

Recommended Policy Considerations

• *Modify Local Laws to Improve Safety:*

- Prohibit right-turn-on-red in high pedestrian activity areas
- Remove the prohibition for bicyclists to use the sidewalks on Assembly Street and Elmwood Avenue
- Move forward with the Columbia Compass recommendation to identify key corridors or areas of the City in need of enhanced curbside management and enact restrictions on the time or place deliveries can be performed
- Identify safe locations where valet parking is allowable and enforce compliance

• *Improve Infrastructure to Enhance Safety*

- Prioritize street lighting along the HIN to improve nighttime visibility
- Implement Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPI) at signalized downtown intersections
- Prioritize pedestrian level street lighting at crosswalks to enhance visibility
- Examine restricting on-street parking within a certain distance of intersections/crosswalks
- Identify corridors where drivers are routinely speeding and implement leading, evidence-based practices that align with Vision Zero and the Safe System Approach for speed compliance. Corridor speed limits should reflect safe operating speeds for area context

• *Improve Safety Along with Improvement Projects and New Development*

- Include safety focused improvements as part of the roadway and development projects. Ex: high-visibility crosswalks when resurfacing roads, LPIs when modifying signals
- Continue to develop the sidewalk in-lieu of ordinance to require funds to be collected for developers where sidewalks cannot be built to fund pedestrian connectivity elsewhere
- Improve enforcement of temporary & permanent encroachment routing plans and coordinate with SCDOT on their practices
- Examine ways to better communicate long-term closures to the public for awareness

• *Advocate for Safety Improvements at the State Level*

- Continue to advocate for legislation to allow for and implement red light running cameras at key intersections

• *Enhance Safety-Focused Education and Outreach*

- Education and outreach related to appropriate use of micromobility vehicles
- Partner with emergency services to encourage safe driver behavior

• *Transit & Operations Enhancements*

- Reconsider existing bus stop locations to improve safety
- Formalize coordination between the COMET, the City, and SCDOT for locating installing new bus stops
- Work with COMET to ensure that appropriate amenities are present (i.e. lighting, ADA accessibility, sidewalk, crosswalks, shelter, seating etc.)
- Provide bus pull-off areas at existing stops where feasible

• *Traffic Law Enforcement*

- Improve traffic enforcement staffing
- Continue addressing traffic concerns through stepped-up enforcement of traffic and reckless driving behaviors
- Continue Traffic Safety Unit participation in NHTSA campaigns and other saturation enforcement efforts (e.g. Buckle Up SC, Operation Slow Down, Railroad Safety Week, and Sober Slammer campaigns)
- Continue to expand upon successes with the Civilian Traffic Team, which in turn frees up officers for both emergency and traffic enforcement response