

March 22, 2022

2:00p.m. – 4:00p.m.

Vision Zero Council



Vision Zero Council - Agenda

- I. Committee Chair Welcome and Introductions
 - II. Adoption of 2/16/22 Meeting Minutes
 - III. Connecticut State Police – Speed Enforcement Update
 - IV. Strategic Highway Safety Plan – Overview and Update
 - V. Committee Organization
 - a. Subcommittee Staffing – Committee Chairs
 - b. Discussion - Goals and next steps
 - VI. Administrative Items
 - VII. Next Meeting – date and topics
 - VIII. Public Comment
 - IX. Adjourn
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Welcome and Introductions



Adoption of 2.16.22
meeting minutes



Connecticut State Police

Efforts to Reduce Speeds



- Patrol Troopers
 - Make arrests
 - Issue summons, infractions and warnings
 - Create a presence on our roadways for deterrence
- Dedicated Traffic Enforcement Troopers
 - Speed Enforcement
 - Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement
- Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP)
 - Commanding Officers of each troop can request selective enforcement activity at “hotspots” in an effort to reduce fatal collisions where patterns are being displayed. Upon request, the Traffic Services Unit could be deployed at these hotspots.





Connecticut State Police

Efforts to Reduce Speeds



- DOT Grant funding for additional Troopers:
 - DUI
 - Speed and Aggressive Driving
 - Distracted Driving
 - Seatbelts
 - Seatbelt education (Convincer & Rollover simulator)
 - Overweight Commercial Motor Vehicle
 - Speeding Commercial Motor Vehicles





Connecticut State Police

Efforts to Reduce Speeds



- Map “Hotspots” for collisions and increase enforcement in those areas
- Drug Recognition Expert Program
- Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) Training
- Aviation Spotter Enforcement Program





Connecticut State Police

Efforts to Reduce Speeds



- Forensic mapping of serious injury & fatal collisions with small unmanned aircraft systems to reduce highway closures times, that may result in serious secondary collisions.
- Identification of the causation and any applicable contributing factors in fatal collisions that may identify issues that require corrective action.
- Social media outreach (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) to educate viewers on distracted driving, operating under the influence, seatbelt usage, and obeying the speed limit.
- Educating teen drivers within state schools with a School Resource Trooper. Initiatives include, but are not limited to, the Save-a-life-tour, fatal mock crashes during prom season, and educational presentations.
- UCONN Transportation Safety Research Center partnership

Enforcement Statistics

Connecticut Traffic Deaths				
2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
265	285	237	304	327

Traffic Stops per year conducted by State Police

2017-	162,377
2018-	132,447
2019-	141,176
2020-	58,133
2021-	63,903

Traffic Stops by Month

2020	August	2,907
	September	2,819
	October	2,608
	November	3,885
	December	3,335
2021	January	4,114
	February	2,547
	March	4,904
	April	4,515
	May	5,574
	June	5,117
	July	5,571
	August	6,357
2022	September	7,000
	October	5,662
	November	6,577
	December	5,965
	January	5,583



High Visibility Enforcement initiative Middletown to Hartford



- Wednesday, February 9th to February 14th, with the exception of Sunday, February 13th as we did not conduct enforcement due to the weather.
- During this time frame an average of 4 extra patrols per day which were a combination of overtime funded shifts and regular TSU shifts from the Traffic Services Unit were added to I-91 to address speeding and reckless driving.
- **359** traffic stops directly related to speeding or aggressive/reckless driving were made within the 5 day period.

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High Visibility Enforcement Rt. 25 Bridgeport to Monroe

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- One day initiative held on 3/7/2022 to address speed and aggressive driving
- **274** Traffic Stops directly related to speeding or aggressive/reckless driving, resulting in 2 arrests for Reckless driving



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STRATEGIC HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN



Vision Zero Council

March 2022

Presentation by Erika Lindeberg

SHSP - What is it?

- Overarching statewide, data-driven, comprehensive, multidisciplinary transportation safety plan.
- Integrates 4Es of safety – education, enforcement, engineering, and emergency medical services.



- Program of strategies that use design, technology, behavioral, and policy approaches to significantly reduce **fatalities** and **serious injuries** on all public roads.



SHSP – Why is it required?

