



- MINUTES -
VISION ZERO ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 Sevier Park Community Center

March 28, 2024

ATTENDEES

COMMITTEE

Peter Robison, Hannah Sasscer, Jeremiah Wooten, Wesley Smith, Ben Hubert, Shandira Edgecombe, and Chris Bower

STAFF

Guneet Saini, Piro Meleby, and Madison Fitzgibbon

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Christine Irizarry, Amanda Key, Carmen Jones, and Nicole Abernathy

1. Call to Order

- The March 28, 2024, meeting of the Vision Zero Advisory Committee was called to order at 5:10 PM by Chair Robison.

2. Roll Call

- Present: Chair Peter Robison, Vice-Chair Hannah Sasscer, Jeremiah Wooten, Wesley Smith, Ben Hubert, Shandira Edgecombe, and Chris Bower
- Absent: Christine Irizarry, Amanda Key, Carmen Jones, and Nicole Abernathy
- Resigned: Christopher Sandwith, Phillip Peck, Joy Andal, and Katherine McDonell

3. Approval of Minutes

- February minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Public Comment

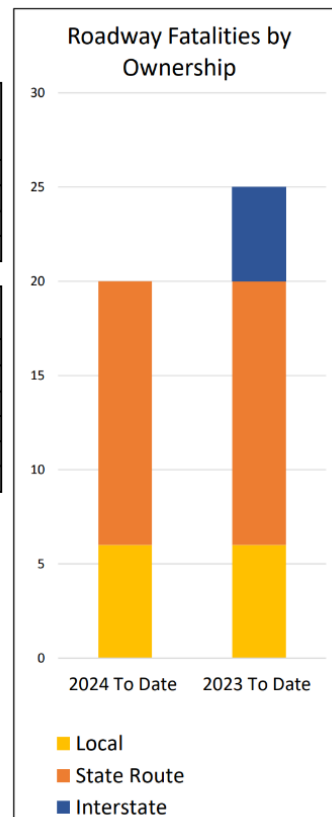
- There was no public comment at this time.

5. Fatal Crash Statistics Update

2024 Roadway Fatalities To Date

By Ownership	2024 To Date	2023 To Date	Change (%)	February
Interstate	0	5	-100%	0
State Route	14	14	0%	9
Local	6	6	0%	4
Total	20	25	-20%	13

NDOT Jurisdiction (Local + State Route)	2024 To Date	2023 To Date	Change (%)	February
Vehicle	14	5	180%	8
Pedestrian	5	9	-44%	4
Motorcycle	0	1	-100%	0
Bicycle	0	0	#DIV/0!	0
Single Vehicle	1	5	-80%	1
Total	20	20	0%	13



- Mr. Meleby presented the fatal crash statistics for February. There were a total of 13 fatalities in the month of February. 7 out of the 13 came from two crashes. 3 fatalities occurred on Woodland Street and 4 fatalities occurred on Bell Road just past I-24 in a crash between 2 vehicles.
- There were also 4 pedestrian crashes that occurred at the following locations, Bell Road, Harding and Limber, West Trinity Lane, and the intersection on Brick Church Pike.
 - Ms. Saini stated that right turns and high-speed slip lanes have been standing out as additional risk factors. Trinity Lane has been marked as a potential year 3 transformative project in the implementation plan.
 - Chair Robison stated that any road with a double-digit death toll should be considered as high priority. He added he would like to mark this topic as an item for later discussion in an upcoming meeting.
- Mr. Meleby stated that they have a site visit scheduled for Wednesday to review the two pedestrian crashes that occurred on Broadway. A pedestrian traveling in an unmarked crosswalk on Broadway and 14th Ave was struck by a semi-truck who failed to yield to the pedestrian. Weather was not a factor in this crash.
- Ms. Saini added that there have been 3 life threatening pedestrian crashes and 1 fatal pedestrian crash in the recent days.
 - Mr. Wooten stated MNPD put out a press release right before this meeting that one of the life threatening crashes has officially become a fatal pedestrian crash.
- Chair Robison asked if these high numbers are being elevated to the Director level within NDOT.
 - Ms. Saini responded that NDOT leadership is notified at the same time they are.
- Ms. Edgcombe stated that the issue at Broadway is not necessarily the number of pedestrians but the state of attention/intoxication of the drivers on Broadway. She added that even the way the signal is set up, it is designed to rush people out of the area and has noticed several people running red lights at this location.
 - Ms. Saini stated NDOT will evaluate the signals and LPIs for these locations. No turn on red would also need to be implemented. The semi-truck was stopped on red and then turned right. No right turns on red is something that would have to be done systemically but right turn crashes are another risk factor.
 - Chair Robison added this location would be a good candidate for no right turns on red.
 - Mr. Smith added the interstate access roads would also be a good location. He also suggests adding additional lighting in these crosswalk locations.

