



- MINUTES -
VISION ZERO ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 Sonny West Conference Center

May 14, 2024

ATTENDEES

COMMITTEE

Peter Robison, Hannah Sasscer, Ben Hubert, Chris Bowe, Christine Irizarry, Jeremiah Wooten, Shandy Edgecombe, Robin Lovett-Owen, Ryan Renfro, Lindsey Ganson

STAFF

Val Martinez, Piro Meleby, Justin Cole, Derek Hagerty, and Dahlia Grub

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Amanda Key, Wesley Smith, Carmen Jones, Nicole Abernathy, and Kim Ayers

1. Call to Order

- The May 14, 2024, meeting of the Vision Zero Advisory Committee was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chair Peter Robison.

2. Roll Call

- Present: Chair Peter Robison, Vice-Chair Hannah Sasscer, Ben Hubert, Chris Bowe, Christine Irizarry, Jeremiah Wooten, Shandy Edgecombe, Robin Lovett-Owen, Ryan Renfro, Lindsey Ganson
- Absent: Amanda Key, Wesley Smith, Carmen Jones, Nicole Abernathy, and Kim Ayers

3. Approval of Minutes

- April minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Public Comment

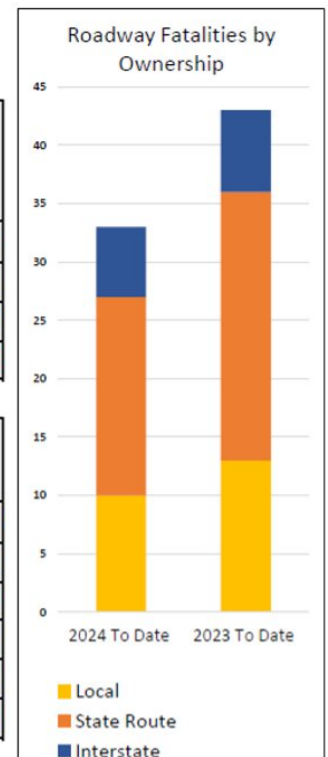
- There was no public comment at this time.

5. Fatal Crash Statistics Update

2024 Roadway Fatalities To Date

By Ownership	2024 To Date	2023 To Date	Change (%)	April
Interstate	6	7	-14%	5
State Route	17	23	-26%	1
Local	10	13	-23%	2
Total	33	43	-23%	8

NDOT Jurisdiction (Local + State Route)	2024 To Date	2023 To Date	Change (%)	April
Vehicle	14	5	180%	0
Pedestrian	9	13	-31%	1
Motorcycle	3	6	-50%	2
Bicycle	0	0	#DIV/0!	0
Single Vehicle	2	11	-82%	1
Total	27	36	-25%	3



- Mr. Meleby presented on the fatal crash statistics for April. There were 8 fatal crashes for the month of April, 3 of which occurred on NDOT jurisdiction roads. There was 1 pedestrian crash and 2 motorcycle crashes.
- Mr. Meleby went over the specific crash risk factor findings for each of the fatal crash locations.

- Chair Robison asked Mr. Meleby if there is any sense of the trend of decreased vehicle fatalities.
 - Mr. Meleby responded that he is unable to speak to that at this time, but he will investigate for a future update.

