

### **Breakout Group Discussion Overview**

Ranking of Draft Actions by Impact Handout

- 1. Is there anything on the draft prioritization results that you expected to be higher up or lower down the list?
- 2. Which actions stand out as quick wins for the Commission?
- Looking forward one year, the Target Zero Commission will be releasing their first annual report. Which actions do you want to see the most progress on?

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- Vehicle safety inspection (everything is in place already)
- More actions that address alcohol, unrestrained occupants, and speeding.
  - Seatbelt outreach, seatbelt law, automated speed enforcement, BAC checks, reducing BAC, any Safer Speeds actions/speed related actions.
- Right turns on red (connection with pedestrian crashes)
- How do we regulate e-bikes and escooters?
  - Data needs (personal conveyance)
  - Only MV related crashes

- Lowering speed limits. In school zones and elsewhere.
- Addressing aggressive driving (running redlights, honking, cutting vehicles off)
  - Look for actions with speed reduction elements.
  - Distracted driving education
  - Look for instances of "aggressive driving"
  - Driver education actions
- ASD/IDD in road design
- Greenway network, trail system is a valuable component.
- Track unsafe behavior with phone technology (turnpike authority)
- Involve insurance industry

- At least half of crashes occur during daylight interesting to note, especially considering lighting recommendations
  - Lighting implementation will be targeted, based on HIN or high-crash locations
  - Need to look at proportion of crashes happening during the day vs. night relative to the number of total crashes during each time
- Hope is for agencies to look at recommendations and assess their capacity to address different strategies
- Difficult to say which recommendations would be more impactful when thinking about different timeframes
  - Innovative delivery of quick-build projects could be a huge, quick win
  - Zoning reform could also be very impactful but would take longer

- Observation: certain action items had a lot contained within each recommendation, which could impact how they were ranked by respondents
  - Something that should be discussed by the Commission—need to assess different components of recommendations
  - Exercise helps provide a sense of what people are interested in, which will help guide those discussions
- Some strategies (e.g., transit-friendly planning) might be easier to implement in different regions of the state vs. others (North vs. South Jersey)
- Design-oriented recommendations ranked highly, but there are other less visible strategies that are still important
- Any recommendations addressing educating pedestrians—focus on vulnerable road users comprehensive public education campaign action

- Vehicle Inspection Program
  - Years away from having a critical mass of vehicles with safety features (older vehicles)
  - Safety inspection programs allowed ensuring vehicle frames, tires, lights, windows, etc. are in safe condition
  - That system is in place from past operations, just needs to be reactivated
  - Safety inspections no longer included in inspections in NJ (emissions only), so this would require enabling legislation
  - Added costs to implementation beyond legislation: contracts with providers
  - What is the value proposition of this action advancing with priority vs. other actions on the list?

- Safer Vehicles
  - Surprising that none of the SV actions made it into the top 10
  - © E.g. Speed Limiters in vehicles
  - E.g. Inspections on raised chassis?
- More than half of the top 10 require legislation
  - Unclear who will take the lead on those actions
  - Need to raise the question: Given so many involve legislation, what is the Commission's view on how they will accomplish that?
  - Strong desire to have efficient implementation, we need to address!
- A lot of actions are very general; difficult to interpret at face value
  - VTC would like to make actions more recognizable and clear on sight
  - Descriptions include a lot of different things; may be beneficial to prioritize the bullets within top actions

- Defining the HIN and figuring out how to use it should be advanced immediately
  - Need to happen first to enable better implementation going forward
- Delivery of Quick Build Projects
  - People will want to see quick wins; this involves getting quick builds done efficiently
  - Also a priority for Traffic Calming actions (related priorities and outcomes)

- Land Use actions good to see those higher up on the list
  - Need to keep in mind how TZ goals interact with other state goals (environment, VMT reductions, housing)
  - E.g. reducing VMT will require putting destinations closer together
- Age-Friendly Planning crucial to engage stakeholders and working groups that work on this
- TZ Commission members will need to help educate other organizations and agencies on the relationship between related goals

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#### Which actions stand out as quick wins for the Commission?

