

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Work Session: Transportation Safety - Vision Zero and the Mayors' Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets

Meeting Date: November 18, 2015
Department: Public Works
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Agenda Item Number: B
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ISSUE STATEMENT

Ensuring the safety of the city's transportation system is a priority. The draft Transportation System Plan includes a policy that sets a goal of eliminating transportation related fatalities and serious injuries in Eugene. The City is participating in the Mayors' Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets which was launched this past March by federal Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx. Many cities are embracing an approach towards safety called Vision Zero, which calls for eliminating deaths and serious injuries on the surface transportation system. At the September 30, 2015, City Council work session, staff provided an overview of Vision Zero and what actions City staff and their partners are taking to further transportation safety under the umbrella of the Mayors' Challenge. At that work session, the City Council requested staff to meet with members of Better Eugene Springfield Transit (BEST) on how to move forward on Vision Zero and report back to the council.

BACKGROUND

Background information on Vision Zero and the Mayors' Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets was provided at the September 30 work session. Subsequent to that work session, City staff met with members of BEST. Based on input from BEST, staff has revised the provided resolution to explicitly adopt Vision Zero as a City policy; this will also be incorporated in the draft Transportation System Plan.

Also based on input from BEST, staff intends to move forward with the following:

- Announcement of the City's effort to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries on the transportation system. The announcement will highlight the Vision Zero goal, the City's participation in the Mayors' Challenge, and next steps on Vision Zero.
- Formation of a Vision Zero Task Force that includes community stakeholders and staff from the City and partner agencies.
- The Task Force will work with City staff to develop a Vision Zero Action Plan. The planning process will include a self-assessment of what the City is already doing to increase safety, where there are gaps or barriers and what opportunities exist to do more. The plan will be multidisciplinary including education, engineering and enforcement. The plan will set a target date for achieving the Vision Zero goal.

- Report back to the City Council.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

System-Wide Policy 2 in draft Eugene Transportation System Plan:

Consider safety first when making decisions. Strive for zero transportation-related fatalities by reducing the number and transportation severity of crashes through design, operations, maintenance, education, and enforcement.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

1. Approve the Resolution supporting transportation safety efforts.
2. Not approve the resolution.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION AND SUGGESTED MOTION

Move to adopt the resolution supporting transportation safety efforts.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Resolution supporting transportation safety efforts.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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