

## Vision Zero and Traffic Safety Governance: Legislation, Strategy and Policy

Vision Zero is one of the strategic actions outlined in the City of Edmonton's Corporate Business Plan 2019-2022. Vision Zero will help the City achieve transformational impacts in the community toward achieving the goal Healthy City, part of ConnectEdmonton: Edmonton's Strategic Plan 2019-2028. First adopted in 2015, Vision Zero impacts the goal of Healthy City by working towards achieving zero fatalities and serious injuries from motor vehicle collisions.

Vision Zero includes the following principles:

- No loss of life is acceptable
- Traffic fatalities and serious injuries are preventable
- We all make mistakes, but these mistakes should not cost us our lives
- We are all physically vulnerable when involved in motor vehicle collisions
- Eliminating fatalities and serious injuries is a shared responsibility between road users and those who design, operate and maintain our roads.

Vision Zero and the City of Edmonton's traffic safety program are governed and guided by legislation, strategy and policy, including:

- *Traffic Safety Act:*  
The Traffic Safety Act is provincial legislation and its applicable regulations promote safety on streets, roads, sidewalks and bridges in the province.
- *Traffic Bylaw 5590 and Speed Zones Bylaw 6894*  
These bylaws regulate the permitted use and speed limits of Edmonton's roadways.
- *ConnectEdmonton: Edmonton's Strategic Plan 2018-2028:*  
Vision Zero is included in ConnectEdmonton as a strategic action toward a Healthy City. Furthering this work contributes to making a transformational impact in our community.
- *City Plan:*  
Once The City Plan is approved, Vision Zero will align with specific directions to advance the City Building Outcomes. The draft City Plan outlines that Edmonton's transportation network should:
  - Advance equity through access to barrier-free spaces, facilities and transportation networks.
  - Support safe and inclusive transportation options for Edmontonians of all ages, abilities, and incomes.

- Ensure safety of all users in the planning and design of city infrastructure, networks and spaces.
  - Ensure the accessibility of affordable services and amenities to all Edmontonians.
- *Other City Policies:*  
A number of other policies guide the safety of Edmonton's transportation network, including:
- Guidelines for the Implementation of Safety Measures Around Schools (C514)
  - Active Transportation Policy (C544)
  - Speed Reduction Policy (C566)
  - Optimization of the Transportation System Network (C569)
  - Designing New Neighbourhoods (C572)
  - Complete Streets (C73A)
  - Traffic Safety and Automated Enforcement Reserve (C579B)
  - Community Traffic Management Policy (C590)
- *Road Safety Strategy 2016-2020*  
The Road Safety Strategy guides Edmonton's current evidence-based approach to its roadways, including the "five E's" of traffic safety: engineering, enforcement, evaluation, education and engagement. This will be replaced by the new Safe Mobility Strategy 2021-2025, which will be developed over the coming year.