

Vision Zero Council
June 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

This virtual public meeting was hosted on Zoom

Council Members Present: Garrett Eucalitto, Jackie McMahon, Jon Slifka, Eileen McMurrer, Susan Logan, Jim Polites, Mark DiCocco

Council Members Absent: Keith Norton, Sibongile Magubane

Guest Speaker: Kristen Levesque

Other Attendees: Aaron Swanson, Aaron Goode, Adam Weber, Aimee Berger-Girvalo, Alec Slatky, Allen Friedrich, Amy Watkins, Andy Chakraborty, Anne Kleza, Bryan Pavlik, Caitlin Palmer, Cathy Fletcher, Charles Harlow, Christopher Roberts, Craig Babowics, Craig Yannes, Devin Clarke, Dimitris Koutoumbas, Emily Ferreira, Eric Tang, Erika Lindeberg, Eytayo Olaleye, Fran Mayko, Gary Turco, Harrison Rasking, Holly Schulz, Jacob Knowlton, Jay Stange, Jennine Lupo, Joseph Balskus, Joe Cristalli, Josh Morgan, Judith Proctor, Kaethe Podgorski, Kate Rozen, Kate Rattan, Katherine Hedberg, Kimberly Lesay, Kristen Levesque, Lindsey Naughton, Meghan Portfolio, Michael Zacchera, Mike Allen, Natasha Fatu, Pat Padlo, Phyllis DiForce, Piotr Milczek, Richard Donovan, Sarah Roy, Sarah Santone, Shannon Burnham, Sharon Okoye, Shawna Kitzman, Susan Yurasevecz, Tanmay Chandwani, Terri Thompson, Thomas Aisevbonaye, Tim Sperry, Travis Gendron, William Cromwell, Yousheng Mao

I. Committee Chair Welcome and Introductions

- a. New Council Member: Mark DiCocco who was co-chair of the Enforcement Subcommittee is replacing Lieutenant Manzolino

II. Adoption of 3/7/2023 Meeting Minutes

- a. Motion by Mark DiCocco, seconded by Susan Logan, Motion carried - No Abstentions

III. Legislative Updates

- a. Legislative updates from VZC Agencies
- b. Anne Kleza – Legislative Program Manager, Office of Legislative Affairs, DOT

IV. Safe Routes to Schools Presentation – Kristen Levesque

- a. Transportation Engineer, Safe Routes to School Coordinator, DOT
 1. Safe Routes to Schools focuses on making it safer for more kids to walk and bike to school. Vision Zero Council works to eliminate all traffic deaths and serious injuries.
 2. Project Status
 3. Purpose
 4. Need
 5. Framework
 6. Legislation
 7. Areas of the state “in the vicinity of schools” as defined by IJJA
 8. Infrastructure
 9. Non-Infrastructure
 10. Programs
 11. Projects
 12. Alignment with Vision Zero
- b. Questions from Council Members

Question: Susan Yurasevecz - Are you able to share your shapefiles on the school mapping so that I might be able to use that. I also have access to graph data. And I'm curious about different types of injuries around those school locations.

Answer: Kristen Levesque- Yes, the mapping data that shows the vicinity of schools, and the buffer zones. We're working to develop a story map as well that will help to have even more comprehensive information.

Question: Joh Slifka - I'm curious, with the accessibility piece in the groups and organizations that you're working on. Who is bringing the perspective from the disability community to your meetings and to your sessions into your work.

Answer: Kristen Levesque - So far, we've partnered with some of the school districts, and have done some outreach with the administration at the school to get some more information. Our pedestrian and bicycle safety education working group is in its infancy just really starting so we would welcome some members to be able to help us with some of the different accessibility concerns.

Comment: Garrett Eucalitto: John, it would be great if you can provide Kristin with the contacts you think are best to loop into these working groups. Thank you.

Comment: Eileen McMurrer - I so appreciate that you've highlighted children as being a vulnerable population when using the roads. And so, as I hear you describe this magnificent work that's going on with safe routes to school, I immediately think about the safe route to childcare, because little people grow up into bigger people. If there are ways that the office of early childhood could support some of this work in terms of getting information out to parents at the earliest opportunity, I would be glad to participate in that.

V. Sub-Committee Updates

- a. Sub-Committee Co-Chair Updates
- b. Council Guidance to Sub-Committees prior to next VZC

VI. Next Meeting – dates and potential topics for future 2023 VZC meetings

- a. Next Meeting(s)
 1. September 19, 2023, 10:00AM – 12:00PM
 2. December 5, 2023, 10:00AM – 12:00PM

VII. Public Comment

Question: Sarah Roy - Question for Kristen - Kristen mentioned, funding for non-infrastructure would bike bus initiatives possibly be eligible for funding.

Answer: Garret Eucalitto – Kristen has left the meeting we will connect you with her so she can answer this question.

Comment: Susan Yurasevecz - Susan Yurasevecz is attending for Susan Logan of the DPH.

Question: Eileen McMurrer - Does Section 5-7 require training at EVERY renewal, or "every other" renewal?

Answer: Garrett Eucalitto - good question Eileen. Section 5 is for every other renewal, or upon someone moving here and transferring their license from another jurisdiction.

Comment: Eileen McMurrer - Thank you, Kristen! Prioritizing children as vulnerable road users is very welcome.

Question: Jon Slifka - Is there data on disability within that, Commissioner?

Answer: Eileen McMurrer - One enterprise data sharing initiative is P20WIN <https://portal.ct.gov/OPM/P20Win/> which provides the opportunity to link deidentified data across participating Executive Branch agencies.

VIII. Adjourn

Motion by Jackie McMahon, seconded by Jon Slifka, Motion carried