

MEMORANDUM

5/30/2013

TO: Art Holmes, Director, Department of Transportation
Tom Manger, Police Chief, Montgomery County Police Department
FROM: CountyStat
SUBJECT: Pedestrian Safety

The following items were identified for follow-up during the 5/8/2013 CountyStat meeting:

1. For next Pedestrian Safety Meeting, when displaying regional comparison data, incorporate a measure to rank or sort the counties and cities by population density to convey the difference between rural vs. urban areas, and/or rank by fatalities per 100,000 people.

Responsible parties: CountyStat
Other parties: none
Deadline: Next CountyStat Meeting on Pedestrian Safety

2. The multi-agency effort addressing the issue of collisions in parking lots and garages will engage private property owners of lots and garages to be on a panel in order to address this issue through education, signage, or the possible redesign of parking facilities, and possibly partner with a local university to conduct a targeted study.

Responsible parties: DOT
Other parties: none
Deadline: 11/22/2013

3. MCPD will be increasing their focus on driver violations ("Group 2") – Drivers at fault have been trending upwards in recent years – specifically in District-Identified Hot Spots through means such as education, enforcement, and pedestrian stings.

Responsible parties: MCPD
Other parties: none
Deadline: Ongoing

4. DOT is conducting photometric studies to improve lighting in specific areas in an effort to reduce collisions during evening and nighttime hours.

Responsible parties: DOT
Other parties: none
Deadline: Ongoing

5. In FY14, the Safe Routes to School program will complete its first pass on all public schools and begin to study the areas around private schools in MC, and will also be studying ways to address safety specifically during drop-off and pick-up activity at all schools. Another area to specifically address is teen pedestrians around high schools.

Responsible parties: DOT
Other parties: none
Deadline: Ongoing

6. Over the next five years, DOT will be re-timing all crossing signals to increase crossing time for pedestrians.

Responsible parties: DOT
Other parties: none
Deadline: Ongoing

cc: Timothy Firestine, Chief Administrative Officer
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