

2025 Vision Zero Action Plan

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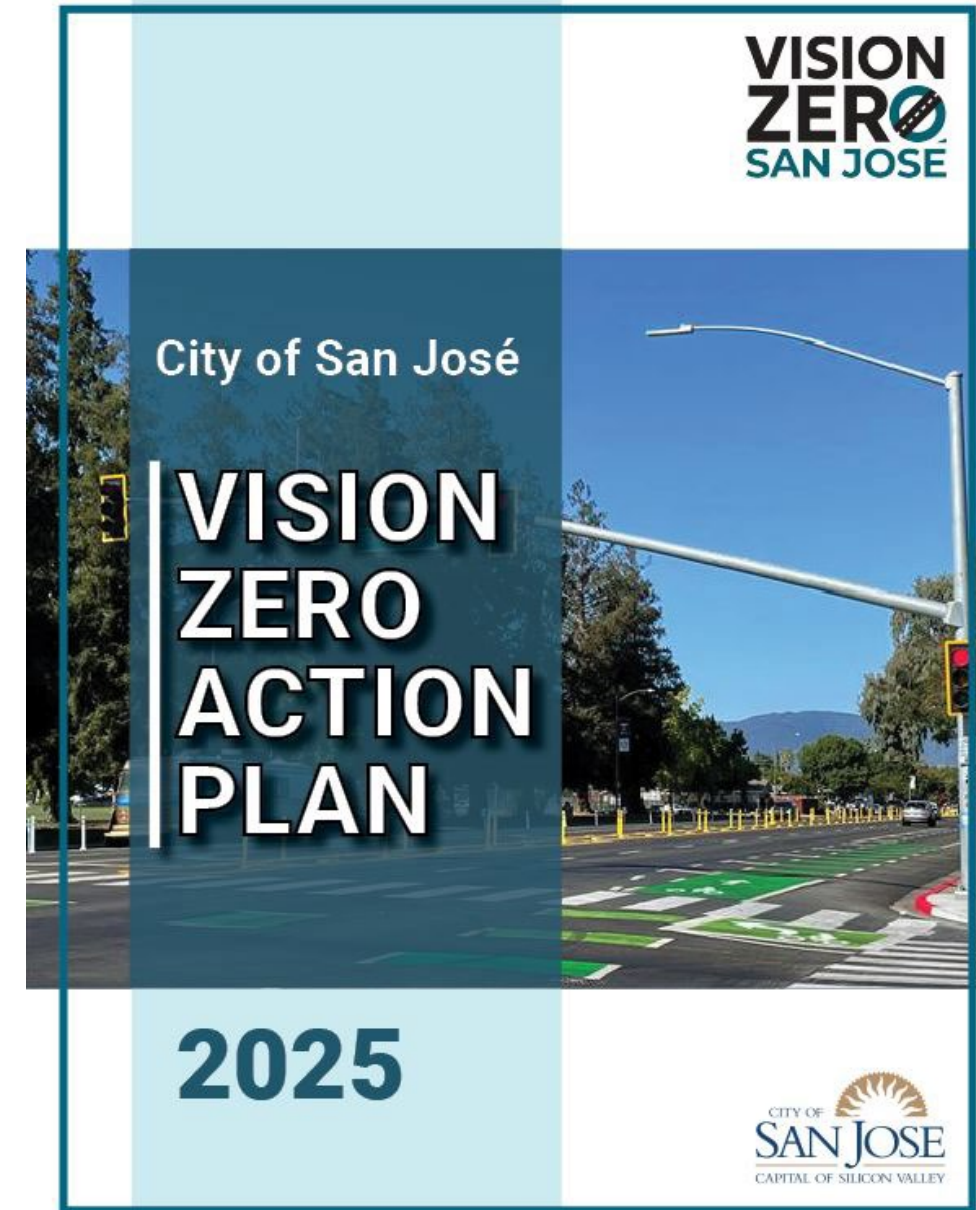
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Recommendations

