

Planning for Pedestrian Safety in Dallas

Kathryn Rush
Chief Planner
Department of Transportation

Texas Pedestrian Safety Forum
August 6, 2020



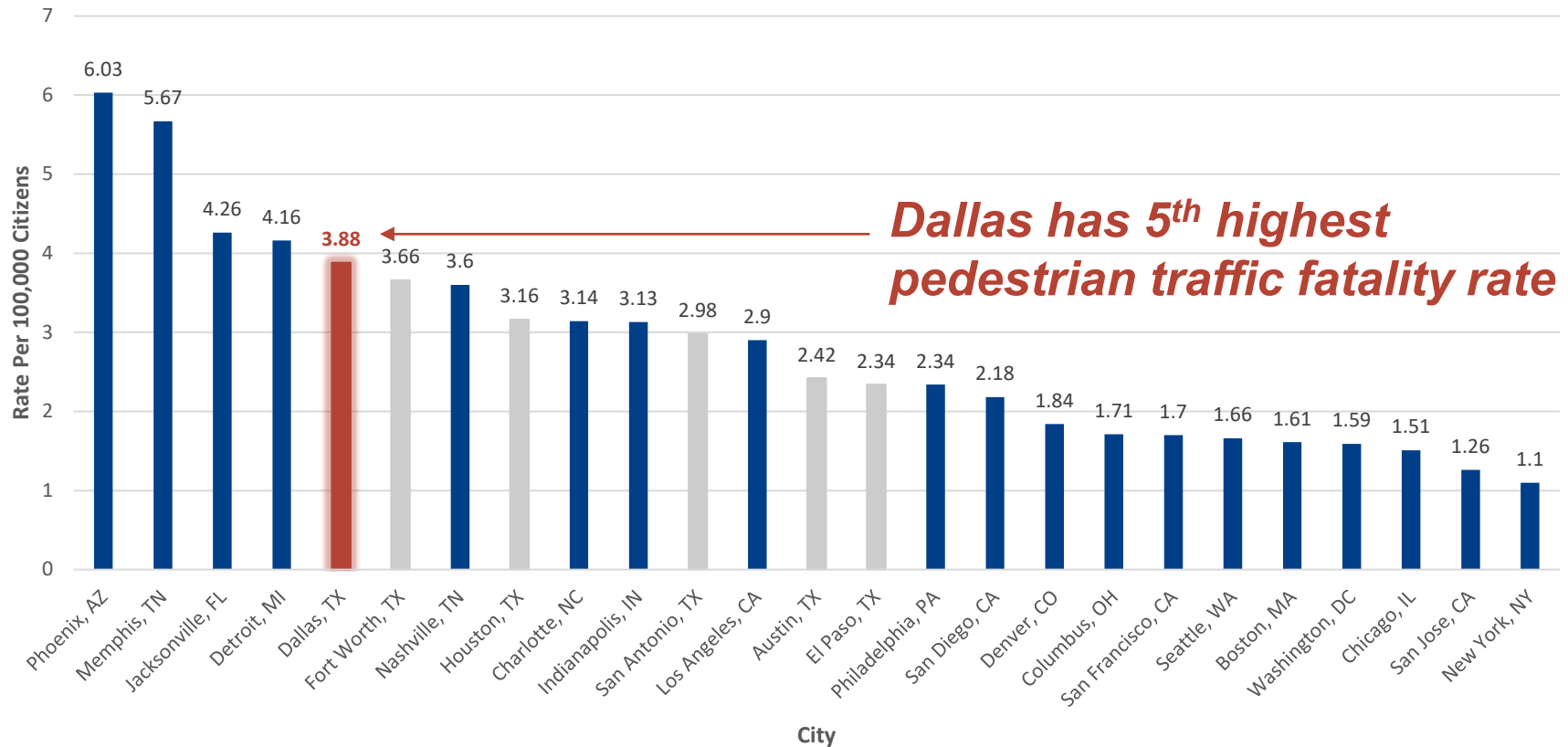
Overview

- Planning for Pedestrian Safety in Dallas
 - Vision Zero Action Plan
 - Strategic Mobility Plan
 - Sidewalk Master Plan
- In the Meantime...
 - Ways we're improving pedestrian safety today



