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## Vision Zero Plan- 2023 Update & Additional Information
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George County's Vision Zero Committee members have met several times with Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) staff to improve the Vision Zero Action Plan in 2023. The County Engineer also attended MDOT's Local Road Safety Workshop in January 2023 with an in-depth review of causes behind fatal crashes and accidents.

From this workshop, George County organized a follow-up in person meeting with MDOT's Highway Safety Division in February 2023. During this two hour meeting, the George County Committee Members and MDOT engineers discussed updated local statistical data for fatal and serious accidents and a new safety signage grant program.

In March 2023, updated data provided by MDOT's Highway Safety Division confirmed local data (sheriff/city crash reports) showing "lane and/or roadway departures" as the largest contributing factor behind fatal and serious car accidents in George County over the previous five years.

The George County Board of Supervisors approved developing a new public survey on road safety in May 2023 to be included in the Vision Zero Action Plan. This **six** question survey identifies resident's primary modes of transportation, their ranking of factors for local traffic accidents, and what areas need safety improvements.  The survey was launched at a SS4A Community Meeting on June 27, 2023. The survey was disturbed at the Board's July 3 regular meeting and at the County's Independence Day Celebration on July 4, 2023.

Additionally, the County's Community Development Officer added a website link to this public survey and a new website page with details about the County's SS4A Grant application to the County's website at www.georgecountyms/newsletter.

Other activities in June include the County Engineer's attendance at MDOT's Strategic Safety Plan Summit focused on bringing safety practitioners from different disciplines together to weigh in on what strategies could best reduce crashes. There were sessions about rural roadways and how a County can address both "intersection" and "lane departure" crashes.