



Vision Zero Meeting – October 7, 2022

Attendance

1. VZ Steering Committee
 - a) Erin Gill - City Mayor's Office
 - b) LaKenya Middlebrook / Mustafa Ali-Smith (alternate) - City Community Safety
 - c) Tom Clabo / Shawn Garner (alternate) - City Engineering
 - d) Amy Brooks – City Housing & Neighborhood Development
 - e) Bryan Hill / Zoe Scott (alternate) - Bike Walk Knoxville
 - f) Carly Pearson - Knox County ADA / Catalyst Consulting
 - g) Amber Ford - Knox County Health Department
 - h) Ellen Zavisca - Knox Planning
 - i) Chris Cherry - UTK Engineering
 - j) Moira Bindner (alternate) - UTK Parking & Transit
2. Facilitators
 - a) Brian Blackmon, City Sustainability
 - b) Dawn Michelle Foster, City Sustainability
 - c) Grace Levin, City Sustainability
 - d) Alex Marsicovetere, City Sustainability

Minutes

- 1) Intro (Brian Blackmon)
 - a) Review of baseline strategic priorities
 - b) Updates on coalition activities
 - i. 'Save Lives with 25' campaign by City – media coverage
 - ii. TPO quarterly crash data review
 - iii. City Council active transportation workshop
 - iv. Bike Walk Knoxville – Crash Survivor Stories video
 - v. Bike Walk Knoxville bike ride with elected official
 - vi. VZ newsletter launching
- 2) Process updates
 - a) New timeline / partnership with regional TPO (Brian Blackmon)
 - i. previous meeting, discussed how we were focused on federal Safe Streets for All (SS4A) funding opportunity. Afterwards, new opportunity to partner with TPO arose – a regional roadway safety plan. As a result, we're going to change course and community engagement timeline will be pushed back (winter/spring 2023). New process will still result in creation of City-specific VZ Action Plan – but this allows for a regional collaborative effort (transportation issues aren't confined to city boundaries, so regional collaboration makes more sense).
 1. Bryan Hill: City was originally going to lead planning effort. Why change?
 2. Brian Blackmon: SS4A program is basically VZ. We were originally going to apply for SS4A Planning Grant, but Implementation Grant allows us to leverage more stakeholders, bigger funding, more reasonable timeline.
 - b) Regional Roadway Safety Plan (Ellen Zavisca)
 - i. Knoxville-Knox County Planning / Knoxville Regional TPO: works with City, Knox County, and surrounding counties for comprehensive regional transportation planning.
 - ii. Opportunity to fund planning process over next year to set up Knoxville and other local governments to apply for SS4A Implementation grant funds in 2023.
 - iii. Safe Systems: USDOT supporting. Focus on collaborative approach to traffic safety, that all users are vulnerable to injury/death, and that we're all responsible for eliminating human loss.

- iv. Plan will align with USDOT priorities (for federal funding opportunities) and low-cost / high-impact projects or programs (for local funding)
- v. Goal: proactive solutions that prevent crashes
- vi. Will bring together existing data as well as developing predictive model to help identify locations/conditions where crashes are most likely
- vii. Elements of RRSP:
 - 1. Engage with local governments – including selecting consultant – but TPO staff guiding
 - 2. Local gov't funding + pledge from TDOT
 - 3. Public engagement – inc. City effort
 - 4. Scope of Work includes:
 - a. crash data analysis + creation of predictive model
 - b. Capacity building
 - c. Public engagement
 - d. Prioritized projects/strategies

viii. Recap of existing data – see TPO website

c) Updated timeline (Brian Blackmon)

- i. This partnership allows for more stakeholder participation, better collaboration, etc – and accelerates access to larger funds
- ii. Self-certified SS4A plan by summer 2023
- iii. Apply for SS4A Implementation grant in September 2023

3) Next steps

- a) Will share presentation & minutes soon
- b) Will update about City's winter/spring public engagement ASAP
- c) Q&A
 - i. Chris Cherry: engagement with Advance Knox (Knox Co regional land-use plan)? Will involve safety elements, but doesn't highlight safety – need to make sure it's addressed early.
 - 1. Ellen Zavisca: transportation/land-use plan. Focused on policy changes. Knox Planning very involved – data, etc. Lots of alignment.
 - 2. Brian Blackmon: we have good representation from County in this coalition.
 - 3. Carly Pearson: not very familiar, but will ask for information & ask relevant staff for information / participation.
 - 4. Zoe Scott: is on Advance Knox steering committee on behalf of BWK. Pushing for safety/VZ to be included but transportation safety was not explicitly prioritized. Will share information with group.

4) Close