

Vision Zero Virtual Open House:

What do safe streets mean to you?

Tuesday, June 9, 4-8pm

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Slides posted in meeting chat box

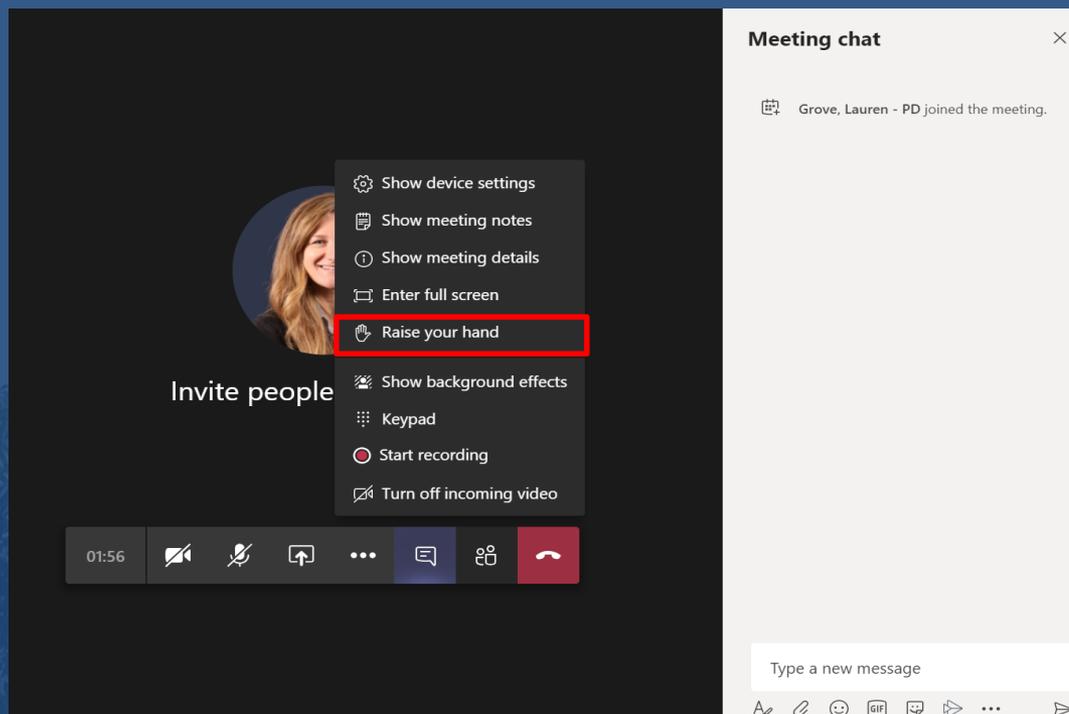
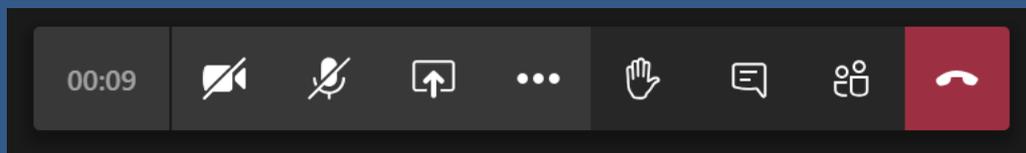


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Microsoft Teams Meeting Instructions



← Use the “raise your hand” function and staff will call on you to speak when it’s time for open discussion.

← You can also use the chat box to type a question or comment for staff to read out loud.

Dialing in: press *6 to mute/unmute



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Virtual Open House

Top of each hour (4, 5, 6, and 7pm)

- Intro to Vision Zero
- How you can help make our streets safe for everyone

Bottom of each hour (4:30, 5:30, 6:30, and 7:30pm)

- Interview with local expert
- Open discussion: ask questions, provide comments, share what safe streets mean to you



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Safe streets are critical to every community.

We have not invested equitably.

Vision Zero must correct the historical imbalance that has negatively impacted low-income people and communities of color.



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Introductions to the Team



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What is Vision Zero?

- Global strategy to end traffic deaths and serious injuries.
- No loss of life by traffic crash is acceptable.
- Traffic deaths are preventable.
- We are humans and we make mistakes.
- Transportation as a system designed to be forgiving of mistakes and prioritize the quality of human life.
- Equitable; prioritize investments in areas disproportionately impacted by traffic deaths and serious injuries.

Resource:

VISION ZERO NETWORK



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What does Vision Zero mean for Houston?

- Commitment to end traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2030.
- Paradigm shift to improve mobility for everyone who walks, uses a wheelchair, drives, bikes, and takes transit.
- Prioritizes street safety and accessibility for people of all ages and abilities.
- Traffic deaths and serious injuries are an unacceptable and preventable public health issue.



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What do safe streets mean to you?

Go to [slido.com](https://www.slido.com) and type in the code **vzhtx**

1. Streets are for

2. Streets and intersections feel unsafe when



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We asked Houstonians a few questions about traffic crashes

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“The goal should be zero for everyone.”

- nearly **220 people killed** every year in traffic crashes on Houston streets.
- more than **1,000 people seriously injured** every year in a traffic crash on Houston streets.

All of these crashes were preventable.



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Action Plan by September 2020

- Equitable; prioritize investments in areas disproportionately impacted by traffic deaths and serious injuries.
- Focuses on engaging with community members to design safe streets.
- Collaborative and multidisciplinary approach to traffic safety.



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Action Plan by September 2020

Safe, Equitable, Accessible Transportation System

Make Biking
Safe

Make Driving
Safe

Make Connecting to Transit
Safe

Make Walking
Safe



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Call to Action

6,687 comments for the 6,687 lives lost and seriously injured.

Visit www.visionzerohouston.com

- Take the pledge
- Complete the survey
- Identify dangerous streets and intersections

TAKE THE PLEDGE

Vision Zero Houston Pledge

No loss of life by traffic crash is acceptable and we can prevent people from dying on our roadways. Everyone deserves safe, accessible streets and sidewalks.

No matter how you move around Houston, whether you drive, walk, use a wheelchair, bike, scoot, skate, or ride transit, we all contribute to safe streets. By acknowledging our role, we can help to prevent traffic deaths and serious injuries.

Join us in pledging to commit to streets that are safe and accessible, shared by everyone with appropriate driving speeds, no distractions, and no impairment.

* Required



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Expert Perspectives

4:30pm: Policy and legislation with Jay Blazek Crossley,
Farm & City

5:30pm: Equity with Oni Blair, LINK Houston

6:30pm: Health with Tom Flanagan, Memorial Hermann

7:30pm: Fleet management with Christina Yancer,
Republic Services



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Open Discussion



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FAQ

1. How is this different from previous efforts to improve transportation?

- Vision Zero is a systematic strategy to prevent traffic deaths and serious injuries. It builds on the city's demand for a transportation paradigm shift.

2. What are the biggest challenges?

- Vision Zero is a long-term commitment to safe streets. It requires leadership, advocacy, and continued demand to prioritize saving human lives.

3. What can I do?

- Be a Vision Zero champion! Sign the pledge, tell us your traffic safety concerns, let everyone know about visionzerohouston.com.

4. What happens to my feedback and comments?

- It will shape our Vision Zero Action Plan, to be released in September 2020, which gives us the path forward to reach zero.



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