalities and serious injuries:** Operate Safe Streets, Prioritize Safe Street Design and best practices, Promote and Institutionalize a Culture of Safety, Build a Robust and Transparent Data Framework

February Transportation Commission Objectives:

Staff will discuss the status of the draft plan and process toward finalizing the draft document in preparation for the March 15th Council Study Session. The preliminary draft document shared with the Transportation Commission shows the structure, introduction, outline, data analysis and objectives. Additional information will be added in preparation for the council study session based on Transportation Commission feedback.

Additional analysis has been evaluated on the high crash corridors which will be reviewed with the Transportation Commission during the February meeting. Also, staff will address previous comments made at the 2021 Vision Zero workshop and outline how those comments are being addressed.

Please see preliminary Vision Zero Draft Plan provided to the Transportation Commission as part of the meeting materials. Please also view the new [on-line crash map](#) now publicly available. The Vision Zero Action Plan will focus on the 2015-2019 five-year span of data as that data demonstrates travel patterns without the anomalies related to travel pattern changes caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff will report to Council additional data for 2020 and 2021.