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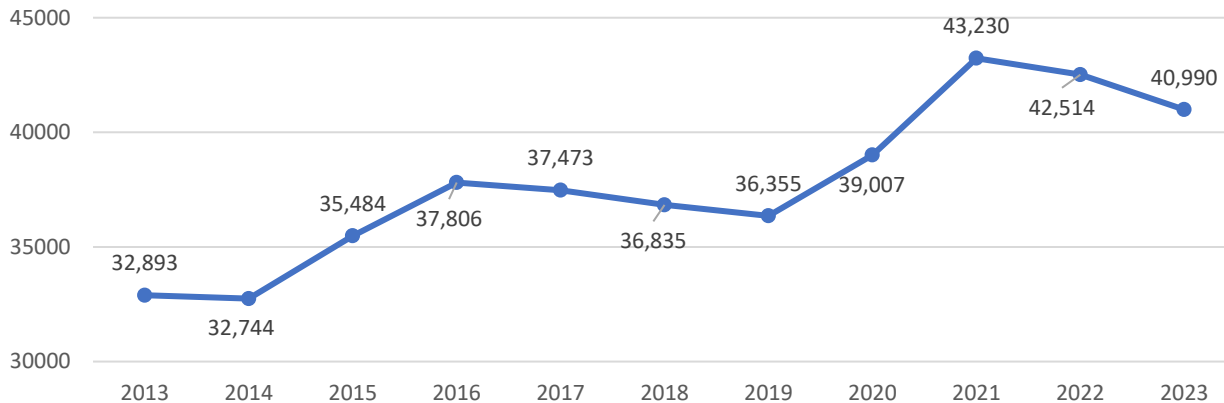
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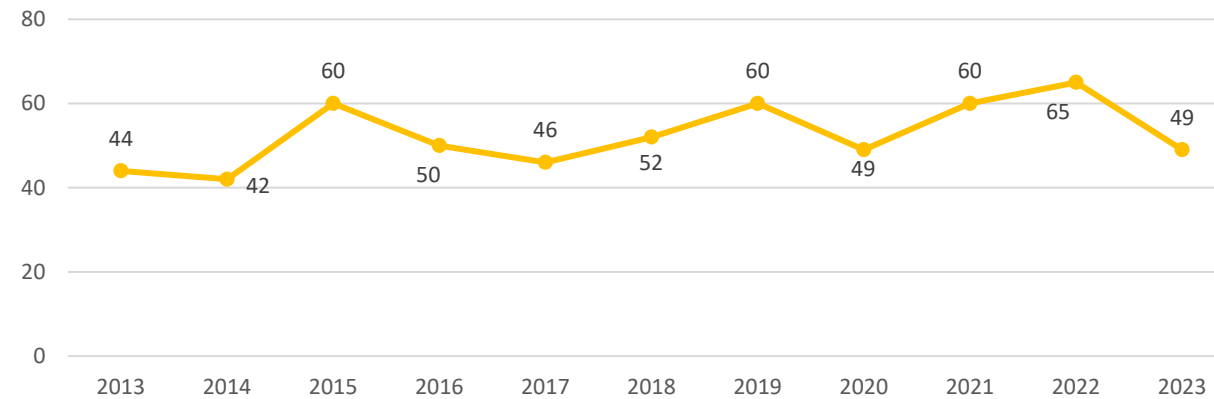
Vision Zero Background

- San José was the 4th U.S. city to adopt the Vision Zero concept in 2015.
- Nationwide: Fatalities steadily increased (up 25% in the last 10 years).
- San José: Fatalities increased at a slower pace (under 17% in the last 10 years) and decreased in recent years, from 65 in 2022 to 49 in 2023 and 2024.

