

## Council Memo

Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: August 17, 2026

Re: Update regarding CoMo To Zero and Safe Streets & Roads for All initiatives

Impacted Ward: Citywide

### Executive Summary

An update is provided regarding Safe Streets & Road for All (SS4A) and CoMo To Zero initiatives, the City's program to reduce and eliminate fatal and serious injury crashes.

### Discussion

In 2025 and early 2026 as part of a SS4A initiative, Public Works staff and the City's consultant, HDR, Inc. collected extensive data and public input to create an updated CoMo To Zero Action Plan. The data and public information gathered from a variety of sources is helping strengthen and provide focus for activities.

Staff anticipates presenting the final draft plan to Council by the end of the year. However, due to extensive input from some Commissions and the Safe Systems Team, Staff intends to provide a draft document to those entities to gather feedback prior to presenting the final draft to Council for evaluation and desired adjustments by Council.

The data gathered and recommendations will to help provide guidance and focus for reducing and eliminating serious injury and fatal crashes in Columbia. The recommendations are meant to inform Council about pursuing short, medium and long term initiatives over the next 10 years. While progress has been made, more work is needed to reduce and eliminate fatal and serious injury crashes.

The City had three fatal crashes in 2025 and there were three fatal crashes between January 1 and August 3, 2026. This is trending lower than in years past, but refocused efforts will be needed from a variety of stakeholders in order to continue to reduce and eventually eliminate these types of crashes.

Along with the ongoing work with agency partners to improve outcomes, the City applied for and received grant funding through the Federal Highway Administrations (FHWA) Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) program to make progress towards CoMo To Zero. These initiatives are in various stages of execution as follows:

1. **Update Action Plan and High Injury Network Analysis (\$250,000):** public input and extensive data gathered 2025 and early 2026, initial draft document complete, report to Council late 2026

2. **Comprehensive re-examination of the City's Complete Streets policies (\$350,000):** extensive public information gathered, draft proposed cross-sections and information being presented to Boards & Commissions, report to Council late 2026
3. **GoCoMo comprehensive transit route study (\$150,000):** document complete and presented to Council 2025.
4. **Creation of a Pedestrian Level of Comfort Map Methodology for the City (\$100,000):** extensive data was gathered in 2025 and the City was able to leverage data and expertise to create a City wide mapping tool instead of just a methodology and small subset area. The tool will be used for planning purposes by stakeholders to make decisions regarding future pedestrian improvements.
5. **Highway Safety Manual Analysis of Several Columbia Area Transportation Study Organization (CATSO) priority planned projects (\$650,000):** RFQ in progress to hire a consultant late 2026.
6. **Comprehensive examination of signals for leading pedestrian interval (\$300,000):** RFQ in progress to hire a consultant late 2026.
7. **Business Loop Road Safety Audit (\$180,000):** information and data gathering along with extensive public outreach in 2025, draft report June 2026 and shared with the City's Reconnecting Community Business Loop grant consultant to help inform their work, final report to Council late 2026.
8. **Behavior Modification Strategies (\$225,000):** CoMo To Zero initial branding and public information outreach early 2026, ongoing activity.
9. **Municipal Traffic Offender Program (\$75,000):** planned work with Courts to begin late 2026.
10. **Updated Equity Analysis (\$200,000):** work in progress with City Manager initiatives
11. **Route B High Friction Surface Treatment demonstration project (\$1,200,000):** Awaiting final timeline decision for MoDOT resurfacing of Route B, this project may need to be adjusted due to delay of MoDOT work. Staff will work with FHWA and provide an update if there are adjustments needed.
12. **Clark Lane Pedestrian, Bicycle, Capacity and Safety Improvements (\$10,520,310):** agreement under review by FHWA, awaiting final document from FHWA to send to Council for authorization to proceed. Staff has worked with MoDOT as part of the I-70 project to make adjustments as part of that work to minimize future reconstruction and achieve the goals for creating a total transportation improvement project. Improvements as part of the I-70 project including initial completion of a 10 foot shared use path and a bicycle lane on the north side between Hanover and near Golden Bear and a two lane roundabout with pedestrian accommodations at Hanover. The future planned SS4A project, once the final agreement with FHWA is complete, will add sidewalk and a bicycle lane on the south side and complete the improvement project from Hanover to approximately McKee Street.

#### Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None with this report

Long-Term Impact: None with this report

### Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

#### Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Safe Community, Secondary Impact: Reliable and Sustainable Infrastructure,  
Tertiary Impact: Inclusive and Equitable Community

#### Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Infrastructure,  
Tertiary Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility

### Legislative History

| Date       | Action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| 08/05/2024 | <a href="#">B172-24</a> Authorizing acceptance of the FY 2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to fund projects and activities associated with the Vision Zero Program; amending the FY 2024 Annual budget by appropriating funds. |
| 03/04/2024 | <a href="#">R51-24</a> Authorizing application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the FY 2024 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program grant to fund projects and activities associated with the Vision Zero Program.                                                     |
| 12/04/2023 | <a href="#">B288-23</a> Authorizing acceptance of the FY 2022 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to fund projects and activities associated with the Vision Zero Program; amending the FY 2024 Annual budget by appropriating funds. |
| 05/15/2023 | <a href="#">R77-23</a> Authorizing application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the FY 2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program grant to fund projects and activities associated with the Vision Zero Program.                                                     |
| 08/01/2022 | <a href="#">R112-22</a> Authorizing application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant to fund projects and activities associated with the Vision Zero Program.                                                                    |



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Suggested Council Action

For information purposes.