

Developing a Vision Zero Plan: Considering Overlap with Existing Planning Efforts

When working on a Vision Zero Plan, it is important to review other relevant or overlapping plans in the community. Ideally a Vision Zero Plan will include **horizontal integration** (e.g., aligning with other community plans) and **vertical integration** (e.g., aligning efforts with state plans).

The links to specific plans below provide examples of plans that might exist in the community and may overlap with proposed Vision Zero work. These plans would be relevant to review for any overlapping goals with the Vision Zero Plan. This process may uncover other potential partners or community initiatives that overlap with Vision Zero goals. Working together towards shared goals can increase likelihood of success.

A library of local United States' Vision Zero Plans can be accessed [here](#).

Examples of Local Plans That May be Present in Your Community

Local safety action plans (including for roads) focus on improving community safety, such as for walking and bicycling.

Example: [Phoenix is developing a Road Safety Action Plan](#)

Mobility plans, including sustainable urban mobility plans, support the integration and balanced development of all modes of transportation.

Example: [Davidson \(NC\) Mobility Plan](#)

Neighborhood or area-specific plans may address transportation safety concerns.

Example: [Youngstown \(OH\) Neighborhood Plans](#)

Bicycle and pedestrian plans provide a vision, goals, objectives, and performance measures for bicycling and walking in the community.

Examples: [Sample Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plans](#) from Alta Planning

Greenway or trail plans provide a vision, goals, objectives, and performance measures for development and connections of greenways and/or trails in the community.

Example: [Wake County \(NC\) Greenway System Plan](#)

Park and recreation plans, sometimes called “master plans”, provide a vision, goals, objectives, and performance measures for development of new parks and recreation facilities in the community.



Examples of Regional and State Plans That May be Present in Your Community

Statewide Vision Zero Plan: Some states have Vision Zero Plans that set goals for reducing serious and fatal traffic injuries for their state.

Example: [North Dakota Vision Zero Plan 2018](#)

State Health Improvement Plan: Provides a resource for state health departments who are developing a [State Health Improvement Plan \(SHIP\)](#).

Statewide Strategic Highway Safety Plan: In 2005, the U.S. Congress passed legislation requiring states to develop these plans and by 2007 all states and Washington D.C. each had a strategic plan. Since then, many states have updated their plans. These multidisciplinary plans are developed by state Departments of Transportation, with input from other stakeholders. These plans establish statewide performance measures, goals, and objectives, as well as present strategies to improve road safety. Some of these plans have a focus on Vision Zero. The Guidebook can be accessed [here](#).

Example: [North Dakota Highway Safety Plan](#)

Commercial Vehicle Safety Plan: These plans outline a state's commercial motor vehicle safety objectives, strategies, and performance measures. The [plan](#) "aims to improve motor carrier, commercial motor

vehicle, and driver safety and to reduce the number and severity of crashes and fatalities resulting from such crashes involving a commercial motor vehicle (e.g., motor coach/bus, semi-truck, trailer, etc.) (page 26)."

Each approved state plan is available from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration at this [link](#).

Long Range Transportation Plan: These plans identify transportation goals, objectives, and performance measures over many years.

Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program: Each state is required to have a statewide transportation improvement program (STIP) covering at least four years. It is developed in coordination with the metropolitan and regional transportation planning organizations and public transit providers in the state. More information can be found [here](#).

Statewide or Regional Pedestrian Plan, including a safety action plan: Some states have developed a statewide vision for future walking in the state. Some plans may combine pedestrian and bicycling together into one plan. Other states develop safety action plans around pedestrian safety.

Example: [Hawaii Statewide Pedestrian Master Plan](#)

Example: [Toward an Active California: State Bicycle + Pedestrian Plan](#)

Example: [New York State Pedestrian Safety Action Plan](#)