Dallas in Comparison to Top 25 Largest U.S. Cities

Pedestrian Fatality Rates of 25 Largest U.S. Cities
(Per 100,000 Population)



Source: NHTSA, 2017



Planning for Pedestrian Safety in Dallas

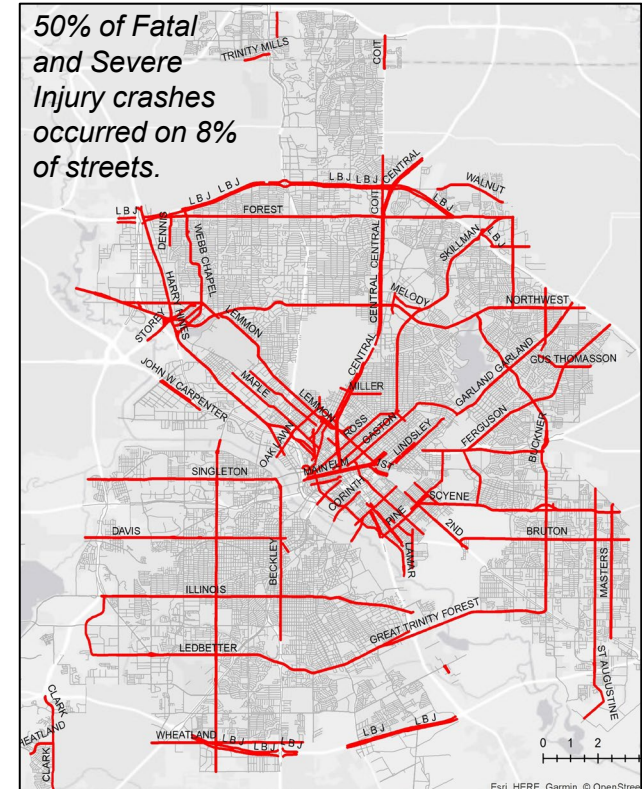
*Prioritizing limited resources to
meet community goals*



Vision Zero Resolution (19-1900)

- 1) Commits City to a goal of **ZERO traffic fatalities** and a **50% reduction in severe injuries** by 2030.
- 2) Develop **Vision Zero Action Plan** by December 2021.
- 3) Convene a **Vision Zero Task Force** that will guide development of the Vision Zero Action Plan.
- 4) Directs key City departments to participate in Vision Zero Action Plan development, implementation, and evaluation.

Draft High Injury Network Map



Vision Zero Action Plan

TASKS

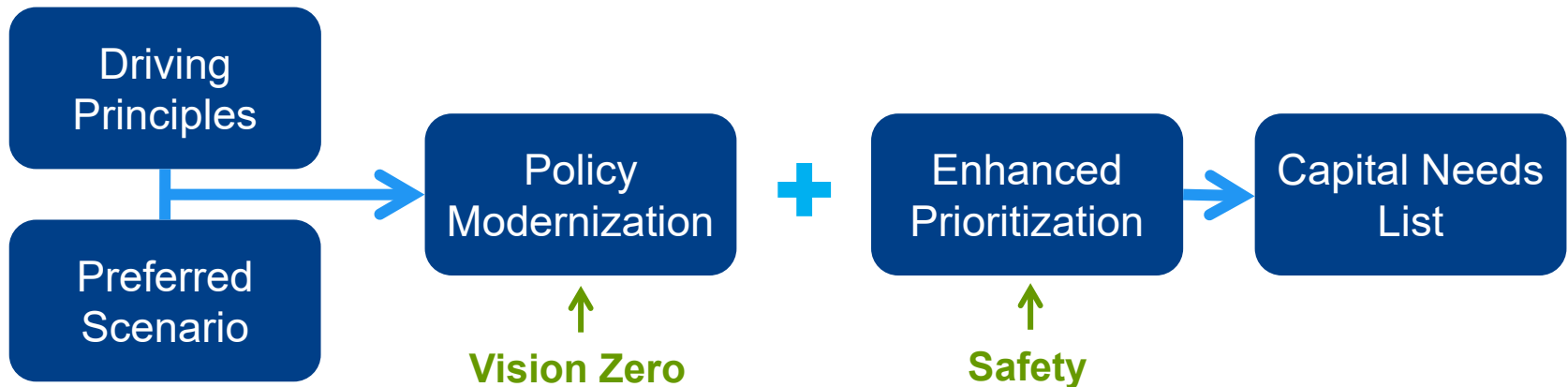
**We Are
Here**

1. Convene Vision Zero Task Force
2. Crash Data Analysis
3. Community Engagement
4. High Injury Network (finalize)
5. Best Practices Assessment
6. Existing Policies, Programs, and Practices Audit
7. Determine Strategies and Implementation Plan
8. Adopt Vision Zero Action Plan