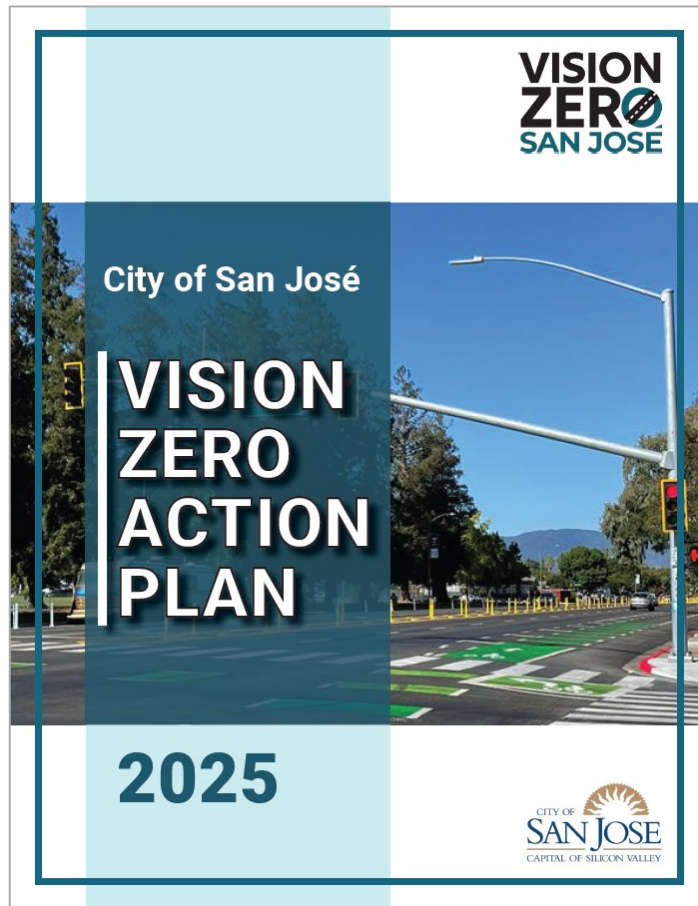
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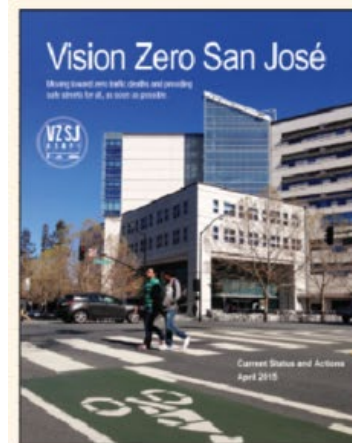
Traffic Fatalities in San José



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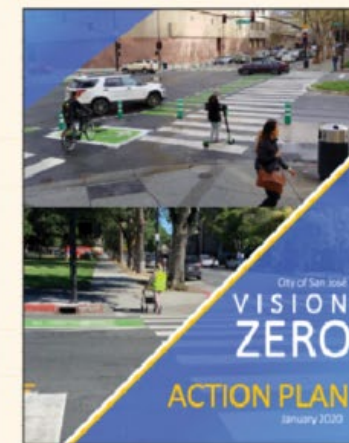
- San José's 4th Vision Zero Action Plan
- 5-year Action Plan kicks off 10th year



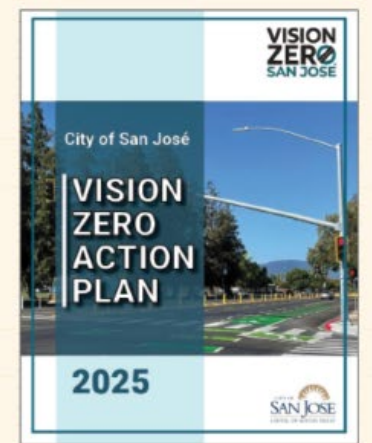
2015



2017-2018



2020



2025

2025 Vision Zero Action Plan Key Updates

1. Federal Grant Compliance
2. Leadership Commitment and Goal Setting
3. Shift in Oversight
4. Safe System Approach
5. Expanded Priority Safety Corridors, Equity Focus
6. Priority Action Areas: Strategy and Project Selections
7. Greater Emphasis on Implementation