6. Items to be Considered

a) Bus Stop Crossing Safety

- Ms. Saini shared the list of potential bus stop locations that are being reviewed for additional crossing safety plans.
- Ms. Edgcombe stated she is very happy to see Madison and Due West on the list as there are several people that get off at this location and have nowhere to go.
- Ms. Saini stated they have received some push back from TDOT regarding the yellow delineators designated in the plans and would like to ask for the committee support in helping advance these plans.
- Ms. Saini added some of the shared locations will be removed from the list as they will be affected by other improvements.
- These projects are meant to result in quick pedestrian relief, opposed to putting in a crossing that would then require additional capital and time to implement.
- Ms. Edgcombe asked if there were any plans to adding additional lighting to these pedestrian refuge crossings.
 - Mr. Meleby stated that the delineators have reflectors strips that would reflect lighting. The delineations stand 3 ft tall and have 2-3 reflective strips per delineator. They would also refresh the striping at the island.
- Mr. Smith stated the function of these plans would be to keep cars out of the turn lane.
- Chair Robison stated he is in support of these crossings and they can be done quickly and are affordable.
- Ms. Edgcombe added that she is glad these crossing locations are based off the bus stops as this is where people naturally want to cross regardless of surrounding infrastructure.
- Mr. Meleby stated that these crossings are being done independent of TDOT's efforts, but a lot of these locations have also been identified for pedestrian hybrid beacons.
 - Ms. Edgcombe stated Nolensville Pk should also be consider for these crossings are she has seen several people almost get hit at those location.
- Ms. Saini continued to show the plans for additional crossing locations. She added there are some locations that will be more difficult than others due to driveway interference.
 - Mr. Hubert stated that there is no curb on the upper half of the road at the Dickerson and Ewing location.
 - Mr. Bowe added that the slip lane in this location creates additional conflict.
 - Ms. Saini stated that there are some additional improvements that are being considered for this location.

b) Speed Limit Assessments

- Ms. Saini presented on the speed limit assessments.
- Mr. Bowe asked if the precinct knows about these proposed locations to be able to monitor accordingly.
- Ms. Saini stated they will be holding a stakeholder meeting for the Dickerson Pike speed limit assessment and would like to invite the committee to attend for support.
- Mr. Hubert asked if there were any other speed reeducation benefits outside of the known crash safety statistics.
 - Ms. Saini stated that reducing speed limits allow to provide more and better safety treatments and improve overall safety of the corridor.
- Mr. Smith asked what TWLTL stands for in the presentation.

- Ms. Saini responded that it stands for two way left turn lane.
- Ms. Edgecombe stated she was surprised NDOT would be in support of keeping portions of the road at 45 mph.
- Mr. Smith asked if the full report goes into more detail about why a speed reduction would not be recommended.
 - Ms. Saini stated it is not stated directly in the report, but a general assumption would be that areas that are not receiving a speed reduction are not supported by the crash, traffic, or roadway characteristics data. She also added it is important that speeds are being re-evaluated every five years as development shifts.
 - Mr. Smith stated that at the federal level they recognize movement reorganization. He would like to see NDOT take the lead and be proactive instead of reactive on this front. For example, not building sidewalks on roads where speeds are not controlled or expanding Nolensville into the suburbs as to not make these problems worse.
- Chair Robison would like to see a consistent 35 mph across the whole stretch of Lebanon Pk.
 - Ms. Saini stated they will reevaluate to see if 40 mph or below speed limit is supported by data.
 - Ms. Edgecombe added she understands about the crash data not supporting a speed reduction; however, this is one of the most underdeveloped areas currently, but the development is coming.
 - Mr. Smith added he was impressed with the bike lane plans that were proposed for this area, but he would like to make sure this bikeway can continue throughout the whole area as it develops.
- Ms. Hubert added he noticed some major pikes that were not on the list shown. Will they be doing additional pike outside of the ones shown on the list.
 - Ms. Saini stated these are the pikes they will be starting with but plan to do this evaluation process for all major pikes. She also added Rosa Park is currently being evaluated for a safety study.

