

History

The transportation safety principles known collectively as “Vision Zero” were first implemented in Sweden in the 1990s.

Vision Zero changes our assumptions about safe transportation, with a focus on:

- Recognizing that transportation deaths and injuries are **preventable**
- Factoring in **human behavior and error** to solutions
- Acknowledging that safety **doesn't have to be expensive**

There are currently about **40 communities in the United States** that are committed to Vision Zero.



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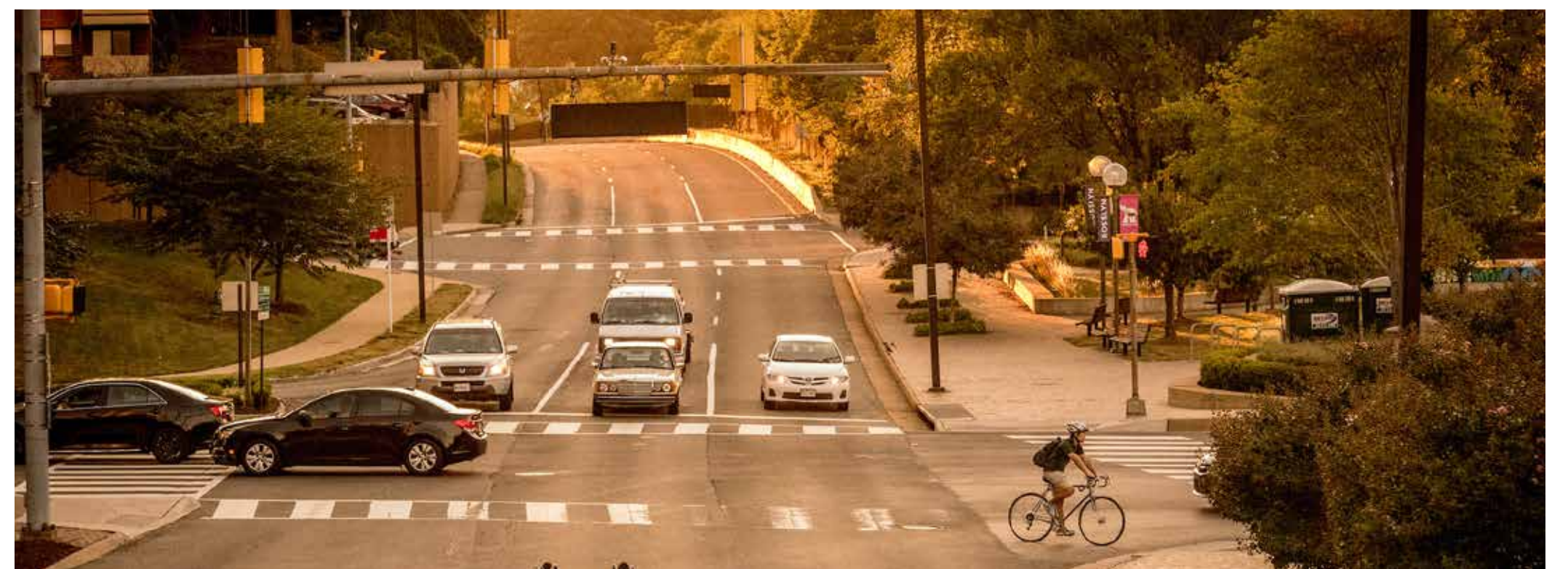
Mission & Meaning

“Vision Zero is a strategy to eliminate all transportation fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all.”

- Vision Zero Network

The Vision Zero approach is unique in each community, but all programs share a set of **five core tenets**:

- Build and sustain leadership and collaboration
- Collect, analyze, and use data to understand trends
- Emphasize equity and engagement
- Establish urgency and accountability
- Prioritize safe roadways and speeds in all transportation planning and design



Highlights from Other Jurisdictions

Arlington County's Vision Zero Action Plan will be tailored to our local needs, but we can learn from the many communities who have completed Action Plans.

Examples of Strategies Used:

- Identification of near-term actions.
- Regular review of all collisions to identify trends and common issues.
- Evaluation of specific corridors or neighborhoods for speeding or other safety issues.
- Quick responses to pedestrian and bicycle collisions.
- Detailed review of reports following any fatal collisions.
- Continued community engagement after plan development.

Seattle Lawn Signs



Denver Analysis of Communities of Concern

