## ITEM 8 – Information

October 16, 2019

Activities to Address Safety Challenges in the Region: DDOT

**Background:** 

In January, the board approved Resolution R11-2019 to set performance-based planning and programming (PBPP) highway safety targets for 2019. As part of the resolution, the board requested that member DOTs report quarterly on their efforts to improve safety. This second briefing from the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) will provide an overview of the statewide 2020 highway safety targets, suggest actions TPB member jurisdictions can take to reduce fatalities, and describe how DDOT is working with other state DOTs and sharing best practices.





# Vision Zero in the District of Columbia



MWCOG Transportation Planning Board – Technical Committee
October 4, 2019



### TRADITIONAL APPROACH

Traffic deaths are INEVITABLE

**PERFECT** human behavior

Prevent COLLISIONS

**INDIVIDUAL** responsibility

Saving lives is **EXPENSIVE** 

### **VISION ZERO**

Traffic deaths are PREVENTABLE

Integrate HUMAN FAILING in approach

Prevent FATAL AND SEVERE CRASHES

**SYSTEMS** approach

Saving lives is NOT EXPENSIVE

#### Overview of DC Vision Zero

- Vision Zero marked a new approach to transportation challenges and a renewed sense of urgency.
- The Vision Zero Action Plan, which was released in December 2015, includes strategies to:

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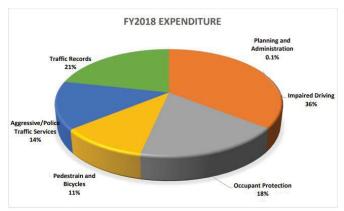
- · better educate stakeholders and grow a safety culture
- · more effectively enforce life-saving laws
- enhance the design of our complete streets
- · collect, leverage, and share crucial safety data
- The District's Vision Zero Action Plan focuses on four themes: 1) Create Safe Streets; 2) Protect Vulnerable Users; 3) Prevent Dangerous Driving; and 4) Be Transparent and Responsive.





### **DDOT Highway Safety Office**

- FY2018 Program Funding directed to areas identified to change driver behavior and reduce vehicle crashes and crash severity.
- Funds supported programs focused on:
  - Impaired driving
  - · Occupant protection
  - Aggressive driving/police traffic service
  - · Pedestrian/bicycle safety
  - Traffic records
  - Planning and administration
  - · Roadway safety
  - · Safe communities







## **DDOT Highway Safety Office**

- Regional partners included:
  - Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP) focus on communications and outreach related to impaired driving, coordination of region's SoberRide program
  - MWCOG Street Smart Campaign focus on protecting vulnerable users by raising awareness and promoting enforcement of pedestrian and bicycle safety laws
  - Washington Area Bicyclists Association (WABA) focus on outreach in Wards 4, 7, and 8 to increase knowledge of and commitment to safer roadway culture; coordinated regional Vision Zero Summit
- Contractor provided additional regional advertising campaigns that included radio spots, Metrobus wraps, digital and social media, and grassroots outreach in area bars and restaurants.





### **National and International Coordination**

- NACTO Member City
- Vision Zero City
- AASHTO
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)
- ITE Agency Member
- Transportation Research Board (TRB)
- National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (NCUTCD)



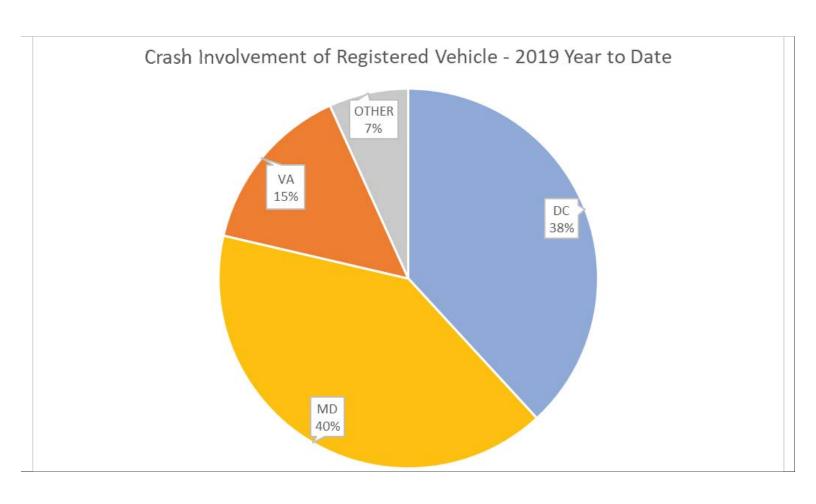


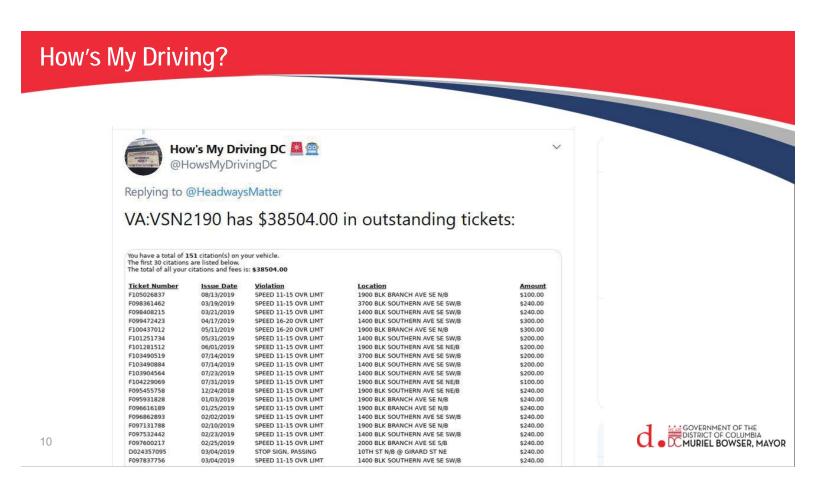
# Strategic Highway Safety Plan

Performance Measure (5-year rolling average)	2014-2018 Actual	2014-2018 Target	Status
Fatalities	27.4	26.0	Not met
Fatality Rate per 100 Million VMT	0.76	0.70	Not met
Serious Injuries	354	384	Met
Serious Injuries Rate per 100 Million VMT	9.77	10.28	Met
Number of nonmotorist fatalities and serious injuries	12.4 (fatalities) 138.6 (serious injuries)	12.0 (fatalities) 131.8 (serious injuries)	Not met









## Regional Safety Efforts Needed

- Reciprocity for Automated Traffic Enforcement
- Coordination on education and enforcement efforts
- Identification and improvement of high risk corridors and intersections
- Data sharing
- · Driver education and relicensing
- Coordination between regional Vision Zero and Toward Zero Death initiatives





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