

Item # 5
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Morgan Hill City Council
Meeting September 21, 2016
Item #5: Vision Zero LOCC resolution and Morgan Hill initiative

Dear Morgan Hill City Council,

I urge you to endorse the League of California Cities (LOCC) resolution to support Vision Zero, whose goals are to create a culture that makes traffic safety a high priority and that eliminates fatalities and reduces severe injuries caused by traffic collisions with any users of our roadways. "It is important to understand that people make errors [illegal behaviors and poor judgment] and the overall transportation system needs to be designed to compensate for human error so that the consequence of a traffic collision is not severe injury or death." [SJ T&E May 2, 2016]

I am disappointed that you are only asking staff to further explore the benefits of the Vision Zero initiative to Morgan Hill. I recommend that you and staff look at how San Jose has incorporated Vision Zero into their transportation planning and outreach. The most recent Transportation and Environment Committee Annual Transportation System Safety Report from May 2, 2016, [SJ T&E May 2, 2016] can be found at sanjose.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?meta_id=570466 and the slides for the presentation can be found at sanjose.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?meta_id=571634. The Vision Zero San Jose (VZSJ) plan identified a series of actions centered on continuing and enhancing efforts related to Evaluation, Engineering, Education, and Enforcement, with emphasis also placed on Technology, Policy Alignment, and Partnerships. Rigorously analyzing collision data helps guide the City to prioritize future capital investments, optimize the deployment of limited traffic enforcement resources, and help to focus the messaging and delivery of education efforts.

While Morgan Hill staff have recommended many approaches to increasing safety for bicyclists and pedestrians in downtown, I see no overarching framework from a national standards organization or references to published studies.

National Association of Transportation City Officials (NACTO)
NACTO Vision Zero Working Group
Urban Street Design Guide
Transit Street Design Guide
Urban Bikeway Design Guide
University of California (Berkeley) Complete Streets Safety Assessment
Institute of Transportation Studies, Technology Transfer Program

And while I have personally discussed bike facilities with Mr. Gittleson and Mr. Creer, Engineers in Public Works, I do not know what professional associations staff belongs to and uses for continuing education. VTA's Bicycle & Pedestrian Program Manager hosts a monthly webinar produced by the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals.

The subject for April 15, 2015, was "Legal Rights and Issues for Pedestrians and Cyclists": understand the background and focus of the Vision Zero concept, and how laws relating to vulnerable road users relate to this concept.

Two powerful slides are

1) Don't be caught dead wearing black:

picture of tire track across right side of face

2) Three side-by-side speed limit signs:

hit by a vehicle traveling at: 40MPH only 1 out of 10 peds survive

hit by a vehicle traveling at: 30MPH 5 out of 10 peds survive

hit by a vehicle traveling at: 20MPH 9 out of 10 peds survive

I would have liked for the Parks and Recreation Commission, the only group to have received a presentation on Vision Zero, to have been invited to comment.

Thank you for your consideration.