

2017-2018 BUDGET QUESTION

Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT: Austin Transportation

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REQUEST: Please outline any new positions and/or resources related to Vision Zero Action Plan included in the FY 2018 Proposed Budget. Also, please identify all performance metrics and current outcomes related to the Vision Zero Action Plan.

RESPONSE:

The Vision Zero Program addresses the reduction of serious injuries and fatalities on Austin streets through five main focus areas: engineering, education, enforcement, evaluation and policy. The Austin Transportation Department (ATD) FY 2018 Proposed Budget includes an additional \$400,000 for implementation of the Vision Zero Action Plan with a focus on education to include community engagement and traffic safety education.

There are no new full-time permanent positions related to the implementation of the Vision Zero Action Plan in the FY2018 Proposed Budget. There is one position dedicated to Vision Zero in the ATD's current year budget.

Performance metrics for Vision Zero include tracking historic crash trends, crashes by cause, and key performance indicators. In 2015, there were 102 people killed on Austin streets and another 463 seriously injured. In 2016, the number of fatalities dropped by 23% to 79 and the number of serious injuries dropped by 9% to 421. The Austin Police and Austin Transportation Departments track crashes by cause. Since 2015, crashes attributed to inattention/distracted driving, speed, failure to yield, and impairment have gone down while crashes relating to failure to stop and improper maneuvers have gone up. The planned FY 2017-18 education program will focus on these along with pedestrian safety issues.

In addition, the Austin Transportation Department is tracking a number of key performance indicators that relate to Vision Zero, including the percent of school zone indicator signals that receive preventative maintenance and the percent reduction in crashes at all locations with completed safety improvements.

Current 2017 outcomes of the Vision Zero program include the following:

- 5 major intersection projects improved for safety
- 8.1 miles of new sidewalks and 6.6 miles of improved sidewalks
- 76 new pedestrian crossings established
- 538 new ADA sidewalk curb ramps and 102 bus stops improved for ADA access
- 28.8 miles of new or improved bike lanes and 2.75 miles of urban trails
- 50,000 children reached through the Safe Routes to School program
- 5,703 DWI arrests and 753 citations for distracted driving violations
- 3 million ad views and outreach contacts through a multi-media educational campaign