



TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

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To: City of Albany Transportation Commission
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Subject: Draft Goals & Objectives for the City of Albany's Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP)

The purpose of this memorandum is to present the proposed goals and objectives for the Albany LRSP. All goals and objectives will be consistent with adopted Albany planning documents. The goals and objectives will also be in alignment with regional, state, and federal transportation safety goals. This memo will be the first in a series of presentations made to the Transportation Commission throughout the duration of the LRSP project. Future presentations will detail additional project findings.

The vision for the Albany LRSP aims to systemically identify roadway safety issues within Albany, and address them through a holistic approach using the 5 E's: **Engineering, Enforcement, Education, Equity,** and **EMS**. Roadway deaths and serious injuries are preventable incidents and can be addressed through the 5 E's. Safety of human life is the highest priority.

In short, the proposed goals are as follows:

1. Identify and analyze safety problems and recommend improvements.
2. Improve the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders.
3. Coordinate implementation with key stakeholders.
4. Seek consistent funding until the vision is fulfilled.
5. Ensure safety improvements are made in an equitable manner.

The following are the proposed goals and objectives for the Albany LRSP:

GOAL #1: SYSTEMATICALLY IDENTIFY AND ANALYZE ROADWAY SAFETY PROBLEMS AND RECOMMEND IMPROVEMENTS

Objective 1: Use the Systemic Safety Analysis data-driven process to identify traffic collisions in Albany, (with an emphasis on fatal and severe injury collisions); where, when, and how they are occurring, and implement appropriate and proven countermeasures.

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Objective 2: Improve roadway planning, design, operations, and connectivity to enhance safety and mobility for all modes, and for users of all ages and abilities

Objective 3: Implement traffic calming strategies to discourage speeding and other unsafe driving behaviors on residential streets

Objective 4: Ensure that all recommended improvements are consistent with City of Albany goals, as well as State and Federal plans and goals (such as, but not limited to: California Strategic Highway Safety Plan, and the FHWA Local and Rural Road Safety Program).

Objective 5: Review existing City policies and recommend improvements to ensure that they meet current best practices in the realm of traffic safety

GOAL 2: IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF PEDESTRIANS, BICYCLISTS, AND TRANSIT RIDERS BY USING PROVEN EFFECTIVE COUNTERMEASURES

Objective 1: Identify safety issues and locations/hot spots where bicycle and pedestrian collisions occur in Albany (with a particular focus around AC Transit stops, school routes, and other destinations), and treat with appropriate and effective engineering countermeasures. Address perception of safety issues by implementing countermeasures that promote safe and comfortable walking/biking environments.

Objective 2: Provide educational programs for bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorists to inform on how to be safe in the public right-of-way; either through after-school programs, law enforcement programs, or other public/private sponsored programs

Objective 3: Improve sidewalks, walkways, and crossings to be free of hazards and to minimize conflicts with vehicular traffic

Objective 4: Prioritize improvements that promote Safe Routes to School efforts or are located near schools

Objective 5: Improve safety around transit stops, for riders entering/exiting the bus, and accessing bus stops

GOAL 3: ENSURE COORDINATION OF KEY STAKEHOLDERS TO IMPLEMENT ROADWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS & RESPONSE WITHIN ALBANY

Objective 1: Coordinate between City Departments, Police Department, Fire Department, and EMS agencies to ensure a coordinated response to traffic safety, including:

- Implementation of safety improvements
- Public education on safely traveling in the public right-of-way, regardless of mode
- Enforcement of traffic safety laws in the public right-of-way



- Minimizing impacts to emergency response times.

Objective 2: Coordinate with local, regional, and state partners (such as Alameda CTC, AC Transit, or Caltrans), to identify and address traffic safety issues and ensure a coordinated response.

GOAL 4: CONTINUALLY SEEK FUNDING FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Objective 1: Ensure the LRSP meets Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) guidelines in order to apply for funding for identified countermeasures

Objective 2: Provide a list of prioritized locations and improvements that guide City investments and grant funding applications

Objective 3: Identify and prioritize specific types of countermeasures to address identified safety issues, for systemic implementation citywide

Objective 4: Continually seek funding sources to implement engineering, education, enforcement, equity, and emergency response solutions to roadway safety issues in Albany

GOAL 5: ENSURE THAT SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ARE MADE IN A MANNER THAT IS FAIR AND EQUITABLE FOR ALL ALBANY RESIDENTS

Objective 1: Where feasible, implement community outreach to inform the public about upcoming safety improvements and seek their input

Objective 2: Provide a forum for residents to submit traffic safety related concerns; and for City staff and officials to respond to such concerns

Objective 3: Ensure the consideration of equity when selecting where to make traffic safety improvements