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Vision Zero Task Force

Dear Members of the Vision Zero Task Force:

I wish to extend my sincerest gratitude for your service to the Portland Bureau of Transportation through your tenure on the Vision Zero Task Force over the past several years. Your leadership and commitment to safe streets have contributed to a strong foundation for PBOT's Vision Zero work. The Vision Zero Task Force has shaped Portland's Vision Zero Action Plan, embedded racial equity and elevated street design in our work, and overseen implementation of Vision Zero actions over the past four years.

As our work has evolved, so too must our Vision Zero engagement. Now is the appropriate time to shift to a model of community accountability that engages an even broader set of stakeholders. Therefore, this letter serves as a notice of the formal dissolution of the Vision Zero Task Force – to be replaced with a set of community engagement activities – effective January 25th, 2021.

The attached **Vision Zero Engagement Plan Summary** outlines PBOT's commitment and planned actions to remain transparent and accountable to the public. These four actions will continue to support our work to build a culturally-responsive and community-driven Vision Zero education program. These actions will also align our Vision Zero engagement with PBOT's 2019-2022 strategic plan, *Moving to our Future*, which makes explicit our commitment to transportation justice and racial equity in all our work.

PBOT remains deeply committed to eliminating traffic deaths and serious injuries on Portland's streets – and to doing so without disproportionately impacting BIPOC Portlanders. The work ahead of us is monumental and will require each of us to do our part. I know that PBOT's Vision Zero team will reach out to you with opportunities for focused partnerships, and I hope you will do the same.



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Again, I thank you for your work to help us advance Vision Zero and I look forward to continuing this important work with you as an ally and partner.

If you have questions about the engagement plan or next steps, please reach out to Dana Dickman, our Safety Section Manager.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Warner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chris" and last name "Warner" clearly distinguishable.

Chris Warner
Director, Portland Bureau of Transportation

Attachments: Vision Zero Engagement Plan Summary PDF