



Vision Zero

COUNCIL ANNUAL STRATEGY SESSION

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Context

Highlight the urgency around Vision Zero

- The Vision Zero Annual Report outlines the ongoing safety challenges that require sustained and coordinated action.
- The annual report purpose is to foster transparency, accountability, and a shared understanding of the challenge we must address together.

Charlotte is a Vision Zero City which means commitment to a higher standard for the community.

Policy and Framework

Council adopted Strategic Mobility Plan

Safety is the foundational principle of mobility programs and projects.

Vision Zero Policy Framework

- Traffic deaths and severe injuries are preventable and unacceptable.
- Protecting human lives takes priority over other objectives of the road system.
- The transportation system should be designed so human mistakes are not fatal.

Shared Responsibility

- Achieving Vision Zero requires collaboration across departments, agencies and the community.
- The **Vision Zero Task Force** provides community-informed guidance and partnership.
- Safety on our streets is a shared responsibility – not just that of the Charlotte Department of Transportation.

Vision Zero is an aspirational goal

National Trends

Charlotte's experience reflects a broader national challenge.

- Undoing 50+ years of road design focused solely on automobiles and speed does not happen overnight.
- Individual decision making continues to challenge efforts to improve safety nationwide – examples include speeding, impaired driving, red-light running, and distracted driving.

Charlotte has been a leader in building complete streets and continues to design and deliver projects that create safer, more balanced user experiences.

Vision Zero (Transportation Safety) Program

CIP History for Vision Zero Program				
2016 Bond	2018 Bond	2020 Bond	2022 Bond	2024 Bond
-	\$2.0 M	\$2.0 M	\$17.1 M	\$20 M

Supports the Vision Zero philosophy by making the transportation system safer for all modes

Program focuses on:

- New and Upgraded Street Lighting
- Neighborhood Traffic Calming
- Spot Safety Projects
- Pedestrian Crossings
- Technology Improvements



Prioritized using data from the High Injury Network & Vision Zero Action Plan

Snapshot of 187 Active Projects on the High Injury Network

52 corridors representing 94 miles of new and upgraded streetlighting

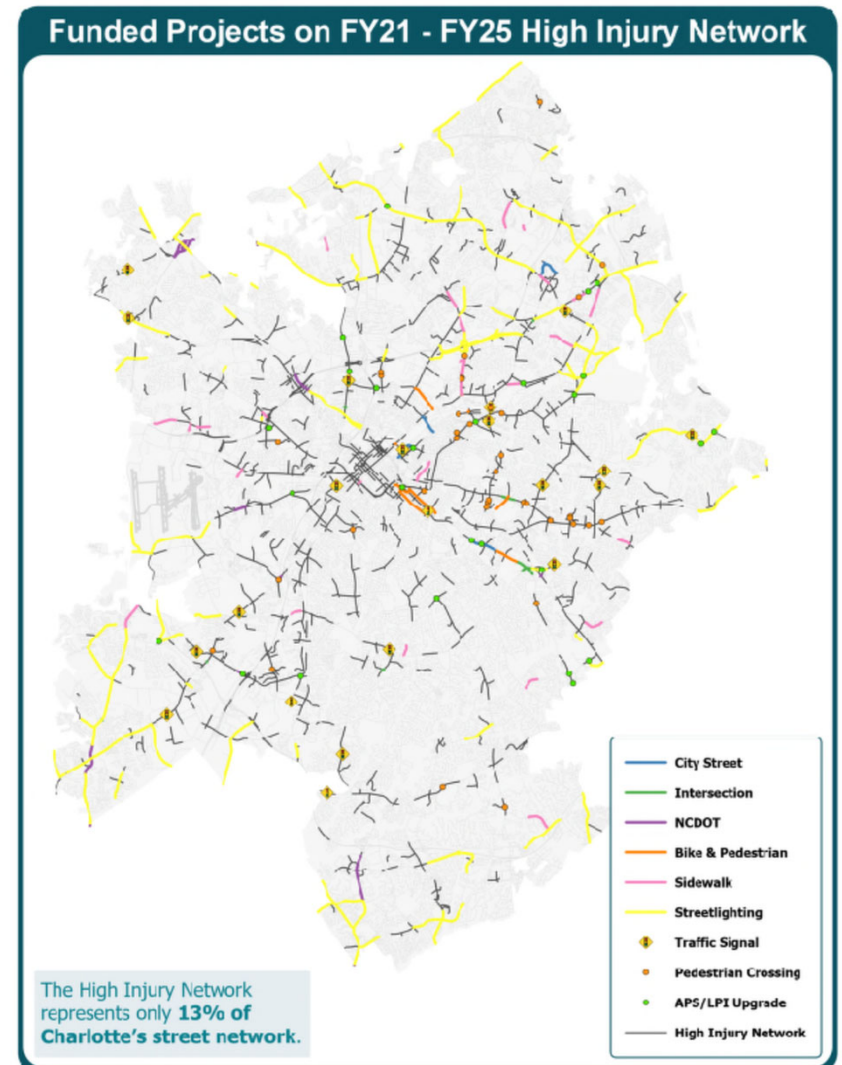
27 Pedestrian crossings

26 locations Accessible pedestrian signals or leading pedestrian intervals

18 new traffic signals

14 sidewalk projects covering 10 miles

50 street, intersection, and other bike/pedestrian projects



Mobility Sales Tax

Opportunities for more safety projects

- Allows us to move from reactive responses to strategic, planned investment.
- Provides opportunity to enact holistic change on corridor levels instead of spot treatments.
- Enables the ability to scale proven safety measures on a wider array of streets.

Vision Zero is a long-term commitment, not a one-time investment