- SHSPs were first required under SAFETEA-LU in 2005, which established the core Federal-aid Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).
- Must be updated every five years.
- Comprehensive plan that other safety plans must coordinate around.
- Federal Highway Administration oversees the HSIP.



SHSP – Since SAFETEA-LU

- SHSPs continued to be required under MAP-21 and FAST-ACT
- Performance target setting and tracking of specific metrics added:
 - High Risk Rural Roads
 - Older driver and Older pedestrian
- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) has added to the tracking of specific metrics:
 - Vulnerable Road User Assessment – **NEW**



Vulnerable Road User Assessment

- Must be completed within two years of enactment of IIJA bill.
- If vulnerable road user (non-motorist) fatalities are not $< 15\%$ of total fatalities, then state must obligate at least 15% of HSIP funding to address safety of vulnerable users.
- CT is currently programming $> 15\%$ of HSIP funding.



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SHSP Mission – Vision – Goal

- *Mission*

Connecticut's mission is to provide a safe transportation system by using partnerships to coordinate education, enforcement, engineering, and emergency response initiatives.

- *Vision*

The vision is that all users of Connecticut's transportation system will arrive safely to their destinations, achieving zero deaths or Toward Zero Deaths.

- *Goal*

Based on the current projection and Connecticut's commitment Toward Zero Deaths, the goal is a 15 percent reduction by 2026 as part of the 2022-2026 SHSP.

