# ORAL PRESENTATION ON PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

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## Overview

- Update on recent crashes
- Recent Crash History & Trends
- Next Steps
- Discussion

## **Crash Data**

| Calendar<br>Year | Traffic<br>Crashes | Ped<br>Crashes | Traffic<br>Deaths | Ped<br>Deaths |
|------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 2012             | 1,713              | 78             | 0                 | 2*            |
| 2013             | 1,578              | 77             | 1                 | 2             |
| 2014             | 1,580              | 65             | 1                 | 0             |
| 2015             | 1,488              | 73             | 1                 | 1             |
| 2016             | 1,162              | 67**           | 0                 | 4*            |

<sup>\*</sup> Drivers charged

<sup>\*\*</sup> Through Nov. 30

### **General Trends**

- Increase in mobility, more trips across all modes
- Overall traffic crashes declining and pedestrian crashes remain flat
- High number of pedestrian deaths and serious injuries in 2016
  - Circumstances of crashes have varied
- City rate of fatal crashes per 100,000 people comparable to Arlington & less than DC and Fairfax

## How Does the City Address Traffic Safety?

#### Engineering

- Complete Streets program
- Capital Improvement Plan projects
- Maintenance

#### <u>E</u>ducation

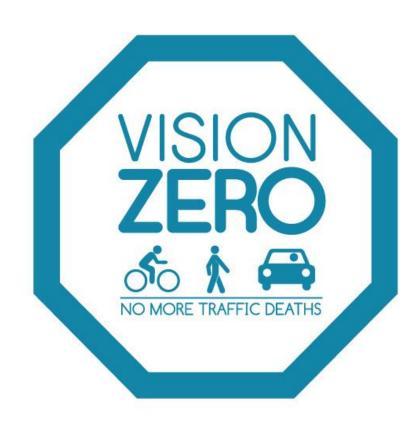
Street Smart

#### Enforcement

Motor Unit (approved for 11 officers and 2 sergeants)

## How will we advance traffic safety?

- Vision Zero Policy Resolution for Council's consideration in early 2017
  - Acknowledges that all traffic deaths are preventable
  - Aggressive targets to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries for all road users
  - Data-driven, multidisciplinary
  - Complements engineering
  - Existing strategy in Master Plan
  - Resolution will direct staff to develop an Action Plan in 2017, including community engagement



## **Immediate Actions**

- Engineers analyzing & considering immediate changes in high-crash locations citywide
- Enforcement initiatives ongoing
- Stepped-up education efforts, including Vision Zero outreach

## Questions?

Thank You.