

DENVER VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN PROGRESS REPORT CARD 2018

FINAL GRADE: **C** 2018 FATALITIES: **59***

Denver showed progress but failed to meet many of their own 2018 goals for street safety improvements outlined in the [Vision Zero Action Plan](#), missing opportunities to make improvements in Communities of Concern and along the High-Injury Network, failing to start substantial work on Smart City intersection technologies or street lighting, and building less than half of the 14 miles of sidewalks goal. Without a full staff for much of 2018, Denver's bright spot was strong progress building out the bike network with new lanes on Brighton, 19th & 20th, Eastmoor & Ulster, and Florida.

Denver,
Even though you were short-staffed, you did some good things in 2018. We look forward to what you can do with a full staff in 2019 to accomplish more of your Vision Zero goals!
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GOALS <small>(Objectives set in Vision Zero Action Plan for 2018)</small>	ACTIONS <small>(Activities that the City of Denver did in 2018 to achieve stated goal)</small>	LOCATION <small>(Was the safety improvement located on the <u>High Injury Network</u> and/or in a <u>Community of Concern</u>?)</small>	QUALITY <small>(Did the action improve safety for all users?)</small>	COMPLETION <small>(Did the City hit its numeric target?)</small>	OVERALL GRADE
 BUILD 20 MILES OF BIKE LANES	19 MILES OF BIKE LANES BUILT	A+	A	A	A
 BUILD 14 MILES OF SIDEWALKS	5.9 MILES OF SIDEWALKS BUILT	D-	C	F	F
 IMPLEMENT TRAFFIC CALMING ON 1 CORRIDOR	1 ROAD DIET ON SMALL PORTION OF 1 CORRIDOR	F	B	D	D
 REDESIGN 2 INTERSECTIONS TO INCREASE SAFETY	4 PED REFUGE ISLANDS/MEDIANS & 4 TRAFFIC CIRCLES	D+	A	A+	B
 INSTALL OR UPGRADE 3 PED CROSSINGS	3 RRFBs & 1 HAWK	D	A	A	C
 IMPROVE OPERATIONS AT 10 INTERSECTIONS	37 INTERSECTION SIGNALS IMPROVED	A	A	A+	A
 ENHANCE STREET LIGHTING ON 2 CORRIDORS	STREET LIGHTING IMPROVED ON 1 CORRIDOR AND AT 1 TRANSIT STATION	F	B	D	D
 "SMART CITY" TECHNOLOGIES AT 10 INTERSECTIONS	ELECTRONIC PED SIGNS INSTALLED AT THREE INTERSECTIONS	F	C	F	F

*Denver Public Works data as of January 15, 2019

The Denver Streets Partnership issues this report card to honor the 59 people who died in traffic crashes on Denver's streets in 2018 and to hold City leaders accountable to their Vision Zero commitment to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries.



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WHAT IS VISION ZERO & WHY DOES IT MATTER?

In 2017, the City and County of Denver became a leader in the Vision Zero movement with Mayor Hancock's Action Plan that established the goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries by the year 2030. The Plan clearly describes the public health crisis caused by unsafe street design:

The routine loss of life caused by motor vehicle crashes on our streets is a preventable public health crisis that deserves our focus and resources. Serious traffic crashes cause significant harm to individuals, families, and society. No one thinks that traffic deaths among friends and family are acceptable—yet historically we have not managed our transportation system with a goal of zero fatalities in mind. - Denver Vision Zero Action Plan, October 2017

The Denver Streets Partnership wholeheartedly supports the City's commitment to safe, healthy mobility options for all Denver residents. We believe all five of the Vision Zero Action Plan's themes are critical to success:

1. Enhance City Processes and Collaboration
2. Build Safe Streets for Everyone
3. Create Safe Speeds
4. Promote a Culture of Safety
5. Improve Data and Be Transparent

This Progress Report Card focuses specifically on the second theme, "Build Safe Streets for Everyone," and Denver's progress on street safety improvements such as building sidewalks and bike lanes. Our current street system is dangerous by design, and the City will not achieve zero traffic fatalities or serious injuries without these fundamental improvements.

We are optimistic that progress will increase in 2019 due to the City's increased number of staff dedicated to this important work. To learn more about the Vision Zero Action Plan, visit denvergov.org/visionzero.

DANGEROUS VS. SAFE STREETS



Federal Boulevard, the most deadly street in Denver, is dangerous by design, with minimal accommodations for people to safely walk, bike, or access transit on the corridor.



The pedestrian safety island recently installed on Albrook Drive east of Peoria is an example of how the City can build streets that are safe for everybody.



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