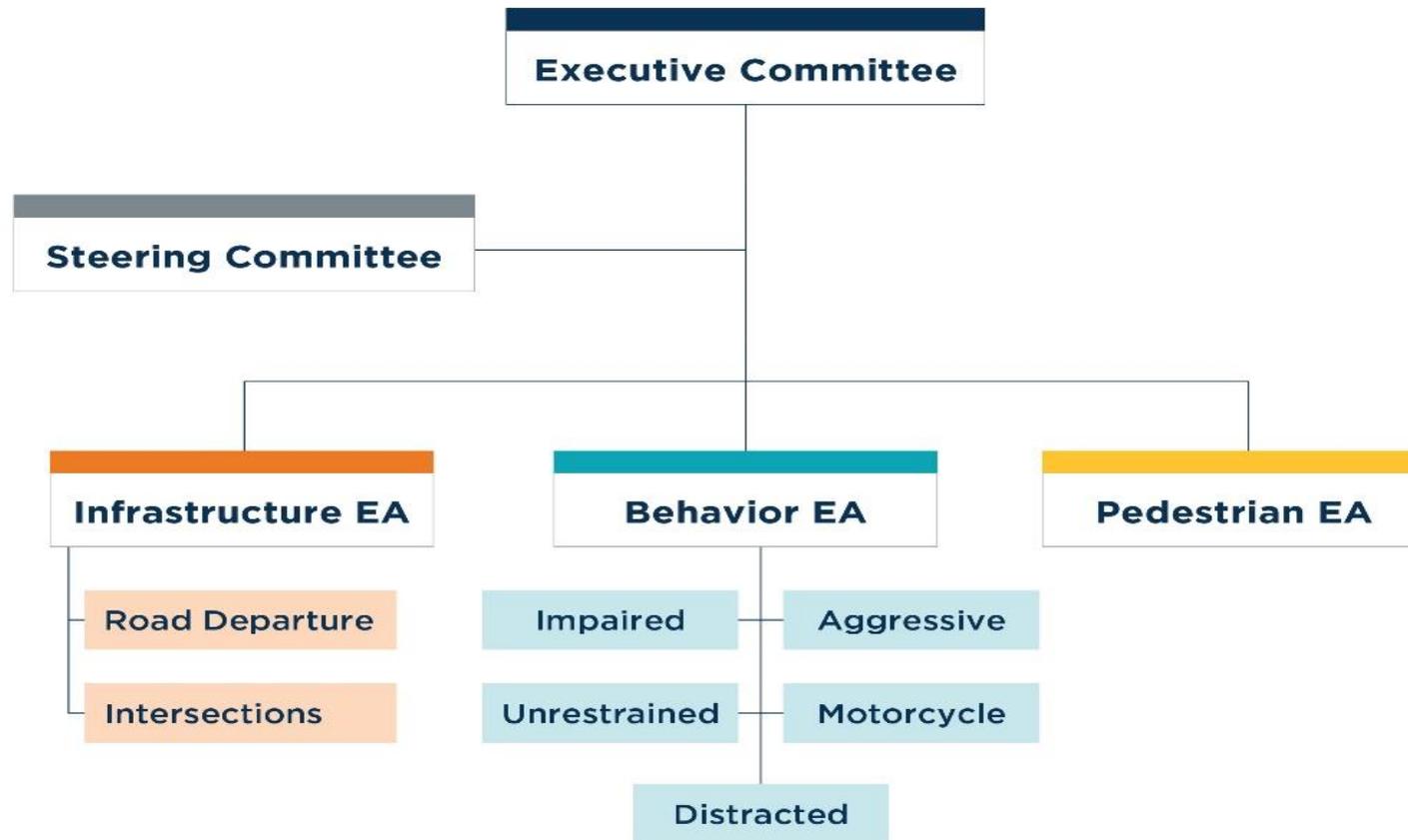


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SHSP – CT's Process Update



Leadership Structure



Program Management by CTDOT's State Safety Engineer – Natasha Fatu and the rest of the Safety Engineering Unit in the CTDOT Division of Traffic Engineering.

Emphasis Areas



Infrastructure EA

- Road Departure
- Intersections



Behavior EA

- Aggressive
- Distracted
- Impaired
- Motorcycle
- Unrestrained



Pedestrian EA



EAs based on data analysis and stakeholder input.

+ Additional Safety Areas, such as work zones and pedal cyclists, were identified to ensure a comprehensive SHSP.

SHSP – Implementation Phase Next

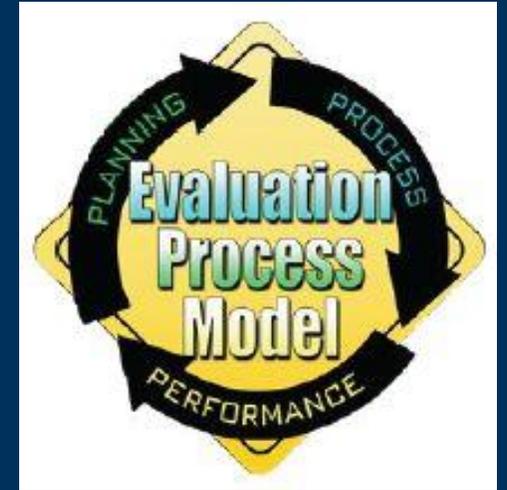
- Coordinated effort by safety leaders and partners
- Regular Executive and Steering committee meetings
- Emphasis Area committees:
 - Review performance objectives
 - Prioritize key strategies
 - Oversee implementation of strategies
 - Track progress
- Safe Systems Approach and Equity to be addressed



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SHSP – Evaluation Phase

- Living document –
 - can be adjusted to meet changing needs
- Process evaluation:
 - Organizational structure
 - Areas for potential improvements in future SHSPs
- Performance evaluation:
 - Effectiveness of strategies to achieve goal
 - Determine progress towards achieving the vision of zero fatalities



SHSP – Calling all stakeholders

- Implementation phase about to begin
 - Need consistent EA participation
 - Need broadened stakeholder involvement
 - Annual Safety Summit – TBD -
- Email TrafficSafety.DOT@ct.gov
to be part of an EA team