Connect Dallas Strategic Mobility Plan

- Purpose:
 - Modernize how we prioritize transportation resources
 - Align transportation efforts with the City's goals
- Guiding Principles: **Safety**, Environmental Sustainability, Equity, Economic Vitality, Housing, Innovation
- Anticipated Council adoption: Fall 2020



Sidewalk Master Plan (ADA Transition Plan Phase 2)

- Today: 4,500 miles of existing sidewalk and 2,800 miles of missing sidewalks.
- Plan Deliverables:
 - Updated database of sidewalk/curb ramp condition and gaps
 - New sidewalk prioritization criteria that will put greater emphasis on **safety**!
 - Sidewalk priority areas heat map
 - Prioritization of all sidewalk gaps and repair needs to inform future bond programs
- Plan Development: Summer 2020-Spring 2021



In the Meantime....

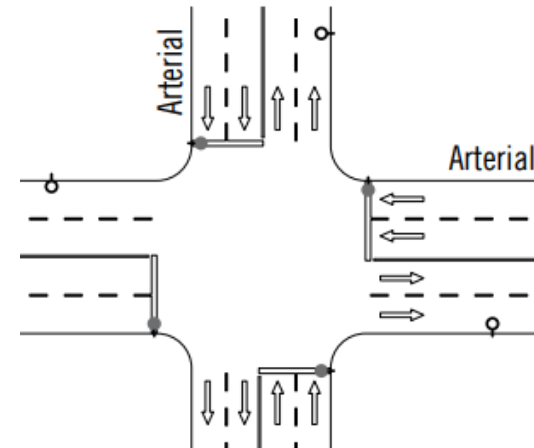
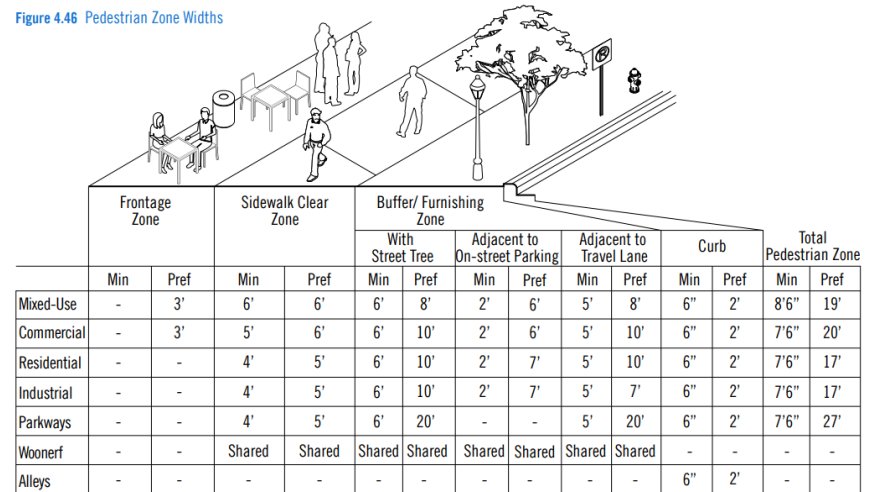
Ways we're improving pedestrian safety today