6. Items to be Considered

a) Discussion on Lighting

- Mr. Hubert opens the discussion by stating that in the July 2023 meeting he had called on NDOT to improve the street light maintenance on High Injury Networks because majority of the pedestrian deaths occur at night. He states that as many as 20% of Nashville's streetlights were broken at a time. In the meeting Director Diana Alarcon and Deputy Director Brad Freeze promised that NES would prioritize High Injury Network and make upgrades.
- Mr. Hubert then pointed to the Nashville Streetlights website where you can see that NES has not prioritized the High Injury Network. He stresses that according to the map, major roads such as Murfreesboro Pike, Lebanon Pike, Charlotte Pike, and Nolensville Pike will not have their lights replaced this year.
- Mr. Hubert invited Mr. Hagerty to speak about the lights on the High Injury Network and when they will be complete.
- Mr. Hagerty states that NDOT has shared the High Injury Network locations with NES. He explained that NES is working through these projects in blocks.
- Mr. Hagerty explains that Nashville is divided into about 30 or 40 blocks, each about 4 miles wide and 2.5 miles tall. NES is having their contractor work through the projects in blocks to enable them to be as efficient as possible to meet the 5-year timeline. Within these blocks, NES is prioritizing the High Injury Network. This strategy also allows for NES to meet contract requirements.
- Mr. Hubert explains he was under the impression that the High Injury Network would be prioritized above everything else.
 - Chair Robison states that the conversation about blocks did not come up, and the conversation was about High Injury Network only. For example, with Clarksville Pike being an original High Injury Network and needing new lights.
- Mr. Wooten states that yesterday he sent an email about Lafayette Street because he noticed that on the Nashville Streetlights website, lights had been replaced, and Lafayette is a High Injury Network.
- Mr. Wooten is curious to know how that project moved forward and why haven't others in the same manner?
 - Mr. Hagerty explains that within the contract NDOT has with NES, NDOT has essentially \$250,000 a year for Capital Lighting Projects, which traditionally is installing new lighting. Hundreds of requests come in a year to install new lights, which is where the dollar amount is drawn from. This is part of the operational budget, which pays for the NES contract.
- Mr. Hubert asks if the committee would like to write a request for NDOT to spend some of the budget money on the High Injury Network, jumping over the blocks, with the understanding that this is less efficient, but that people are dying, and efficiency is not the most important thing.
 - Mr. Hagerty states that there is some flexibility in the \$250,000 budget. It is a reasonable request for the committee to want High Injury Networks prioritized.
 - Mr. Hagerty explains the new tracking software will help NDOT track requests for lighting updates and replacements.
- Chair Robison and Mr. Hubert suggest Mr. Bowe writes a call to action and send it to Director Diana Alarcon and Deputy Director Brad Freeze, expressing the urgency in getting High Injury Networks prioritized.
- Ms. Ganson asks about the timeline for the contract.
 - Mr. Hagerty confirms that NES is ahead of schedule and has installed about 7,000 lights.

b) Main/Gallatin Updates

- Mr. Cole provided the committee with updates on the Gallatin/Main BRT corridor project. The last round of public engagement was in March, and from these meetings feedback has been received and considered in concept revisions.
- Final recommendations are expected to be shared in early June at the next meeting. There will also be more detailed plans for the segment from Fifth to Eastland.

7. New Discussion

- Motion to dissolve the Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee subcommittee.
 - The motioned was approved.
- Mr. Hubert suggests rebranding the Strategic Planning Subcommittee as a Strategic Initiative Subcommittee. This change will focus more on a specific item for 3-4 years at a time, to lead the charge in making changes, such as speed reductions on collector streets.
- Motion to remove Carmen Jones and Nicole Abernathy from the committee.
 - The motioned was approved to remove both Ms. Jones and Ms. Abernathy from the committee.
- Motion to add Charles Weingarten to the committee.
 - The motioned was approved.
- Motion to add Landon Clark to the committee.
 - The motioned was approved.

8. Communications

a) Reports from Vision Zero Advisory Committee Members and Subcommittees

- **New Member Subcommittee**
 - Vice-Chair Sasscer and Mr. Weingarten volunteered to join the new member subcommittee.
- **Revision of Bylaws**
 - The bylaws were approved via email prior to this meeting. There were no additional revisions at this time.

- **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**
 - Mr. Weingarten volunteered to join the strategic planning subcommittee.
- **Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee Subcommittee**
 - This subcommittee was dissolved.

b) Report from director and staff

- There were no updates at this time.

9. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM.