
MEMORANDUM

To: Common Council

From: Ryan Robling, Planning Services Manager

Date: October 15, 2024

Re: Amendment to the City of Bloomington's Transportation Plan in order to incorporate the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan.

The Plan Commission heard case MP-38-24 on October 11, 2024 and voted to send the petition to the Common Council with a positive recommendation, with the understanding that further edits would need to be considered by Council, with a vote of 6-1. The packet of information provided to the Plan commission for MP-38-24 is below.

On April 9th, 2024, the Common Council unanimously passed Resolution 2024-07, establishing the goal of zero traffic deaths and serious injuries on the City of Bloomington's roadways by 2039. The resolution also called for the adoption of a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan to guide future investments and infrastructure improvements on the City's roadways.

This Safety Action Plan (SAP) is Bloomington's roadmap to achieving our ambitious vision and should be used by City staff, elected officials, community advocates, businesses, and all Bloomington residents committed to safer streets. This Plan includes four major sections:

- **Finding Our Focus.** In creating this Safety Action Plan, the City of Bloomington is joining Cities across the country and the world in working to eliminate serious injuries and fatalities from our roadways. This section introduces the concepts of Vision Zero and the Safe Systems approach, solidifies the relationship between safer streets and equity, and reviews past efforts in the region to improve roadways safety.
- **Setting the Stage.** This section provides an overview of what has historically happened and what is currently happening on our roadways, and how existing policies, programs, and projects impact people throughout the region. This section includes both quantitative and qualitative information about current conditions with a crash data analysis and information gathered through extensive public engagement efforts.
- **Getting to ZERO.** This section lays out programs, policies, and projects that aim to eliminate serious injuries and fatalities on Bloomington's streets by 2039. This section also outlines how these elements should be prioritized in order to be efficient, opportunistic, and effective.
- **Tracking Progress.** This section outlines how the City will measure whether our roadways are becoming safer for all using performance measures, annual reporting, and a crash data dashboard.

As an amendment to the Transportation Plan, the Plan Commission will review the SAP and determine consistency with the already adopted Comprehensive and Transportation Plans. The Plan Commission will make a recommendation and forward the SAP to City Council. Then, City Council will review the SAP through its adoption process.