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TOWARD **ZERO** DEATHS

# TZD 2.0 Update

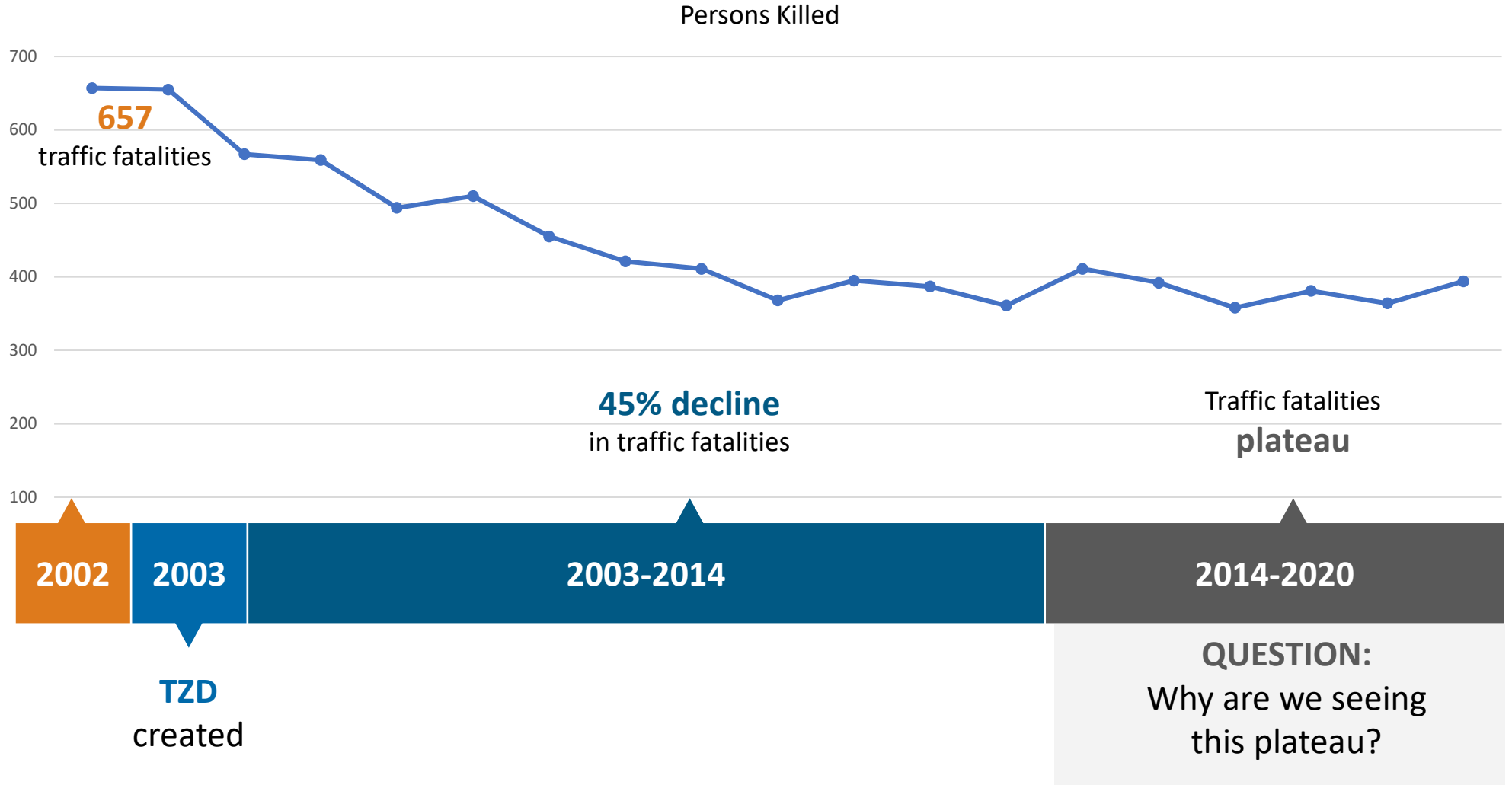
**2022 TZD Regional Workshops**

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# Where We've Been



## *Who's calling?*

- Colorado
- Delaware
- Michigan
- North Dakota
- South Dakota
- Washington
- Utah

