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SUBJECT: Vision Zero Inaugural Progress Report
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PRESENTATION TYPE:
 Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:
 Public Works staff will present a review of the City of Tacoma Vision Zero Inaugural Progress Report. The presentation will provide an overview of crash trends and progress on the implementation of the 2022 Vision Zero Action Plan.

BACKGROUND:
 While the City of Tacoma has made substantive efforts to create safer streets over many years, there is still an unacceptable number of traffic deaths and life-changing injuries on Tacoma streets. To begin to address the epidemic of preventable trauma involving our roadways, the Tacoma City Council adopted Resolution No. 40559 on February 18, 2020, committing to the goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries associated with the City of Tacoma’s roadways by 2035. A Vision Zero Action Plan was completed in September 2022 that built on the City’s past transportation safety work and outlined a holistic, equitable, and data-driven approach to achieving Vision Zero in Tacoma.

ISSUE:
 Since completing the Vision Zero Action Plan, the City has focused on laying the groundwork for adopting the Safe Systems Approach to traffic safety. Key steps have included hiring a Vision Zero Coordinator, enhancing transparency with a public crash data dashboard, and initiating speed limit reduction measures. Additionally, the first Vision Zero road safety audits were completed this year along sections of South Tacoma Way, South Yakima Avenue, and South Pine Street.

The Vision Zero Inaugural Progress Report provides an update on the progress towards the actions outlined in the Vision Zero Action Plan. In line with the Vision Zero Action Plan Transformative Action 1.2, the report is being provided to the City Council, the Transportation Commission, and the public. Sharing the progress and insights aims to foster transparency and accountability. This report is considered the first report, covering the period from September 2022 to September 2024.

ALTERNATIVES:
 This is an information briefing only. There are no alternatives presented.

FISCAL IMPACT:
 This is an information briefing only. There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:
 This is an information briefing only. There is no recommendation.