

WEST HARTFORD VISION ZERO TASK FORCE MEETING

Monday, October 2, 2023

5:00 p.m.

Virtual

NOTES

1. Welcome and Updates

Rick Ledwith opened the meeting and passed it over to Parker Sorenson, who reviewed the meeting agenda and project schedule.

2. New Business

a. Public Meeting #1 debrief

Shawna Kitzman recapped the public meeting – Task Force members generally felt that the public meeting went very well with the only major comment that one TF member wished attendance had been greater.

b. Preliminary survey and webmap findings

Shawna reminded the participants that the survey and webmap was to close on Tuesday, October 3. She reviewed the preliminary survey results and webmap comments. Task Force comments included delight about the high frequency of biking/scooter responses (Ed Pawlak) and appreciation that motorists expressed concern about other motorists' behavior (Sandy Castellon).

c. Follow up on Safety Assessment, High Injury Network, and Safety Focus Areas

Ben Silverstein reviewed the safety assessment and revised HIN methodology.

Parker reviewed the Vision Zero Focus Areas (VZFA) and how the three pillars (technical data analysis, transportation equity zones, and public input) contribute toward identifying the VZFAs.

Parker noted that draft safety assessment memo would be distributed to TF after this meeting, with comments due October 13.

Ed Pawlak asked if there would be any further opportunity to revise the HIN and Parker noted that the team would review comments from the TF.

d. Road Safety Audit (RSA)

Parker reviewed the plans for the Road Safety Audit, scheduled for Tuesday, October 24. The selected Road Safety Audit area is a 1-mile stretch of Park Road from New Park Ave to South Quaker Lane. Representatives from Town Departments and Task Force members (from Roadway Safety sub-committee) are welcome, along with corridor business owners. There is a cap on the participants; as over 20 or so renders the audit difficult to run efficiently.

e. Status update on draft Vision Zero Action Plan

Parker reviewed the status of the Action Plan, specifying that the consultant would distribute draft Strategies, Actions, and Goals to the Task Force in draft by Monday, October 9 to allow for review prior to the October 16 Task Force meeting.

3. Task Force Calendar

a. Upcoming Events/Meetings

Parker reviewed the upcoming project happenings:

- i. Task Force Meeting: Monday, October 16, Town Hall, Room 400
- ii. Road Safety Audit (all Task Force invited): Tuesday, October 24 at 11am; location to be provided
- iii. Task Force Meeting: Monday, November 13, Town Hall, Room 400
- iv. Public Meeting #2: Wednesday, December 6, 5:30-7:30 pm
Town Hall; location/room to be determined

4. Public Comment

The meeting was opened to public comments, of which there were none.

5. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned around 6pm.