Q&A



TrafficSafety.DOT@ct.gov

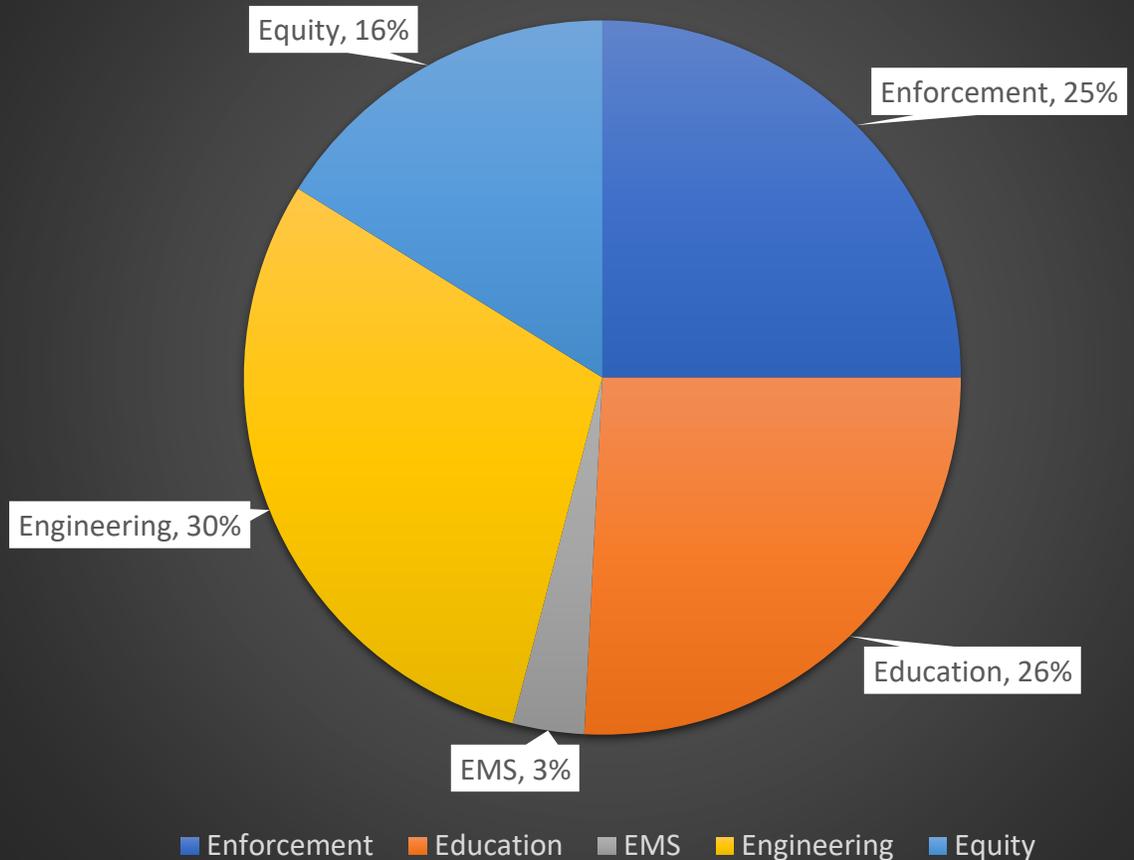
Link to Connecticut's Current SHSP:
[CT Strategic Highway Safety Plan | T2 Center \(uconn.edu\)](#)

Vision Zero Council – Committee Organization

Subcommittee Participation

- More than 50 responses via survey
- Top 2 choices accommodated for safety stakeholders
- Appointments of state agency participants by Council members
- Percentage breakdowns - EMS

Subcommittee Breakdown



Vision Zero Council – Committee Organization

- Subcommittee Staffing and chairs and next steps
 - Council members nominated participants to subcommittees from respective state agencies
 - One state agency member will co-chair each council and be responsible for setting up initial subcommittee meetings
 - Subcommittees should meet and select a co-chair from the pool of safety stakeholders who volunteered from the public
 - Subcommittees should meet at least twice prior to the next meeting of the VZC (June 2022)

Vision Zero Council – Committee Organization

- Enforcement Subcommittee
 - Co-chair: Sargent Mark Dicocco, DESPP

Name	Agency
Jennifer M. Barry	DCJ
Jackie McMahon	DCJ
Dan Parlapiano	DOT
Eamon Flannery	DOT
Sgt. Mark DiCocco	DESPP
Sgt. Alexander Cintron	DESPP
TFC Donald Dunning	DESPP
Lt. Jamie Taylor	Manchester PD
Lt. Robert Stanford	Manchester PD
Lt. Sean Maher	New Haven PD
Asst. Chief Anthony Armeno	Bridgeport PD
Capt. Darryl Wilson	Bridgeport PD
Sgt. Steven Lougal	Bridgeport PD
Sgt. Jon Krchnavy	Waterbury PD
Officer Timothy Budwitz	Hartford PD
Joy Allegra	Park City Wellness Center
Robert Frankel	UConn School Of Law
Abigail Roth	Safe Streets Coalition of New Haven / for city alder (six years)
Justin Peng	CT DPH - Epidemiology
Terri Thompson	CRCOG and Greater Hartford Traffic Incident Management Coalition
Roger Krahn	Capitol Region Council of Governments
Angela Rovinelli	individual/ however I am employed by Valley Transit District
Thomas Broderick	N/A—CT resident
Caro Marrero	N/A
Alec Slatky	AAA Northeast
Alva Jeffreys	N/a
Holly Schulz	None (previous RTM member) - local pedestrian safety advocate since 2005
Lior Trestman	Safe Streets Coalition of New Haven
Thomas Regan-Lefebvre	Center for Latino Progress / Transport Hartford
Richard Donovan	Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments
John Hall	The Jonah Center For Earth and Art

