

Road Safety Action Plan

Council Meeting

October 21, 2024



Why a Road Safety Action Plan?



- Vision Zero and the Safe System Approach
- Annual crash trends and impacts on vulnerable road users
- Saanich is investing in active transportation, speed limit reductions, and traffic calming
- Prioritize safety for all road users

What is the Road Safety Action Plan?



- A 10-year document to achieve Vision Zero
- Evidence based and grounded in data and informed by technical analysis, best practices research, and input from stakeholders and the public
- A guide for our work to achieve safe, healthy, and equitable mobility

How was it developed?

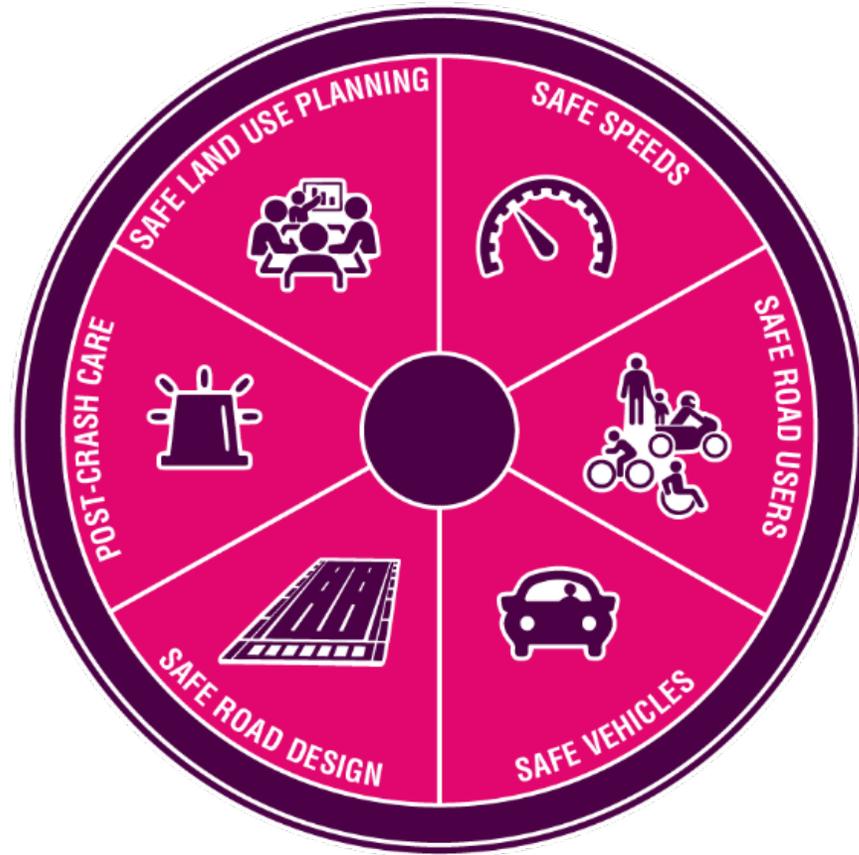


Key Engagement Results

- 84% of respondents believe that it is important for Saanich to aim for Vision Zero
- Overall support for the RSAP

Support for the RSAP is tied to continued implementation of the ATP and speed limit reductions. It is also dependant on safe road design and education and enforcement