1. Federal Grant Compliance

Since the 2020 Vision Zero Action Plan, the 2021 USDOT National Roadway Safety Strategy created *Safe Streets for All* (SS4A) grant – San Jose has won twice: \$21.4M

2025 Vision Zero Action Plan brings City's self-certification into one document

- 8 Federally Required sections:
 - Leadership commitment and Goal Setting
 - Planning Structure
 - Safety Analysis
 - Engagement and Collaboration
 - Equity Considerations
 - Policy and Process Changes
 - Strategy and Project Selections
 - Progress and Transparency
- Action Plan deadline: pass City Council by the end of April

Unified Action Plan maintains and strengthens San Jose's competitiveness

2. Leadership Commitment and Goal Setting

- 30 by 30: 30% reduction in fatal and severe injury (KSI) by 2030
- Zero by 2040: Eliminate fatal and severe injuries by 2040

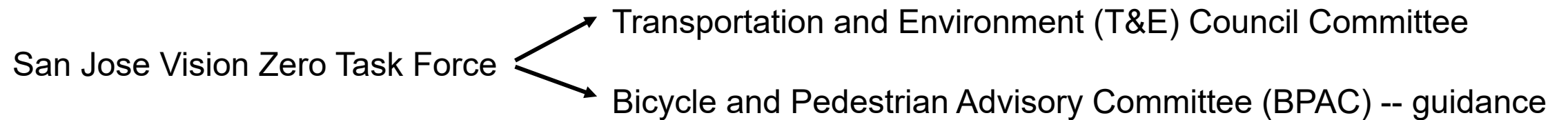
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Fatalities	42	60	50	46	52	60	49	60	65	49
Severe Injuries	115	146	192	169	194	210	231	236	191	214
KSI	157	206	242	215	246	270	280	296	256	263
% of change		+31%	+17%	-11%	+14%	+10%	+4%	+6%	-14%	+3%

There has been a 68% KSI increase over the last 10 years. In this context, a 30% reduction is an “ambitious” goal, as USDOT requires (equating to nearly 80 less KSI by 2030).

3. Planning Structure/Shift in Oversight

The San José Vision Zero Task Force spent 2024 developing the 2025 Vision Zero Action Plan through the June, October and December 2024 meetings.

Future implementation oversight and monitoring:



