## VISION ZERØ

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A policy that states clearly that traffic deaths are preventable and unacceptable.

#### **CORE PRINCIPLES:**

- Human life takes priority over mobility;
- Human error is inevitable and unpredictable;
- People are inherently vulnerable and speed is a fundamental predictor of crash survival;
- Safe designs, education, and enforcement are essential contributors to a safe system.

## WHEN A PERSON IS HIT BY A DRIVER AT...



1 OUT OF 10 DIE



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9 OUT OF 10 DIE

Slowing down saves lives.



#### Why Vision Zero in Philadelphia?

Every year, there are nearly 10,000 reported crashes on Philadelphia streets.

#### **5-YEAR TREND:**

- 2013: 80 killed / 225 severely injured
- 2014: 82 killed / 223 severely injured
- 2015: 83 killed / 250 severely injured
- 2016: 96 killed / 252 severely injured
- 2017: 78 killed / 244 severely injured

#### **100 PEOPLE EVERY YEAR**



100 people are killed in traffic related crashes.



## **High Injury Network**

**50%** of killed and serious injury **crashes** occur on **only 12%** of Philadelphia streets (PennDOT, 2012 – 2016).

Queen Lane, between Fox Street and Wayne Avenue is on Philadelphia's High Injury Network.



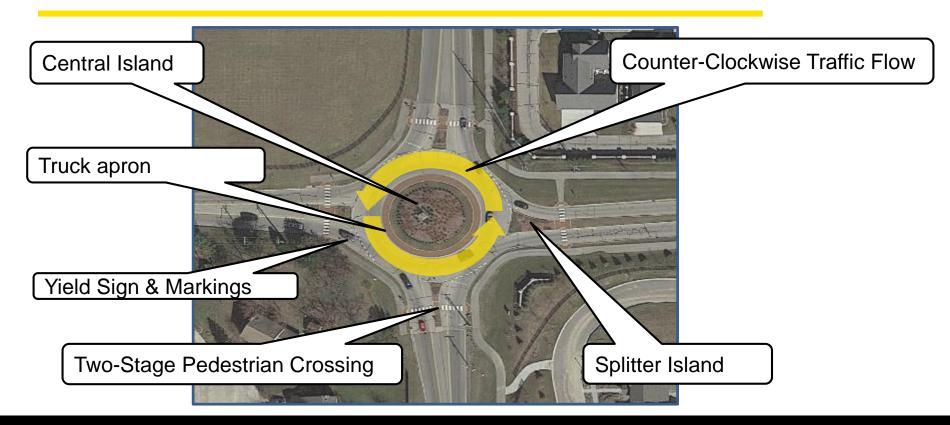


## Vision Zero principles to priorities

- Evaluation/data;
- Engineering;
- Enforcement;
- Education / Engagement;

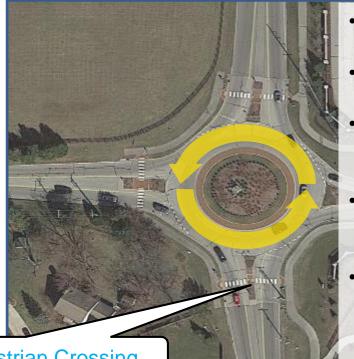


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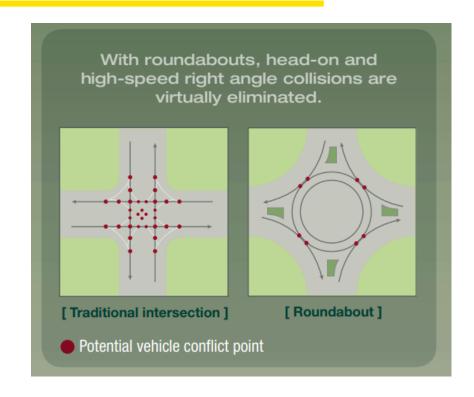


- Split into two stages
- Pedestrian refuge area provided
- People walking only need to cross one direction of traffic at a time
- Drivers yield to pedestrians before or after navigating the roundabout
- Benefit: Allows drivers and pedestrians to focus on one task at a time and reduces the potential for crashes



#### Roundabouts – Safety benefits

- Traffic slows approaching roundabout
- Slower average speeds reduce severity of crashes for vehicles and people walking & biking alike
- All traffic travels in the same direction through the roundabout—and the number of potential conflict points is greatly reduced.
  - The potential for T-bone and headon crashes is virtually eliminated.



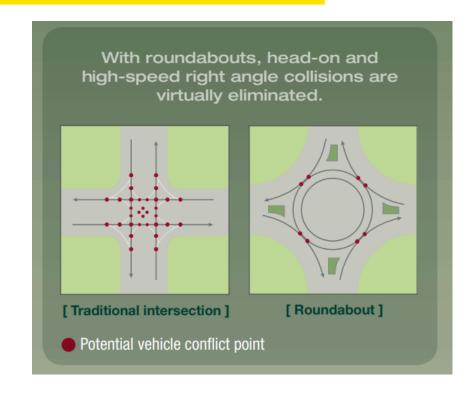


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## Did you know?

A standard 4-leg intersection has 32 potential vehicular conflict points.

A standard 4-leg roundabout has only 8.





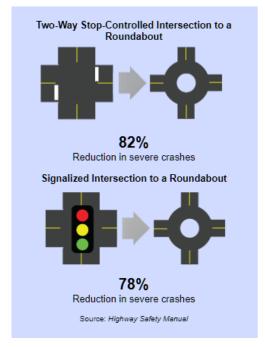
#### Roundabouts – Proven safety countermeasure

#### Did you know?

Roundabouts are recognized by Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) as proven safer than stop or signal controlled intersections.

For more information:

https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/provencountermeasures/roundabouts/



Source: FHWA



#### Roundabouts - Crash reduction in Pennsylvania

According to a recent evaluation by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) of (11) roundabouts across the state, it was found that roundabouts:

- Reduced fatalities and serious injuries by 100%
- Reduced injuries by 95%
- Reduced property damage-only crashes by 2%
- Reduced all crashes by 47%

Source: Bureau of Maintenance & Operations, PennDOT, 2018 <a href="https://www.penndot.gov/pages/all-news-details.aspx?newsid=536">https://www.penndot.gov/pages/all-news-details.aspx?newsid=536</a>



# OUR CITY AND OUR FAMILIES DESERVE SAFER STREETS.

Zero traffic deaths by 2030.



# Thank you

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