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Ann Arbor Announces New Safety Corridors in Vision Zero Goal to Reduce Traffic Crashes

The City of Ann Arbor has a Vision Zero goal to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries resulting from traffic crashes by 2025. As part of its commitment to Vision Zero, the Ann Arbor Police Department and the Ann Arbor Transportation Department are teaming up to create three safety corridors across the city.

Using 2019-2024 crash data, three safety corridors have been identified based on fatalities and serious injuries. Beginning immediately, the Ann Arbor Police Department will have an increased focus on enforcing traffic laws in the following areas.

- Washtenaw Corridor From Geddes Avenue to Huron Parkway
- Packard Corridor From Fifth Avenue to Turnberry Drive
- <u>Jackson Corridor</u> From Burwood Avenue to Gralake Avenue

Speed is a major part of how severe and deadly a crash will be, therefore slowing vehicles down is an important strategy towards reaching Vision Zero. Major streets are 25% of total streets in Ann Arbor and witness 89% of the severe and fatal traffic crashes.

All travelers are being asked to help by cooperating with safety laws and practices and by encouraging others to do the same.

- Travel at safe speeds
- Give cyclists 5 ft. when passing
- Phones down while driving
- Never drive while impaired
- Stop for pedestrians
- Red means STOP

"Far too often we're seeing high speeds and distracted driving cause serious crashes in our community. We believe creating these safety corridors will make traveling in Ann Arbor safer. Our goal isn't to increase tickets given out by officers, but rather to change driving behavior," said Kasey Whitford, Ann Arbor Police Officer.

What is Vision Zero?

- A multi-national effort to end traffic-related fatalities and injuries while increasing safe, equitable mobility worldwide.
- First adopted in Sweden in the late 1990s, the initiative has led to fewer traffic deaths and injuries in the cities that have implemented its policies.

Traffic issues (nonemergency) may be reported to a2gov.org/trafficcomplaint.