USDOT Grant Requirement text: Planning Structure

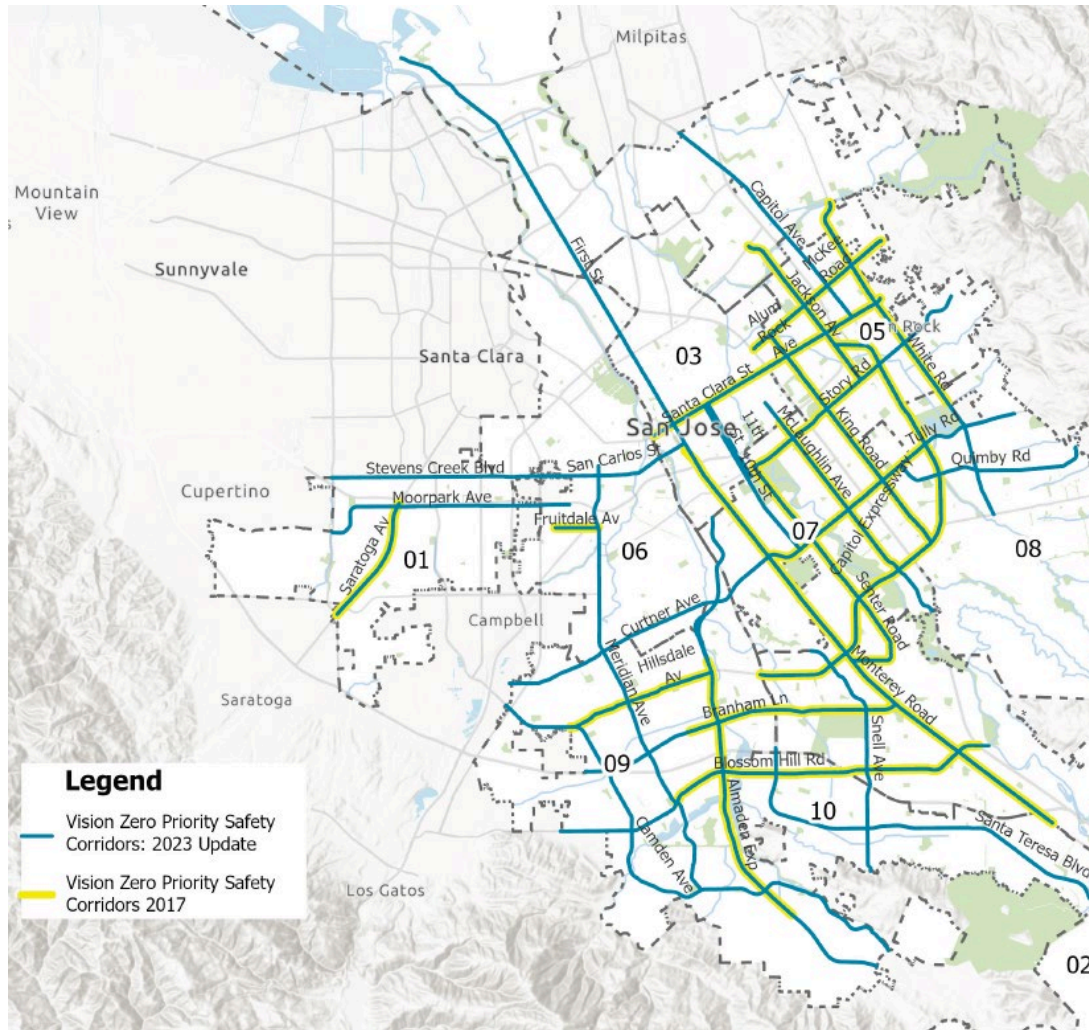
To develop the Action Plan, was a committee, task force, implementation group, or similar body established and charged with the plan’s development, implementation, and monitoring?

4. Safe System Approach



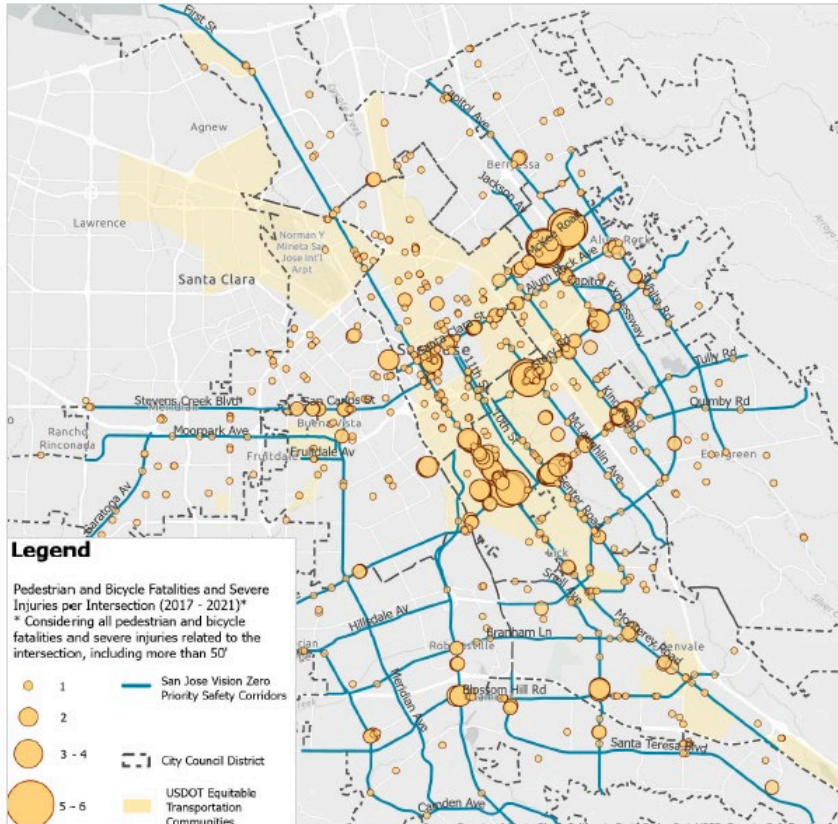
Aligning with USDOT's and Caltrans' lead beyond the "Traditional E's" approach (Engineering, Enforcement, Education, Engagement, Evaluation), to embrace the *Safe System Approach* – emphasizing shared responsibility across silos, reducing kinetic energy through roadway redesign, and working proactively to identify and address risks

