

Stamford Vision Zero Task Force Meeting Minutes

Wednesday July 5th, 2023 at 9:30 am via a Zoom Meeting

In Attendance via Zoom: Luke Bittenwieser, Jianhong Wang, and Frank Petise from the Transportation, Traffic & Parking Department, Sgt. Jeff Booth from the Stamford Police Department, Frank Lagoe from the Office of Public Safety, Health, and Welfare, Joe Gaudett from Emergency Dispatch and Communications, Aris Ristau from UCONN, William Wright, Phil Magalnick, Jennifer Godzeno, David Kooris, Jim Grunberger, and Ashley Ley

The meeting was started at 9:32 am

Old Business

- 1) Transportation, Traffic & Parking Department Updates
 - a. Working on a \$16M USDOT Safe Street and Roads For All grant for Strawberry Hill Avenue.
 - b. Looking at safety based parking tickets such as parking on crosswalks, parking too close to corners, etc. TTP will meet with Parking Enforcement officers to target more safety based violations.
 - c. Repainting downtown crosswalks and possibly widening them as well.
- 2) Police Department/Public Safety Updates
 - a. Traffic enforcement updates
 - i. Traffic Enforcement down 50% since 2019
 - ii. Up 50% in enforcement since last year
 - iii. Up 30% since 2021
 - iv. Increase in pull overs for speeding and stop sign running. Speed related pullovers are now 20% compared to 10% of all tickets.
 - v. Downtown is #1 for tickets
 - vi. Reduced number of stops for broken lights
 - vii. Traffic Enforcement unit has been consistent in issuing tickets before, through, and since COVID
 - viii. 24 new recruits trained in speed enforcement for the patrol division
 - b. Vision Zero Dashboard
 - i. Updates coming to the dashboard including overlaying with census tracts
 - ii. Determine risk factors compared to other towns
- 3) Vision Zero RFP Update
 - a. A consultant has been conditionally awarded for the Vision Zero Action Plan.

New Business

1. Vision Zero Project Review Form

- a. Moving along and implementing the form for City projects and Zoning Board Projects
2. Washington Blvd and Main Street Pilot Project
 - a. Temporary delineator bump out pilot project
 - b. Working with CTDOT to get approval to implement this project
3. Washington Blvd RSA
 - a. Technical walk through with CTDOT and FHI Studio was held last week
 - b. Various safety enhancements were discussed such as bump outs and raised crosswalks/intersections
 - c. Report being compiled
 - d. Draft report should come out in July/August
4. Speed Cameras
 - a. State Bill legalized speed camera enforcement
 - b. Stamford needs to look at existing City Ordinances and work with TTP, Police, and Public Safety Departments to implement them in Stamford
 - c. There was additional discussion related to speed cameras such as the possible process for implementing them.
5. National Pedestrian Death Update
 - a. More than 7,500 Pedestrians were killed in the US in 2022. The highest amount since 1981.
 - b. Connecticut had 62 pedestrian deaths in 2022
 - c. Connecticut set a record in 2022 for all fatal crashes

Review Minutes from May Meeting.

No Votes were taken.