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The Town of Highland marks its devotion to eliminating traffic fatalities and severe injuries by enacting a Safe Streets and Roads for All Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP). This plan has been prepared with a focus on data analysis and community engagement and prioritizing projects with a high impact on safety for all road users.

This CSAP is aligned with the Town of Highland's Vision Zero goal of achieving a 40% reduction in fatal and serious injury crashes by 2040.

The Town of Highland embraces the Safe System approach and recognizes that severe crashes are intolerable and preventable, acknowledging that although mistakes are inevitable, traffic fatalities do not have to be. Furthermore, the Town affirms that it possesses the tools and knowledge to be proactive in averting tragedies, and it shares responsibility with the public and other stakeholders to ensure that when crashes do occur, they do not result in devastating outcomes. This CSAP emerges as a response to a strong and clear call to action from Highland residents and establishes a commitment to guaranteeing a transportation system that prioritizes safety for all.

Through the diligent implementation of this CSAP, the Town of Highland will steadily advance toward its safety objectives while simultaneously nurturing a transportation network that is safe, accessible, and equitable for all residents, particularly for those most vulnerable. By placing safety and collaboration at the forefront, Highland is poised to create enduring positive change within its community and safeguard the well-being of all road users.

The Town of Highland CSAP encompasses a structured approach, beginning with the creation of a **task force** responsible for overseeing the action plan's development and guiding its future implementation. This is followed by reviewing and summarizing existing crash data, establishing a **High-Injury Network (HIN)**, and identifying **hotspot locations**, thus laying the groundwork for targeted interventions. **Public outreach** efforts are detailed, outlining the relevance of public input to the planning process.

Furthermore, the plan demonstrates Highland's **commitment to equity** by analyzing underserved populations and their relationship to severe crashes. Evaluations of the Town's current plans and policies identify opportunities for improvement in roadway safety. The plan establishes a framework for identifying and prioritizing safety projects, considering historic crash data, equity analysis, and public feedback. Additionally, non-project **strategic improvements** are recommended, and stakeholders responsible for implementation are identified.

Lastly, the plan details future updates, how the Town's effectiveness will be measured, and how these efforts will be communicated to the public and stakeholders, ensuring **transparency** and accountability in achieving safety goals.

As Highland embarks on this journey, the Town remains dedicated to engaging with its community, leveraging data-driven insights, and continually refining strategies to ensure that Highland remains at the forefront of innovation and progress in traffic safety. Together, Highland and its citizens can build a future where every journey is a safe one.

