# Vision Zero Leadership and Collaboration

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| Transportation is essential in forming liveable and vibrant cities, where he tangata (people) both feel safe and are safe when travelling on the transport system. This requires the need to make safety the top priority in our transport design, build and operation, ahead of moving vehicles from A to B as quickly as possible. It requires a change in the traditional way of viewing transport as mostly a form of movement, towards an ethical approach in valuing human life beyond anything else. This means, liveable and vibrant cities require Vision Zero, where people are at the centre of transport interventions and decision making.  For Vision Zero to become a reality, it requires ethical leadership, collaboration, and bold conversations by System Designers. We need informed decision makers to mandate change from above and advocate for a shared vision to bring organisations and communities together in creating a truly safe city for everyone.  The *Vision Zero Strategy and Action Plan for Tāmaki Makaurau to 2030* is a transport safety strategy that has strong leadership and collaboration across System Designers responsible for the safety and wellbeing of the people of Tāmaki Makaurau. It explores road safety with a wider harm reduction lens by incorporating a holistic approach to tackle not only transport issues but the equity and health issues of our transport system. This provides an opportunity for wider collaboration and partnership in the Strategy, including a voice from our health sector and Police.  To achieve this ambitious vision for zero, we need collaboration and our leaders and decision makers to get on board. Let’s start by having bold Vision Zero conversations that encourage System Designers to take collective responsibility for courageous change. |