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PRIORITY AREA CONTENT WRITING TEAMS

Priority Area	Content Lead
Distraction/Focused	Janine Koffel, WTSC; Rebecca Lis, King County
Impaired	Edica Esqueda, WTSC
Speeding	Janine Koffel, WTSC; Dongho Chang, WSDOT
Occupant Protection	Mandie Dell, WTSC; Cesi Velez, City of Bonney Lake
Intersections	Brian Walsh, WSDOT
Lane Departure	Matthew Enders, WSDOT
Young/Novice Drivers	Debi Besser, WTSC; Cara Jockumsen, DOL
Older Road Users	Cara Jockumsen, DOL
Active Transportation	Charlotte Claybrooke, WSDOT
Motorcyclists	Mark Medalen, WTSC
Heavy Trucks	TBD (members from WSP, DOL, WTA)
Tribal	Penny Rarick, WTSC; Lorraine Basch, WSDOT
Traffic Records	Peter Corier, WTSC

PART 1: INTRODUCTION

- What is Transportation Safety?
- Why Do Fatalities and Serious Injuries Occur?
 - Exposure
 - Likelihood of Crashes Occurring
 - Severity
- Values: 6 SSA Principles
 - Connects to Traffic Safety Culture and Equity
- System Failures: 5 SSA Elements

Safe System Approach (SSA)



PART 2: CURRENT CONDITIONS

Crash Data Analysis

Community Engagement Results

- WTSC Statewide Survey
- Community-based Organizations Input
- Tribal Listening Session
- Public Events

Priority Areas

Update 2019 Priorities Table

2019 Priorities Table

Washington State 2015–2017	Fatalities		Serious Injuries		
	Number	% Total	Number	% Total	
	1,650	100%	6,537	100%	
High Risk Behavior					
1 Impairment	958	58.1%	1,215	18.6%	
1 Distraction	502	30.4%	1,933	29.6%	
1 Speeding	485	29.4%	1,579	24.2%	
2 Unrestrained Occupants	312	18.9%	701	10.7%	
Crash Type					
1 Lane Departures	796	48.2%	2,458	37.6%	
1 Intersections	377	22.8%	2,256	34.5%	
Road Users					
1 Young Drivers 16–25	512	31.0%	2,243	34.3%	
Pedestrians and Bicyclists	329	19.9%	1,333	20.4%	
2 Motorcyclists	236	14.3%	1,209	18.5%	
2 Older Drivers 70+	223	13.5%	599	9.2%	
2 Heavy Trucks	178	10.8%	442	6.8%	
Other Monitored Emphasis Areas					
Drowsy Drivers	44	2.7%	236	3.6%	
Work Zones	18	1.1%	70	1.1%	
Vehicle-Train	12	0.7%	4	0.1%	
Wildlife	8	0.5%	53	0.8%	
School Buses	4	0.2%	17	0.3%	

PART 3: PRIORITY AREAS

- Safe System Approach Matrix
- Modules for Each Priority
 Area
 - Equity Analysis
 - System Map
 - Overlapping Priority Areas
 - Stakeholder Analysis
 - Strategy Portfolio using the five Safe System elements

PART 4: IMPLEMENTATION & EVALUATION

- System Collaboration & Integration
- Implementation Structure
- Measures & Accountabilities

TIMELINE: 2024 TARGET ZERO PLAN

DATES	ACTIVITIES
MAY – JULY 2023	Project Initiation and Organization Lessons Learned Laying Groundwork with Leadership
AUGUST – OCTOBER 2023	Public Engagement Phase 1 Foundations Workshop with Stakeholders Safety Data Analysis
NOVEMBER 2023 – FEBRUARY 2024	Target Zero Plan Content Drafts and Revisions
MARCH – JUNE 2024	Public Engagement Phase 2 Target Zero Plan Draft Feedback
JUNE – SEPTEMBER 2024	Target Zero Plan Executive Approvals
OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2024	Target Zero Plan Submittal Implementation Begins



2024 TARGET ZERO PLAN: CONTACTS

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