



VISION ZERO TASK FORCE

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Date: February 7th, 2023
To: Mayor Caroline Simmons
From: Stamford Vision Zero Task Force
Re: Vision Zero Quarterly Update

Dear Mayor Simmons,

Per your Vision Zero Executive Order, the Stamford Vision Zero Task is required to submit a quarterly update to your office detailing the Task Force's progress and findings.

Since the signing of the Vision Zero Resolution, there have tragically been 3 fatal roadway crashes in Stamford resulting in 4 deaths.

- One Pedestrian fatality on Courtland Avenue (CT-106) in the Vicinity of Seaton Road on September 28th, 2022
- Two Pedestrian fatalities at the intersection of Washington Blvd (CT-137) and Main Street on December 3rd, 2022
- One Driver fatality on Greenwich Avenue in the vicinity of Pulaski Street on January 1st, 2023

Additionally, there was the death of a driver in Cummings Park; however, that is an on-going investigation and there may have been additional medical circumstances related to that crash.

These deaths are unacceptable and antithetical to the purpose of the Task Force. Working to eliminate further deaths, the Task Force has accomplished the following:

- Formation of the full Vision Zero Task Force with City Officials, elected and appointed officials, and representatives of the community. The Task Force has met monthly since its formation.
- Creation of a dedicated Vision Zero webpage to host all information related to the initiative.
- Solicited bids for the creation of a Vision Zero Action Plan. We have received 4 proposals from some of the nation's top roadway safety and planning consultants.

- Discussed coordination and action steps with the Connecticut Department of Transportation for safety improvements on Washington Blvd.
- Discussed and reviewed the Transportation, Traffic & Parking Department's 2023 Safety Pilot Project Locations.
- Reviewed the City's Vision Zero Dashboard which should be released in the coming weeks. This dashboard will improve transparency and increase accountability by displaying information about Stamford's crashes.
- The Transportation, Traffic & Parking Department has presented to the Stamford Board of Representatives, Stamford Downtown Board of Directors, and the Stamford Rotary Club about Vision Zero. The Department and Task Force seeks to continue to present for various neighborhood groups.
- Reviewed and discussed updates from the Transportation, Traffic & Parking Department and Office of Public Safety, Health, and Welfare.
- Review the proposed Board of Representatives Vision Zero Resolution.

Going forward, the Task Force will undertake the following actions:

- Review and selection of the consultant for the Vision Zero Action Plan.
- Assist with the Road Safety Audit of Washington Blvd.
- Launch of the Vision Zero Dashboard.
- Assist with community engagement and outreach related to Vision Zero and roadway safety projects.
- Creation of an internal City and Private Developer Construction Project Vision Zero Review Form to ensure all new City and private construction projects incorporate elements of Vision Zero.
- Launch the Vision Zero Action Plan.
- Launch of the Transportation, Traffic & Parking Department's Pedestrian Safety Pilot Project

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Respectfully submitted,

Stamford Vision Zero Taskforce