



PVD GREAT STREETS

Appendix C: Vision Zero Commitment

In August 2022, Mayor Jorge O. Elorza formally committed to the longstanding internal goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries in Providence. He wrote to the newly-formed Green and Complete Streets Advisory Council about the commitment in the following letter.



MAYOR JORGE O. ELORZA
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Mayor of Providence

Jorge O. Elorza

August 15, 2022

Dear Green and Complete Streets Advisory Council members,

As Mayor of the City of Providence, I wanted to take a moment to write and express my deep appreciation for your willingness to serve within this very important group. Your work helps the development of a safe, reliable, equitable, efficient, inviting, integrated, and connected multimodal transportation system. That system will promote access, mobility and health for all users and abutters, while also improving environmental quality and reducing polluted stormwater runoff.

Safety is the most basic right a City can provide, and to that end, I also wanted to make a commitment to you: Providence will have zero street fatalities by 2032. I believe it is our duty to reduce and ultimately eliminate transportation fatalities and serious injuries, while simultaneously ensuring every street in Providence be safe, clean, healthy, inclusive, and vibrant, as laid out in our Great Streets Plan.

A Vision Zero commitment such as this one acknowledges that traffic deaths and severe injuries are preventable, human life and health are prioritized within all aspects of transportation systems, and system-level change is paramount to reaching our goals. During my administration, the City of Providence has made big strides in changing the way we think about and design streets, through our implementation of the Great Streets Plan and ensuring street safety is the default rather than the exception through this Advisory Council.

The recommendations of the Great Streets Plan will help us reach this ultimate goal, and by 2027 those recommendations will be updated and further ambitious steps to make our streets safer will be incorporated in the plan. By continuing this work, and through the engagement of relevant departments such as public safety, public works, and others, I believe that together we can reach this goal by 2032..

Thank you for your commitment to our City. You will play a very important role in ensuring our streets are a celebrated asset for all road users. We are strongest when we work together, and I look forward to working with you in this new capacity.

Sincerely,

Jorge O. Elorza
Mayor