

VISION ZERO

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VISION ZERO ENFORCEMENT BEGINS

DURING THE DEADLIEST DAYS ON DEADLIEST CORRIDORS

The Columbus Division of Police began its high visibility Vision Zero Enforcement effort on July 1 to prevent excessive speeding by drivers. Enforcement will focus on multiple segments of eight High Injury Network corridors: Cleveland Avenue, Dublin-Granville Road, S. Hamilton Road, High Street, Livingston Avenue, Morse Road, Parsons Avenue and Refugee Road.

These roadways represent locations where a combined 93 fatal and 380 serious injury crashes occurred from 2020 to 2024. Three of the corridors — Cleveland Avenue, High Street and Morse Road — had at least one fatal crash each year in that five-year period.

The enforcement effort was launched last year by the Division of Police in its partnership with Vision Zero Columbus. The 2026 enforcement focus on these dangerous corridors will continue through October. Timing aligns with the months of the year, days of the week and times of day when the highest number of fatal crashes occur on Columbus roadways.

SAFETY TOOLKIT FOR VISION ZERO PILOT PROJECTS

CAN SHAPE POTENTIAL PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS

A City of Columbus Vision Zero demonstration project was installed in late June at the intersection of E. Livingston Avenue and Courtright Road, with the intent to reduce high speeds, the severity of crashes and safety risks to people walking.

The project placed temporary barriers that remove the right turn lane on Livingston leading to the Courtright intersection. This test configuration using toolkit materials will stay in place for at least three months while the safety impact is monitored.

A 2022 safety study conducted by the Ohio Department of Transportation found that 46% of all crashes



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at this Livingston Avenue intersection involved injury — nearly double the 25% state average of injury crashes at an intersection. The study also found that 85% of drivers travel at 49 mph or below on Livingston Avenue, which has a posted legal speed limit of 35 mph.

Results from the demonstration project will determine whether reconfigured lanes

should be part of future permanent safety improvements to reduce speeds and crashes. The findings are also likely to inform additional safety improvements identified in the ODOT safety study. The city's Bike Plus Vision Network proposes adding a protected bike lane in this section of Livingston Avenue that would connect to the Eastmoor Green Line.



NEW PATH AND SIDEWALK ON HIAWATHA PARK DRIVE ADD PROTECTED SPACE TO BIKE AND WALK

Another safe bikeway connection is open for use following construction of a new shared-use path on Hiawatha Park Drive from Hudson Street to Silver Drive/Velma Avenue. The Columbus Department of Public Service capital project in the Linden neighborhood also improves sidewalk connectivity by filling gaps along the west side of the street.

The 10-foot-wide shared-use path for walking and biking along the east side connects to the path and sidewalks the city constructed along Hudson Street during major reconstruction of that roadway in 2023-2024. The new path also provides a connection to Historic Crew Stadium.

These Vision Zero safety improvements, substantially completed by the city in July, separate vulnerable road users from vehicle traffic using Hiawatha Park Drive.



MOBILITY EXCHANGE

INNOVATION IN MOTION. SAFETY IN FOCUS.

Columbus Department of Public Service leaders participated in the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's Mobility Exchange June 17. The daylong event brought together transportation professionals from across disciplines. More than 200 professionals registered to attend.

Public Service Director Kelly Scocco was part of a Conversation with Central Ohio Leaders panel that spoke to all attendees. Director Scocco described the department's priority to embed safety in every transportation infrastructure project. She emphasized the importance of being unapologetic about the commitment to save lives on our roadways.

Public Service Deputy Director James Young, who previously served as Columbus city engineer, participated in a multidisciplinary panel discussing how to integrate transportation safety into land use planning.

The Mobility Exchange united two MORPC signature events — the Transportation Innovation Forum and Safe Streets Central Ohio. The Mobility Exchange “innovation in motion, safety in focus” theme continues MORPC's commitment to supporting Vision Zero Columbus by uniting professionals from across disciplines to discuss transportation innovation and safety.



WHAT WE ARE READING

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- [Beyond Band-Aids: Rethinking Road Safety from the Ground Up](#)
- [Dangerous By Design 2026 report](#)



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