5. Expanded Priority Safety Corridors

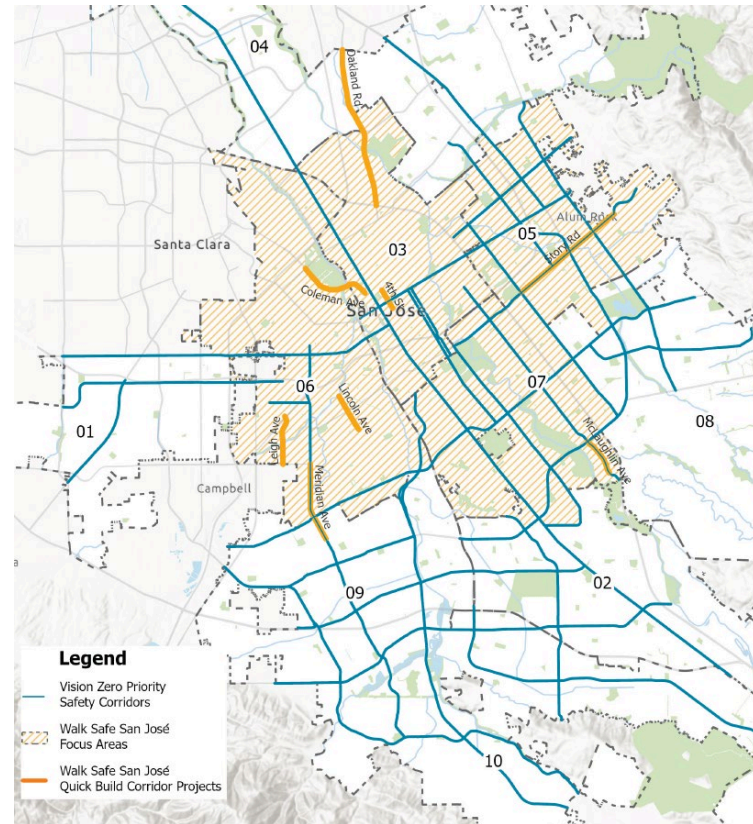


The 2023 Updated Priority Safety Corridor network expanded from 3% to 6% of San José's roadways, now covering 46% of fatal and severe crashes and extending the network from 70 to 150 miles.