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The Safe System Approach

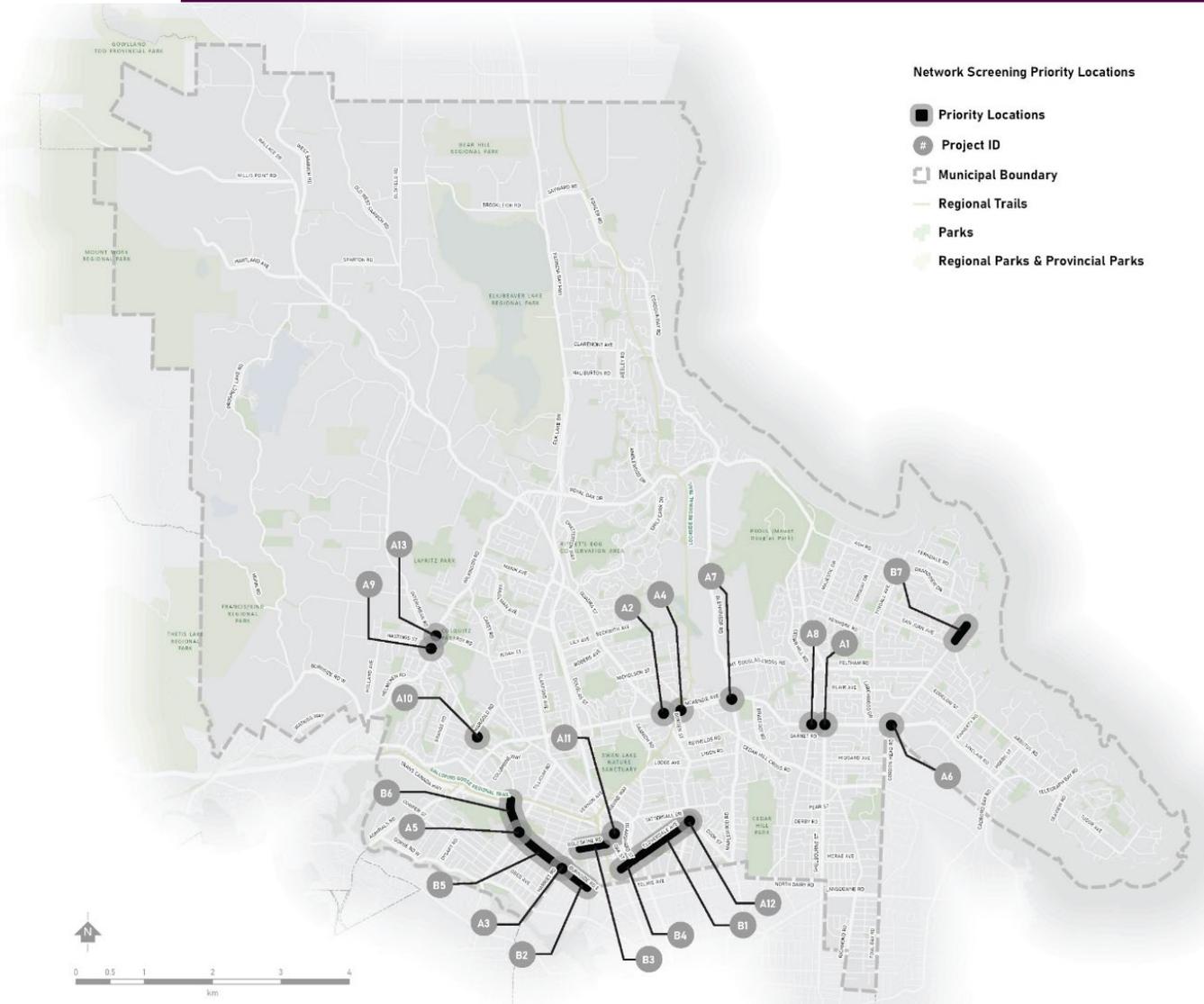
The plan contains

- A vision, mission, and guiding principles
- Current state data
- A focus on equity

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- Centred around the Safe System Approach
- 9 *primary* actions
- 21 *supporting* actions

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The plan also contains:

- 20 priority locations – 13 intersections and 7 corridors
- Advocacy actions to address enforcement and vehicle safety
- Actions to address gaps and inconsistencies in available data

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Implementation will require:

- Focused effort, collaboration with partners, input from residents, Council support and sustainable annual funding

Monitoring will include:

- Annual reporting, including tracking progress towards zero fatalities and serious injuries and capital investments in road safety

The RSAP will be updated every 5 years

Financial Implications

Implementation of the RSAP will require an estimated \$21 million over 10 years.

- \$5 million of this can be accommodated using existing municipal resources and through coordination with other planned work
- We are recommending that the remaining \$16 million be provided using a combination of taxation, borrowing, grant funding, and new revenue streams

Recommendations

That Council adopt the Road Safety Action Plan and direct staff to:

1. Bring forward a resource request to increase annual operating funding by \$250,000 in the draft 2025 Financial Plan to support implementation of non-infrastructure items in the Road Safety Action Plan;
2. Bring forward a one-time resource request of \$2,000,000 in the draft 2025 Financial Plan to support implementation of infrastructure changes in the short-term (0-2 years);
3. Develop a long-term funding strategy that considers a strategic mix of taxation and borrowing;
4. Explore business cases for possible new revenue generation to be included in the 2026 financial plan; and
5. Pursue provincial and federal grants dedicated to infrastructure and road safety improvements.



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