*Are we ready for major changes to TZD, or do we want tweaks around the edges?*

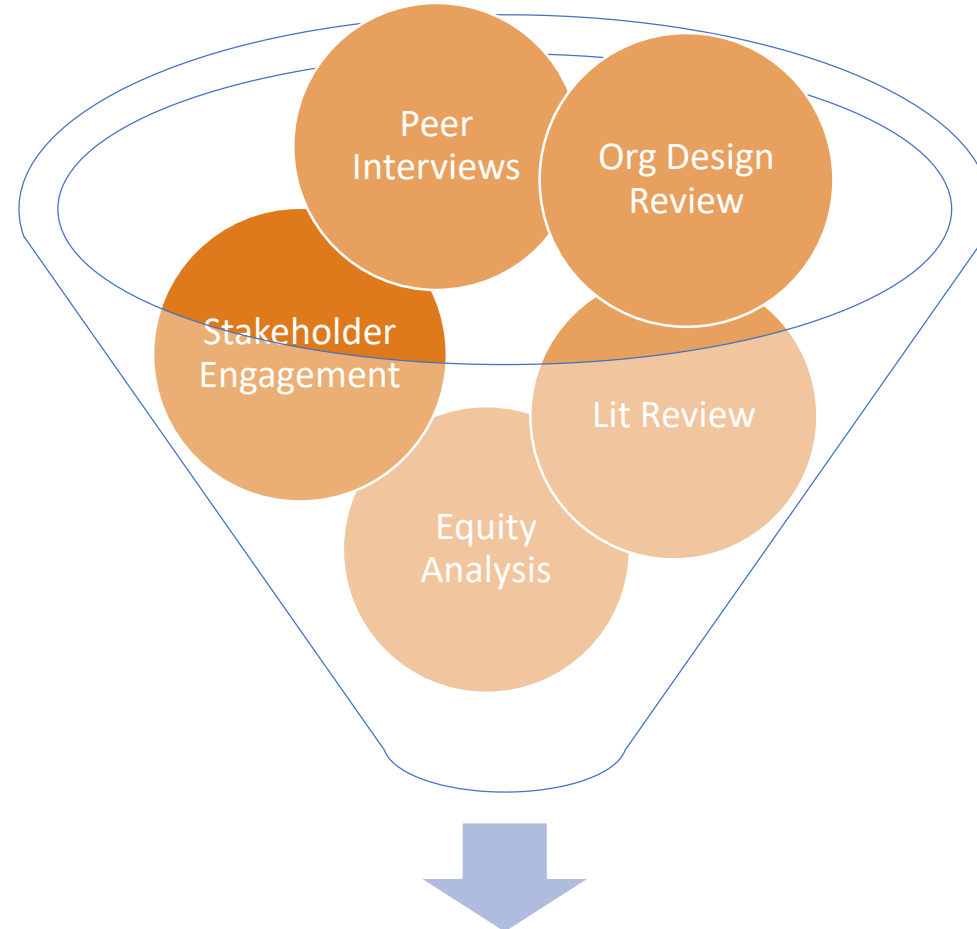
**The Way We Were  
ENDING**

People adjust to  
letting  
go of the way things  
were

We are a leader in TZD nationwide. Others will be looking to us to help define a path forward.

# TZD 2.0

## TZD 2.0 Engagement Tactics & Opportunities



Opportunities for TZD to enhance program structure and operations to increase overall effectiveness

# TZD 2.0 - *What We Heard*

Aspects of TZD to keep and enhance

## What's Working

- Cross-agency collaborations
- Multi-disciplinary approach (5 “Es” working together)



Innovative strategies



Opportunities to share ideas and learn from others



Local empowerment, leadership and ownership



Funding opportunities



Effective education and communication materials for current focus



Good tools and resources for partners

# TZD 2.0 - *What We Heard*

## Aspects of TZD to address and improve

### Key Challenges

- Culture and individual behavior is hard to change
- Lack of public understanding / awareness
- Imbalance between agency influence
- Unclear decision making



