

VISION ZERO

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WINTER HOLIDAY CRASHES

The loss of a loved one may hit especially hard for families over the holidays. Sadly, preliminary crash data indicates there were eight fatal crashes on Columbus roadways during the 2025 winter holidays, from Nov. 24, 2025, to Jan 1, 2026. The crashes resulted in eight deaths, including two pedestrians. At least two crashes were related to excessive speed.

During the same holiday period in 2024, seven people died in five crashes on Columbus roadways. These fatal and serious crashes are preventable. Each of us can make a Vision Zero commitment to save lives by driving the speed limit, avoiding distractions including your phone, and not driving impaired.

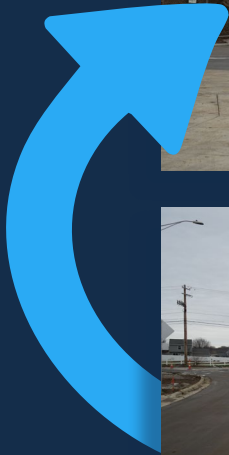



ROUNDBABOUT AT THE NEW KILBOURNE RUN SPORTS PARK OPENED IN DECEMBER 2025

A new roundabout has opened on Westerville Road near the entrance to the Kilbourne Run Sports Park. The city's construction of the roundabout is a safety improvement to slow driver speeds and reduce serious crashes for this segment of our High Injury Network. Over the last five years, three vulnerable road user crashes and three serious or fatal crashes occurred in the half-mile segment of Westerville Road near the park entrance.

Pedestrian and vehicle access to the park has been redesigned to promote safe, efficient and controlled access as part of a major Columbus Recreation and Parks Department project at the site.

Recreation and Parks acquired the soccer complex in 2014, then acquired the adjacent 7-acre parcel with frontage along Westerville Road in 2017. The Kilbourne Run Sports Park has become one of Columbus' busiest soccer facilities, with over 38,000 youth and adult participants on average per year.





VISION ZERO PARTNERSHIP WITH COLUMBUS DIVISION OF POWER AIMS TO REDUCE DEADLY CRASHES

In 2025, the Columbus Division of Power joined the Vision Zero Corridor Evaluation team, adding their lighting engineers' expertise to our annual effort to examine three selected corridors on the High Injury Network. The Corridor Evaluation team reviews detailed data on crashes that occurred on each corridor and makes recommendations for solutions, then makes field visits to confirm the recommendations.

Additional field visits during darkness are made by a team of the city's lighting engineers, Vision Zero coordinator and a traffic engineer to assess light levels and immediate issues, such as outages. The partnership supports better project coordination between departments, especially for the Division of Power's ongoing LED streetlight conversion.

Luminaire repairs or upgrades will be made on at least three fixtures at key intersections as a result of the lighting audits.



According to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), “The number of fatal crashes occurring in daylight is about the same as those that occur in darkness. However, the nighttime fatality rate is three times the daytime rate because only 25% of vehicle miles traveled occur at night.”

Similarly, in Columbus, about 30% of fatal and serious injury crashes take place overnight, between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.

The Vision Zero teamwork is part of the citywide commitment to eliminate fatal and serious injury crashes on Columbus roadways by 2035. The Division of Power’s participation in corridor evaluations does not replace their ongoing response to lighting requests received through the city’s 311 Service Center.





CITY OF COLUMBUS REPORTS ON FIRST YEAR OF REVAMPED SHARED MOBILITY PROGRAM

The Columbus Department of Public Service continues to advance programs and infrastructure supporting safe, accessible and sustainable travel by bicycle and shared mobility devices such as standup and seated e-scooters, pedal bikes and pedal assist e-bikes.

The department's Division of Mobility and Parking Services completed the first year of operations with vendors Veo and Spin under the city's new approach to its Shared Mobility Program.

[Its State of the Program report is available here.](#) The report includes updates including device trip data and the vendors' performance on Service Level Agreement requirements in their city contracts.

The city's Bike Plus 2025 Annual Report is also available at the link. It outlines progress made on implementation since the plan was adopted in late 2024.



CHECK OUT THE NEW OHIO STRATEGIC HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN BY OUR VISION ZERO PARTNER

The Ohio Department of Transportation, a Vision Zero Columbus partner, released its new Strategic Highway Safety Plan at the end of 2025. The document is a comprehensive statewide plan that addresses the most prevalent causes of roadway deaths and serious injuries in Ohio. [Learn more here.](#)

OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL: VISION ZERO PARTNER

The Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (TRCC) is an initiative within the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) that supports statewide efforts to eliminate roadway fatalities. Core components highlighted as priorities for the committee include crash, vehicle, roadway, EMS and citation data, along with other categories that provide the full picture of traffic safety in Ohio.

Currently, the committee is focused on modernizing crash data from paper to electronic records. It has funded equipment improvements for law enforcement agencies to more effectively record reports electronically. The aim is a fully standardized and connected system across Ohio for traffic data.

Committee Chair Gretchen Lopez-Martinez, a 19-year veteran of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, expressed the need for statewide standardization of the ordinances for traffic-related offenses and for accessible processes to pair hospital and crash data for more accurate analysis statewide.

Funding for the committee comes from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and is delivered through the Ohio Traffic Safety Office. On a local level, they educate and encourage municipalities all over Ohio to update their data collection processes.

[Learn more about the Traffic Records Coordinating Committee and when it meets here.](#)

VISION ZERO: IN THE NEWS

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- [Columbus had a road fatality-free month for the first time since 2018 | Dispatch](#)
- [Kansas City saw traffic deaths drop by 30% in 2025. Its effort to make roads safer is working | KCUR | Kansas City News and NPR](#)
- [City Considering Changes to Intersection After Complaints About Safety | Columbus Underground](#)
- [New flyover ramp in downtown Columbus set to open | 10tv.com](#)
- [Mayor Avula fast-tracks Vision Zero changes after six pedestrian deaths in three weeks | RVAHub](#)
- [Columbus school board votes to close 4 more schools, keeps busing for high school students | WOSU Public Media](#)

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