

BELLEVUE VISION ZERO

Working towards zero traffic deaths and serious injuries on Bellevue streets by 2030.



What is Vision Zero and the Safe System approach?

Bellevue's Vision Zero initiative aims to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries on city streets by 2030. To achieve this goal, the City Council adopted the Safe System approach. This is a shift away from traditional road safety approaches. It is based on the belief that death and serious injuries are preventable; they are not accidents. It accepts that **people will make mistakes** and that **crashes will continue to occur**, but it works to make sure these **do not result in serious injuries or fatalities**.

Where are we right now?

In Bellevue, from 2014 to 2023, 217 people were seriously injured and 23 people were killed in traffic collisions on Bellevue's streets. In other words, **every 15 days, someone was killed or seriously injured on Bellevue's streets**. People walking and biking are impacted the most. They are part of only 5% of all collisions in the city but **represent 46% of all fatal and serious injuries**. For this reason, the Vision Zero initiative focuses on ways to make Bellevue roads safer for all people, but especially for people walking and rolling.

Safe System actions include a variety of measures that make it safer for people to walk, bike, roll and ride, such as:



Sidewalks and multipurpose paths



Traffic calming devices such as speed humps



Protected bicycle lanes and off-street trails



Changes to traffic signal operations that improve visibility of people walking

How are we working towards our Vision Zero goal?

The city has a variety of teams and programs that plan for safe environments, implement safe infrastructure and promote safe speeds. From building new sidewalks and bike lanes to adjusting pedestrian signal timing, safe improvements are added across the city every year. Check out the interactive map in the QR code below to see what work is being done to make Bellevue's streets safer for everyone.

The city also creates an annual Vision Zero Action Plan with all actions to be completed each calendar year. These actions are based on the Safe System approach. Example actions include:

- Assessing existing road conditions and creating best practice guidance.
- Implementing safer facilities for people walking and rolling.
- Partnering with public and private institutions, like King County Target Zero.

The annual Action Plan is approved and supported by the city's Vision Zero leadership team. Vision Zero is a citywide initiative supported by all departments.



Road safety assessments gather input from the community and staff on safety improvements.

How to learn more and get involved

Learn about this year's actions:
BellevueWA.gov/vision-zero-action-plan



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