Not enough staff support or not the right skillsets in the right place



Lack of diversity and cultural sensitivity



Not enough political support



Climate towards enforcement



Not enough participation or buy-in



Not enough reliance on data in decision making



Need different/better messaging and communication strategies



Funding – difficult to use

# TZD 2.0 - Moving to a New State

Structure and operations help TZD focus on what matters



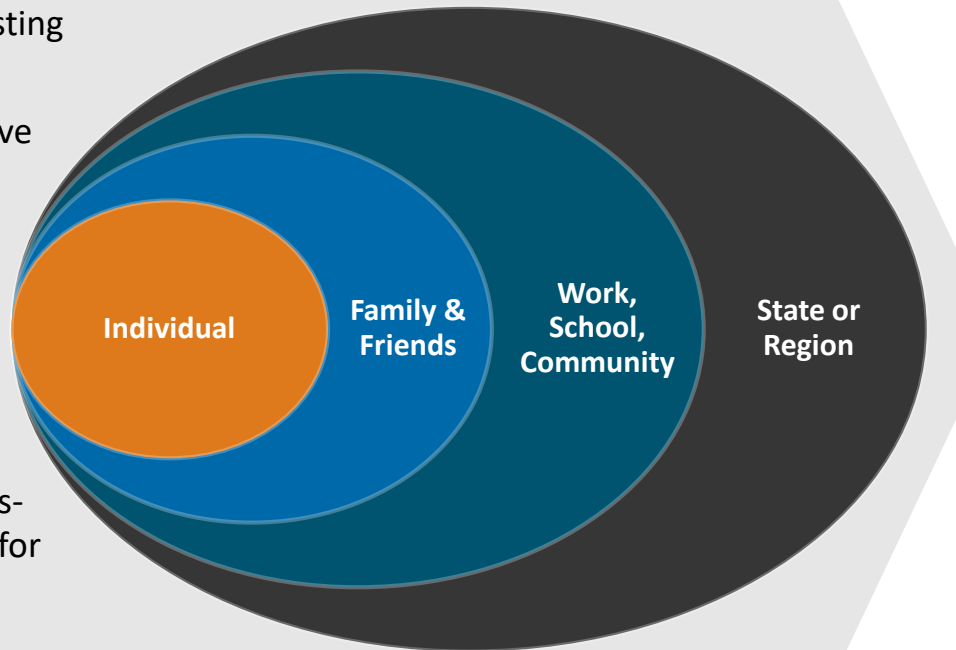
# Building a Culture of Traffic Safety

A traffic safety culture is created through Positive Community Norming

## A Social Ecological Approach

Using the environment to create lasting changes to beliefs and behavior

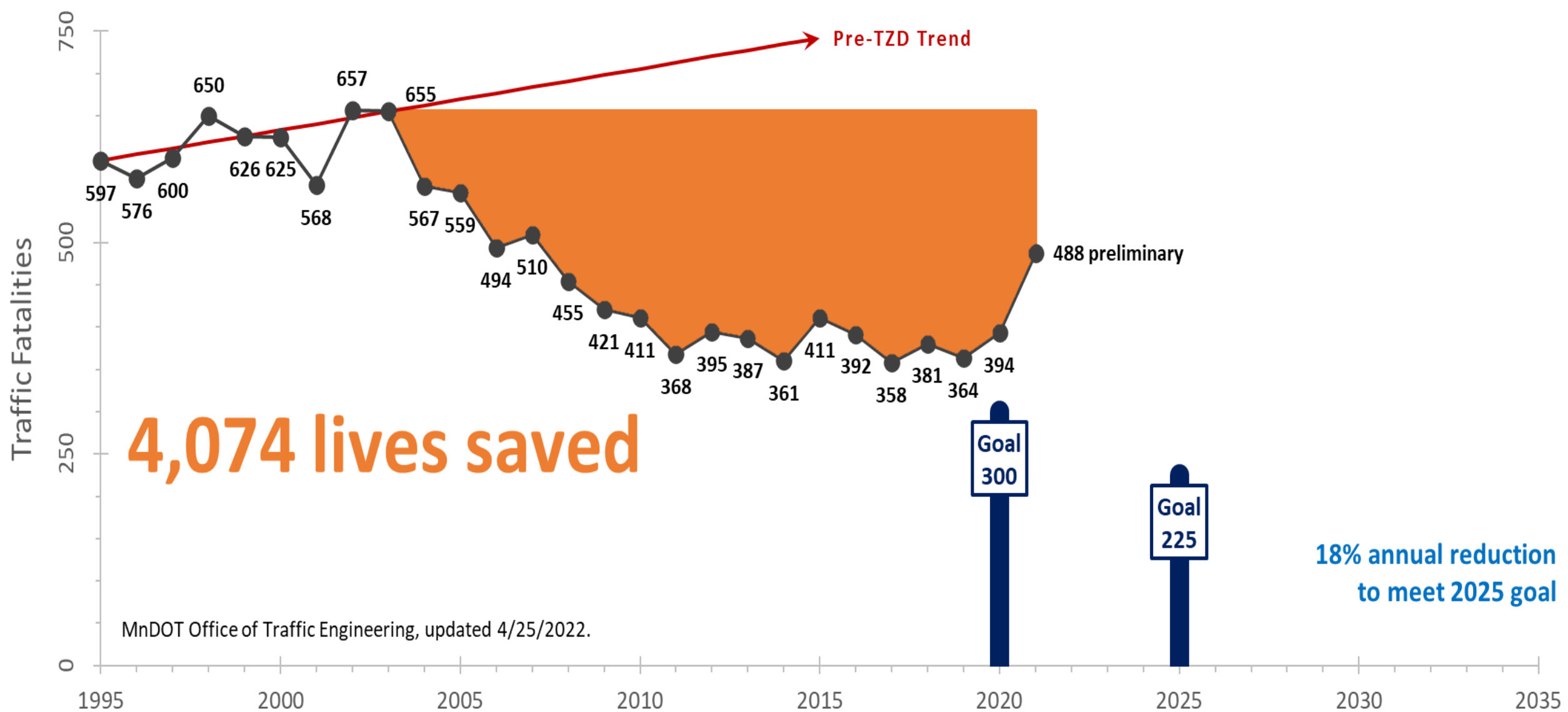
- Uses proven principles of Positive Community Norming
- Founded on the principle that the solutions exist
- Engages community and organizations to help drive individual behavior and beliefs
- Driven by hope from a strengths-based orientation and concern for critical issue
- Part of MN Strategic Highway Safety Plan