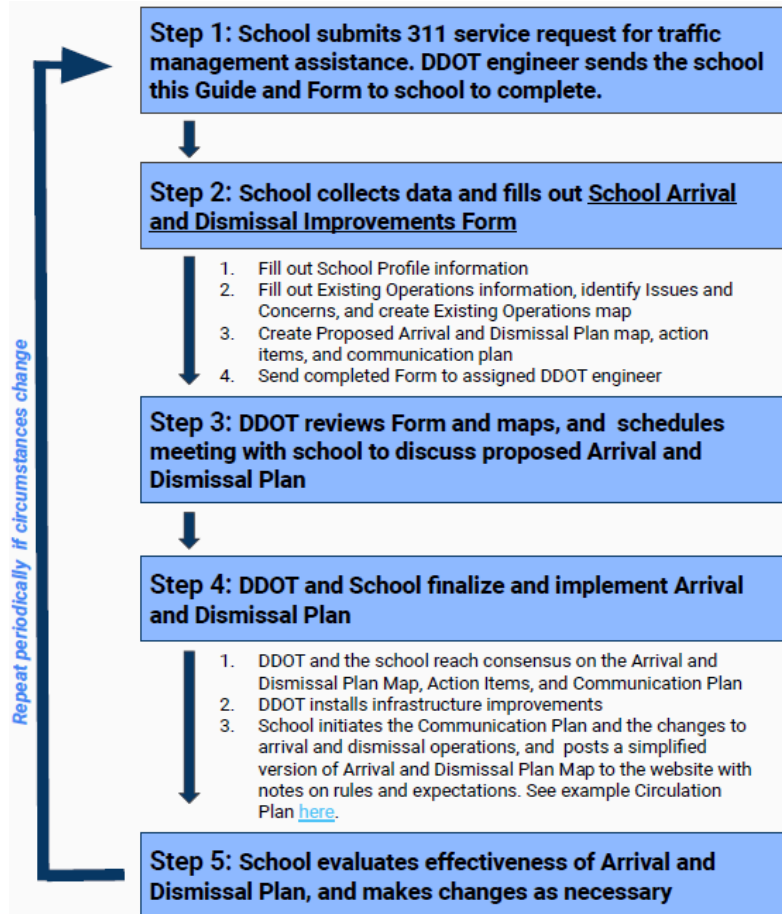
Ways We're Improving Pedestrian Safety Today

- Updated Street Design Manual (adopted 2019) and Standard Construction Details (finalizing)
- Implementing complete streets bond projects (20+)
- Evaluating crash data to identify projects
- Working with schools to improve arrival/dismissal safety

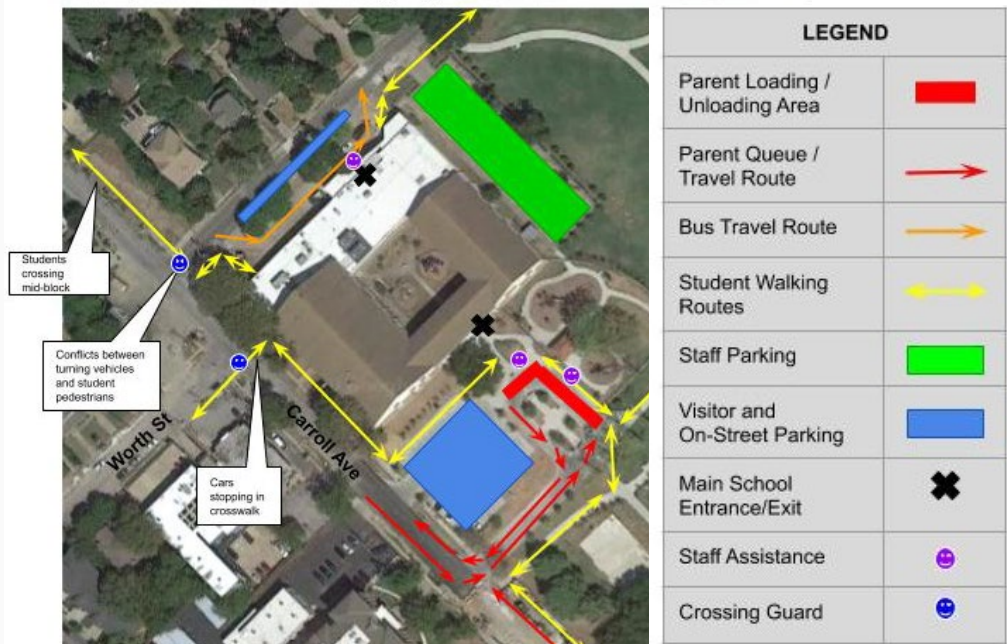
Figure 4.46 Pedestrian Zone Widths



Streamlining the Process to Improve Safety Around Schools



Example School: Existing Operations



Thank You

Kathryn Rush

Chief Planner

Department of Transportation

kathryn.rush@dallascityhall.com

