

Stamford Vision Zero Task Force Meeting Minutes

Tuesday August 1st, 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, Patrick Mickens from UCONN, William Wright, Jennifer Godzeno, David Kooris, Jim Grunberger, and Ashley Ley

The meeting started at 9:33 am

Old Business

- 1) Transportation, Traffic & Parking Department Updates
 - a. Construction Updates
 - i. Greenwich Avenue/ Pulaski Street Intersection Improvement Project (LOTICIP) has begun.
 - ii. Lower Summer Street construction is underway. Some utility conflicts have delayed the project, but construction has resumed.
 - b. The Safe Streets for All Federal Grant for Strawberry Hill Corridor has been submitted.
 - c. An award letter was given to the consultant selected for the Vision Zero Task Force.
 - d. Crosswalks and pedestrian ramps are being added behind Stamford high school before the start of school.
- 2) Police Department/Public Safety Updates
 - a. No major incidents prior to last week.
 - b. Wire Mill Road Crash.
 - i. The state police are currently investigating the incident.

New Business

- 1) Wire Mill Road Crash
 - a. The death of Reverend Tommie Jackson on Wire Mill Road is currently under investigation by the Connecticut State Police.
 - i. This investigation can take up to several months.
 - b. Suggestions were made on what can be done to improve safety on Wire Mill Road in the short term.
 - i. Pavement markings.
 - ii. Armadillo barriers to prevent speeding.
 - iii. Paint markings within the street to create the illusion that the lane is narrower than it is.
 - iv. Seeing if mailboxes can be put on both sides of the road.
 - v. Clearing brush for additional line of sight.
 - vi. Adding mirrors on sharper corners.
 - vii. Increasing speed enforcement and adding speed readback signs.
- 2) Mid-Year Year to Date Crash Data

- a. Discussion on Mid-Year Crash data.
 - i. The Moter Vehicle Crash Calls for Service are below pre-pandemic, however, are higher then 2021 and 2022 for the first six months of this year.
 - ii. Motor vehicle crash calls for service with Stamford Health Transport are consistent and is higher than pre-pandemic.
 - iii. Compared to other towns near us, Stamford's Moter Vehicle Crashes are lower than most cities (Not adjusted for population). We are second lowest only above Norwalk.
- 3) Washington BLVD and Main Street Pilot Project
 - a. Revised plans were submitted.
 - b. These changes are expected to go into effect by mid-august.
- 4) Washington Blvd RSA
 - a. CTDOT and consultant FHI Studio's draft report will be available near mid-august.

No Votes were Taken.

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