



October 7th, 2024

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Corey D. Woods
Mayor

On Sunday morning, a group of people enjoying a morning bicycle ride were hit by a car. Three unfortunately ended up in the hospital. I hope for fast and full recoveries for those who were injured.

This collision shook our bicycling community as well as residents throughout Tempe. People have the right to feel safe while riding. We hear you and respect your concerns: there is no acceptable number of injury accidents in Tempe.

Tempe is part of the Vision Zero network – a group of cities across the nation that is dedicated to eliminating traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries on our roads, regardless of mode of transportation. Bicyclists and pedestrians deserve to be safe.

Our Vision Zero program is data-driven. We continually monitor the causes of collisions and their locations, and drill down to the finest details to determine what we can do to make our streets safer for residents and visitors alike. We've lowered speed limits and made structural changes to improve visibility on some streets. We have instituted Safety Corridors in parts of our city where we have had higher numbers of collisions. These areas are places of extra enforcement. We hang bright yellow banners along the street to remind people that they need to slow down, pay attention and drive safely.

Soon, we are implementing photo enforcement. This is a nationally proven method to get people to slow down and reduce the number of people who run red lights.

Our community's safety is of utmost importance. Alongside the cycling community, the Tempe City Council, city leadership, Tempe Police and city staff will continue to find ways to make our streets safer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Corey D. Woods', with a long, sweeping underline.

Corey D. Woods
Mayor
City of Tempe, Arizona