- #16 HIN strategy is already happening
  - #18 Use of HIN for Screening
- #28 Crash records portal
- #48 Updates to Safe Corridors program
- #38 State TRCC already exist
  - Will have to check the overlap
- Repaving opportunities

  restriping, bike path, bump outs, daylighting.
  - #1 Increase safety in funding projects
  - #6 Traffic calming action
  - #13 Quick build
  - #2 Rapid response program

- Move over law is already in place
- Prehospital blood transfusion (Office of EMS) is already underway
- Reduction in fatal and serious injury crashes over time

#### Which actions stand out as quick wins for the Commission?

- Daylighting intersections
  - Could be implemented as a countywide rollout
  - Targeting county roads—most bang for the buck
  - Curb extensions
  - Hardening centerlines—bollards on double yellow lines
- Innovative delivery of quick-build projects
- Increasing safety in funded projects
- Target Zero Rapid Response Program
  - Would look really good to the public that we are taking this seriously

- Top 2 on the ranked list are reactive strategies—should think about more proactive approaches
- Start in school zones—most politically palatable
  - Speed studies as part of a more comprehensive view of reducing speed in school zones
  - Speed enforcement (this will take longer)
- Updating RSIS is needed to address many of these recommendations
- Special event designated driver program
  - TMAs could help coordinate this
  - Programs like this could also be enabling? Maybe?
  - Important to make it easy for people to follow the law

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- Recommendations need to first be adopted by the Commission
  - Commission then needs to convene to determine how to implement actions
  - Commission is not empowered to do anything other than forward recommendations back onto Governor/agencies
- Need to think about how to approach agencies with these recommendations, since some might say they are already doing this

 Many factors: time, cost, complexity, etc.

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- Innovative Delivery of Quick Build Projects
- Establishing and applying the HIN
  - HIN at the state level limited in its coverage
  - County and local HINs are more detailed
  - Combine with #35 Support local and County TZ Action Plans
  - The whole point of a state HIN is to address local safety issues
  - How are we going to get resources to local projects that need them?
- Target Zero Rapid Response Program
- Vehicle Safety Inspection Program

- Lowering Speed Limits in School Zones
  - O Hoboken doing this already, for example
- Daylighting should be an easy win
  - Quick build solutions
  - We have models of scaling daylighting with low-cost materials
  - Shown statistically to be effective
  - Is it possible to do a cost-benefit analysis on widespread implementation?
- Street lighting Improvements
  - Identify intersections (on HIN?)
- Revising standards (where legislation is not needed)
  - Access Management
  - Roadway Design manual
  - Residential Site Improvement Standards
- Data collection
  - Is it easy to show that we are recording better data? E.g. near misses go unrecorded
- Context-Based Speed Limit Reductions
  - Need to address 85<sup>th</sup> percentile issue!
- Restrict Red Turn on Red

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- #66 Implied drug consent
- #79 Rear seat occupant as a primary offense (education and enforcement)
- Inspection process
- Increase advocacy and legislative pushes for safety (including seatbelts)
- Coordinating between agencies (example of safety infrastructure from NJDOT)
- Target Zero Rapid Response

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- Daylighting
- Need to consider the complexity of certain actions
- Defining progress/success—moving actions to the "next level" even if they're not necessarily complete
- Combination of progress on different actions, implementation, legislation, etc.
- State-funded quick-build infrastructure projects on High Injury Network identified roadways/intersections

 Only measure of success should be progress toward zero deaths/serious injuries

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- Any of them!
- Target Zero Rapid Response (2)
- Unified High Injury Network Strategy (16)
- Innovative Delivery of Quick Build Projects (13)
- Intersection Improvements (4)
  - Fold in Daylighting, Quick Builds
  - Combine and coordinate between various goals in different actions!
- Traffic Calming (6)

#### Notes on Implementation and Accountability

- An implementation plan for the Commission
- Governing structure to facilitate accountability and implementation
- There is no existing body to coordinate between agencies besides the Governor's Office
- Establish how to do interdepartmental implementation
- Interim leadership for transition into 2026
- More engagement of all agencies (nontransportation agencies, specifically)
- How do we engage other partners?
- More fiscal support for the commission to enable more meetings, deeper meetings
- More engagement and education to unify the messaging, understanding, and culture across Commission member agencies

- To keep the Commission operational and going, there needs to be funding
- Subcommittees
  - It is very difficult to get work done with high-level only meetings
  - Ex. Statewide SPL campaign would require many departments to be involved. Who is doing that work in between meetings?
- Need ongoing technical support for the commission going forward past the Action Plan.
- Local experience: involvement of nontransportation groups appears to wane because the work is very much related to transportation