

ECC Traffic Enforcement Subcommittee
Draft Minutes
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1. Review of Progress

A. Previous contacts

- Police Department lineups, including cheat sheets distributed to officers
- Inquiries into driver manual changes
- Inquiries into changes in state laws
- Inquiries to Yale Police Department (promised to include bicycle safety in 2007 and/or 2008 student orientations)
- Attempts to get metrics. Conclusion was that metrics on bicycle-related accidents have normally not been available or are too difficult to record.
- Interaction with police at Community Management Team meetings

2. Goals

A. The Traffic Enforcement Subcommittee will focus on enforcement issues related to the police department. Issues of traffic reconfiguration, etc., are already covered in the City's existing Bicycle Plan and will be addressed by the Bike Plan Subcommittee.

B. Develop list of enforcement priorities that can be used by ECC advocates when speaking with community groups and the police.

Preliminary list of enforcement needs:

- Passing and turning in front of a cyclist
- Speeding
- Cell phone use or texting while driving
- Running red lights and stop signs
- Illegal turns (right on red)
- Aggressive driving (covers several areas)
- Failure to yield right of way to cyclist
- Failure to stop for pedestrians (including those walking their bicycles) at intersections
- Things that cyclists should do (not riding on sidewalk, etc) should be included in such a list in the interest of fairness

C. Determine what citizens should do to report reckless driving

- City 311 use?
- Emergency 911 calls?

D. Possible next steps

- Reply to New Haven Mayor's letter regarding traffic enforcement (was this discussed)?
- Contact Bernie for unofficial update on current situation within the police department (Rob Rocke will do)
- Interaction with Rob Smuts, who oversees the police department (should wait until discussed further and the official LAB Accreditation information is received back)
- Bringing Aldermen on board in support of enforcement. Aldermen are very pro-traffic calming because it creates a safer environment for

pedestrians and cyclists

- Create neighborhood traffic enforcement summit?
- Support state legislative agenda of groups such as CCBA (Mark).
- Work with NHPD to reissue "cheat sheets". Perhaps they can include the new language from the ConnDOT Driver's Manual to make them more official. Did someone agree to draft this?
- Work with ECC Neighborhood Initiative to create "full court press" citywide that enforcement is a major concern of residents here