## True, Lasting Transformation to Traffic Safety Culture







*An example of positive social norming to enhance Traffic Safety Culture change!*

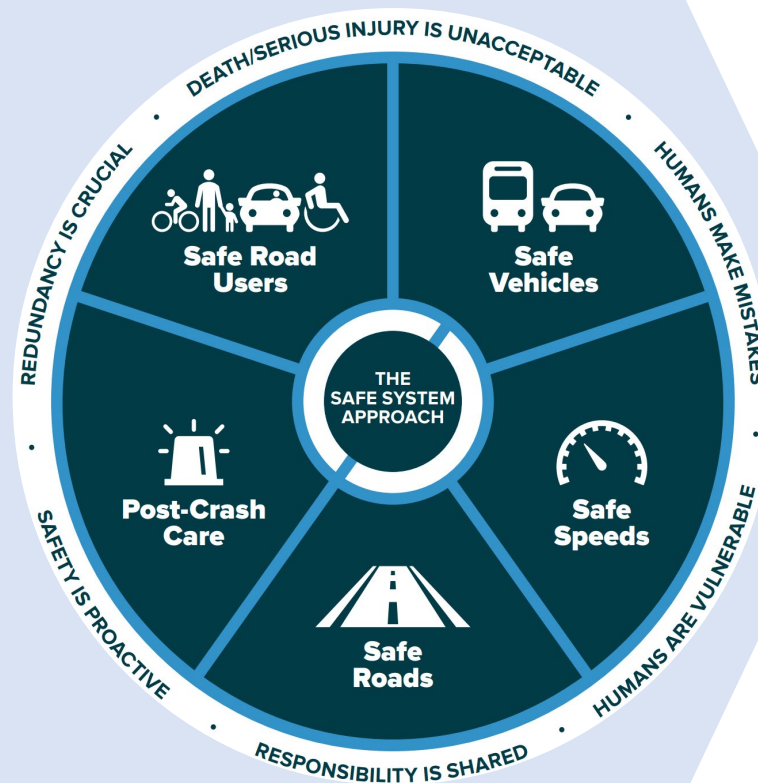
# Designing and Operating a Safe System

Safe System provides a safety net when things go wrong

## Safe System Approach

Designs and operates traffic systems and structures to protect against human mistakes and injury tolerances and avoid death and serious injuries

Focus of Federal Highway Administration Approach



“Safety net” to protect people when mistakes happen OR they make poor choices

# Consultant Implementation Recommendations

## *Summary*

1. Secure partnership commitments with new agencies
2. Hire an Executive Director
3. Hire statewide staff to support the regions
4. Where to house TZD staff?
5. *And...*

	Staffing
	Role Clarity & Decision Rights
	Equity

# *Why does TZD need funding to be successful?*

## 5. Secure **additional State funding** for TZD

- Ongoing, flexible state funding for TZD
- One-time, near-term infusion of State funding to speed up culture building focus
- TZD regional coordinators assembling list of **regional funding needs**
  - Initiatives/programs/supplies  
(Support for local agencies, coalitions & grantees)
  - Education, outreach and messaging
  - Federal funding match



# Process to Implementation

*Change will take time*



Role Clarity &  
Decision Rights

## Championing recommendations:

- Location for new TZD staff needs further discussion
- Legislation being considered for a ***Traffic Safety Advisory Council*** that would more formally involve partners in guiding TZD program

# Process to Implementation

*Change will take time*

- Opportunity for most **transformational** change in traffic safety is with bigger changes to TZD
- Pushing for the larger change will require **intentional** change management—not everyone will love it right away



# What's next?



Corridor Access Management



Dedicated Left- and Right-Turn Lanes at Intersections

*We are in this together for our communities, families and friends.*