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- Engineering Subcommittee
 - Co-chair: Erika Lindeberg,
Transportation Principal
Engineer, DOT

Erika Lindeberg	DOT
Joseph Ouellette	DOT
David Ferland	ADS
Susan Logan	DPH
Susan Yurasevecz	DPH
Jennifer M. Barry	DCJ
Douglas Hausladen	New Haven Parking Authority
Neil Olinski	SLR Consulting
Joe Balskus	CT Bike Pedestrian Advisory Board
Craig Yannes	Tighe & Bond
David Beers	N/A
Andy Chakraborty, PE, PTOE	KS Engineers PC
Jim Jinks	Bike Cheshire, Bike Walk CT
Sandeep Aysola	Department of Transportation, Traffic and Parking
Charles Harlow	Fuss & O'Neill
Joseph Balskus	CT Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board
Roger Krahn	Capitol Region Council of Governments
Caro Marrero	N/A
Patricia Houser, PhD, AICP	Milford Environmental Concerns Coalition
Kerri Provost	N/A
Caitlin Palmer	Capitol Region Council of Government (CRCOG)
Sarah Roy	Fairfield Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee
Kaethe Podgorski	BETA Group, Inc
Holly Schulz	None (previous RTM member) - local pedestrian safety advocate since 2005
Lior Trestman	Safe Streets Coalition of New Haven
Richard Donovan	Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments
John Hall	The Jonah Center For Earth and Art
Thomas Broderick	N/A—CT resident
Adam Weber	City of New Haven
Jerry Silber	People Friendly Stamford
Judith Proctor	Concerned Resident
Amy Watkins	Connecticut Childrens
Melissa Evans	CT Training & Technical Assistance Center (T2 Center)
Kate Rozen	n/a
Abigail Roth	Safe Streets Coalition of New Haven / for city alder (six years)
Terri Thompson	CRCOG and Greater Hartford Traffic Incident Management Coalition
Anthony Cherolis	BiCi Co. & Transport Hartford Academy at the Center for Latino Progress

Vision Zero Council – Committee Organization

- Education Subcommittee
 - Co-chair: Ernie Bertothy,
Corporate and Public
Relations, DMV

Name	Agency
Shaun Formica	DMV
Ernie Bertothy	DMV
Jennifer M. Barry	DCJ
Magdalena Valentine-Campos	DCJ
Don Therkildsen	DCJ
Jackie McMahon	DCJ
Phyllis DiFiore	DOT
Eric Scoville	SDE
Judith Proctor	Concerned Resident
Amy Watkins	Connecticut Childrens
Melissa Evans	CT Training & Technical Assistance Center (T2 Center)
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Joseph Balskus	CT Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board
Joy Allegra	Park City Wellness Center
Alva Jeffreys	N/a
Marlon Pena	CTDOT
LaToya Ireland	For Right Now Corporation, Inc.
Michael Zacchera	Dept. of Public Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services
Marlon Pena	CTDOT

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- Equity Subcommittee
 - Co-chair: Sibongile Magubane, Commissioner, DMV

Sibongile Magubane	DMV
Eyvonne Parker-Bair	DMV
Susan Yurasevecz	DPH
Don Therkildsen	DCJ
Jackie McMahon	DCJ
Juliet Little	DOT
Alva Jeffreys	N/a
Marlon Pena	CTDOT
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Danielle Brown	CTDOT

Vision Zero Council – Committee Organization

- Subcommittee Goals and next steps
 - Per Connecticut Public Act 21-28, The council may establish committees at any time to advise the council in carrying out its duties
 - **Discussion** – Subcommittee goals prior to next meeting and beyond

Vision Zero Council – Administrative Items



Next Meeting(s)

June

September

December



Other Administrative items

Vision Zero Council – Public Comment

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