c) Surplus Budget

- Ms. Saini shared the proposed project list that will be funded by surplus dollars.
- Ms. Smith asked if this is the surplus that was approved last summer. Ms. Saini responded that is the surplus that was approved last summer, and the funding became available this March for use.
- Mr. Smith asked when they expect the projects on the list to reach completion.
 - Ms. Saini stated planning is starting on the list of projects now. A lot of these projects are capital projects, but they will hopefully go into design this year and possibly even construction.
 - Ms. Smith stated he was under the impression Dickerson would be done this year.
 - Ms. Saini responded that is the goal. Some of the projects will be prioritized, such as Dickerson and School Zones.
- Ms. Edgecombe asked how the signal improvement locations are being decided.
 - Ms. Saini stated they will be focusing on the ones on the high injury network. They have already identified signals that are lacking infrastructure to be able to convert into LPIs, but this funding will be used to improve the infrastructure at these locations so the signals can receive pedestrian crossing additions.

7. New Discussion

- Mr. Smith stated he appreciates NDOT staff support in the effort of Vision Zero but there still seems to be a disconnect on what Vision Zero is.
- Ms. Bowe added into the discussion on if their feedback as a committee is making an impact.

8. Communications

a) Reports from Vision Zero Advisory Committee Members and Subcommittees

- **New Member Subcommittee**
 - New Member Voting
 - Chair Robison open the discussion by stating they have short list of potential candidates that were determined from their previously called special meeting to review new members.
 - The present committee members then reviewed a quick recap of what was discussed during this special meeting.
 - Election of New members and Term Duration
 - Mr. Wooten motioned to nominated Ryan Renfro. Mr. Hubert seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
 - Mr. Wooten motioned to nominated Kim Ayers. Mr. Hubert seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
 - Mr. Wooten motioned to nominated Lindsey Ganson. Mr. Hubert seconded the motioned and it was approved unanimously.
 - Mr. Wooten motioned to nominated Robin Lovett-Owen. Mr. Hubert seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
 - Mr. Hubert motioned to nominate Sam Warlick as the 1st alternative member. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
 - Mr. Hubert motioned to nominate Landon Clark as the 2nd alternative member. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
 - Ms., Edgecombe motioned for Chair Robison to be re-elected for his next term. Mr. Wooten seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
 - Ms. Smith suggested sending out a randomized term proposal via email to determine the order of member term roll offs as defined in the bylaws.
- New Member Orientation

- NDOT has proposed that the new member subcommittee hold a separate new member orientation meeting prior to the groups next regularly scheduled meeting to on-board these new committee members.
- Official Bylaws Language Change
 - Language change was voted on in a previous meeting but has not yet been adopted into the bylaws. Chair Robison is going to update the bylaws with the new language and distribute to the committee via email.

- **Planning and Engineering Subcommittee**

- There were no updates at this time.

- **Fatal Crash Investigation Subcommittee**

- There were no updates at this time.

- **Strategic Planning Subcommittee**

- There were no updates at this time.

- **Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee Subcommittee**

b) Report from director and staff

- NDOT proposed to change meeting schedule. NDOT encouraged the committee to move their meeting date from the last Thursday of the month to the second Wednesday of the month to have a consistent location which will allow the capability to live stream meetings, build a better public audience, and avoid end of month holiday conflicts such as Thanksgiving and Christmas.
 - The committee was not in favor of the proposed date but was open to adjust the date. Chair Robison asked for a poll to be sent out to the committee on available dates for them to vote on during their next meeting.
- Ms. Saini reported NDOT will be sharing Connect Downtown final comments during the Traffic and Infrastructure Committee on Monday, 4/1.

9. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.