






Work Session Memorandum

Date: May 18, 2026
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Subject: May 12, 2026 Work Session Summary: Vision Zero

The purpose of this memo is to document the summary of discussions during the May 12, 2026 Work Session. All Councilmembers were present, with Mayor Francis attending remotely.

Discussion Summary

Staff provided an overview of the City's Vision Zero efforts, highlighting current safety trends, key strategies, and ongoing and planned efforts to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries. The presentation highlighted a holistic approach with cross departmental coordination that addresses engineering, education, enforcement, and evaluation.

Councilmembers expressed strong overall support for the Vision Zero strategies and the City's comprehensive approach to improving traffic safety. There was broad agreement on the importance of addressing speeding, improving infrastructure for people walking and biking, and continuing education and enforcement efforts.

Council discussion emphasized the importance of mode shift as a key strategy to support both safety and broader City goals related to sustainability and affordability. Interest was expressed in aligning transportation investments, street design standards, and capital planning with national best practices that focus on multimodal improvements.

Councilmembers also discussed the need to re-evaluate roadway design and function, particularly for arterial streets, to better support multimodal travel and improve safety outcomes, and questioned the Vision Zero relevance of safety elements in projects to increase roadway capacity. Council voiced their support and highlighted the importance of the Code Audit project

that will work to align Larimer County Urban Area Street Standards, Master Street Plan, and other relevant City codes with recommendations from the Vision Zero Action Plan.

Next Steps

- Add mode shift related metrics to the Vision Zero dashboard
- Evaluate the Capital Improvement Plan and Master Street Plan through a Vision Zero perspective and reassess projects intended to increase roadway capacity
- Identify opportunities to expand educational efforts, particularly for teenage drivers
- Reevaluate speed limit methodology and explore standardizing speed limits across similar roadway classifications, including consideration of reducing neighborhood speed limits
- Refine and finalize work plan for 26-27

Follow-up Items

- The City recently completed the 2025 Employee Travel Survey which is one of two major transportation surveys that are completed to track mode shift, identify trends, highlight opportunity areas, and help develop strategies to encourage walking, biking, and using transit. The City also conducts a comprehensive Travel Diary Survey, which is an in-depth travel survey that collects detailed travel behavior information from a random sample of residents. The Employee Travel Survey and the Travel Diary Survey are planned to be conducted every four years, with the next Travel Diary Survey scheduled to be completed in 2027. The most recent survey data can be found under the Program Data tab on the Shift Your Ride TDM Program website:
<https://www.fortcollins.gov/Services/Transportation-and-Roads/Transportation-Programs/Shift-Your-Ride#section-7>
- Residents with concerns related to localized safety issues can submit an Access Fort Collins report or contact the Traffic Department directly with the phone number listed on the Traffic Safety website:
<https://www.fortcollins.gov/Services/Transportation-and-Roads/Traffic-Safety>
- Staff will prepare a high-level cost estimate to change neighborhood speed limit signage and share information with council on this cost and provide information on prior year neighborhood traffic mitigation program costs.
- Staff will provide council with the methodology used to establish speed limits, which was updated in 2025 and has been utilized on a handful of road segments in Fort Collins. A

citywide re-evaluation of speed limits using this methodology has not yet been completed. Staff will consolidate information and share with council within two weeks.

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