5. Equity Considerations



Pedestrian and Bicycle Fatalities and Severe Injuries per Intersection



Pedestrian and Bike fatal and severe injuries cluster

➤ New Focus Areas

➤ Implement Walk Safe San José

6. Priority Action Areas: Strategy and Project Selections

1 Prioritize Equity,
Vulnerable Road Users

2 Center Data Analytics,
Report Metrics

3 Strategize Traffic
Enforcement

4 Engineer for Safety

5 Engage the Community,
Message Safety

Timeframe

Short term 1 – 2 years

Mid term 2 – 5 years

Long term 5+ years

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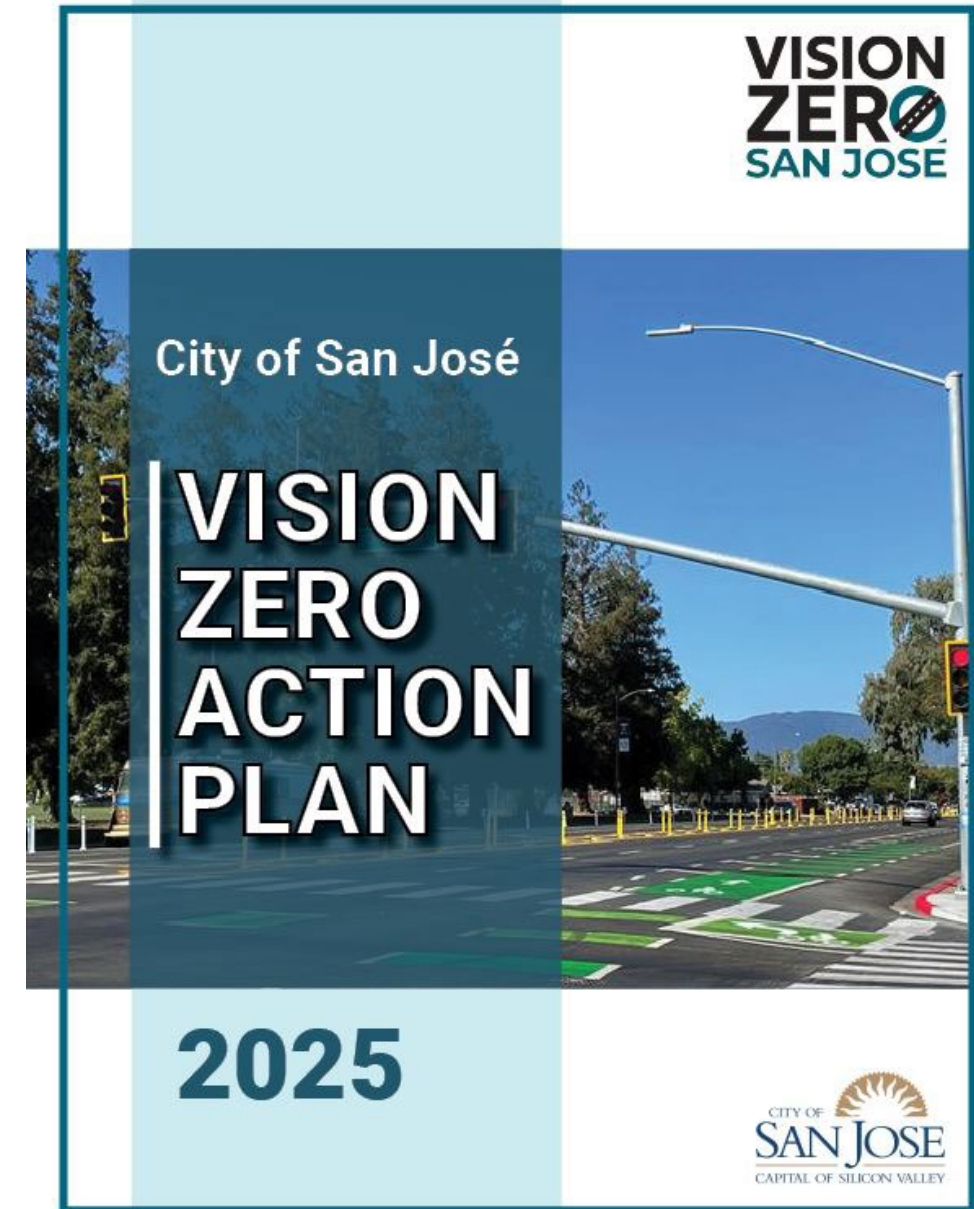
Leveraging data inventory and analysis tools developed since 2020, the plan places a stronger emphasis on addressing severe injuries and supporting vulnerable road users, ensuring a targeted and effective response.

Ensuring a targeted and effective response:

- **Before and After Studies:** Evaluations of built projects to determine if they are reducing fatal and severe injuries, and propose post-implementation tweaks as needed
- **Long-Term Strategy:** Quick Build to permanent/capital installations

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Thank You!

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