

# Atlanta Vision Zero Action Plan Task Force Meeting # 4

July 20, 2023  
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

## ATTENDEES

### ATLDOT

- Betty Smoot-Madison
- Cole Smith
- Commissioner Solomon Caviness

### Toole

- Rachel Brunner
- Andy Clarke
- Byron Rushing
- Omar Peters
- Stefanie Brodie
- Addie Weber

### VHB

- Ian Hamilton

### Blue Cypress

- Amanda Hatton
- Ansley Jones

### Task Force Members

- Assistant Chief Carven Tyus, Atlanta Police
- Lieutenant Desmond Floyd, Atlanta Police
- Rebecca Serna, Propel ATL (formerly Atlanta Bicycle Coalition)
- Corentin Auguin, MARTA
- Ansley Goddard, ARC
- Dan Hourigan, Midtown Alliance
- Lauren Welsh, Little 5 Points CID & Alliance
- Stacy Grolimund, Central Atlanta Progress
- Jahnee Prince, City of Atlanta Commissioner of City Planning
- LaJoyce Lewis, Fulton County Board of Health
- Betty Willis, Emory University Hospital
- Shaun Green, Atlanta Beltline Inc.

- Lynette Reid, Atlanta Beltline Inc.
- Lawrence Blair, Grady Memorial Hospital
- Tejas Kotak, ARC
- December Weir, ATL/SRTA
- Ron Knezevich, GDOT
- Krystal Harris, Atlanta Airport CID
- Jim Durrett, Buckhead CID
- Suzanne Burnes, Partnership for Southern Equity

## AGENDA

Welcome!

Overview of Past Meetings

Small Group Discussions: Review Actions to Achieve Vision Zero

Report-Outs

Next Steps

## WELCOME!

Byron Rushing (Toole) provided welcoming remarks and introduced the team members in attendance.

## OVERVIEW OF PAST MEETINGS

Byron reviewed the Task Force meetings that have occurred to date. He discussed the key goals of each meeting and shared that today's meeting is an important milestone for the Task Force to craft and refine the action items to be included in the plan. The draft plan will be presented at the fifth Task Force meeting in September or October 2023.

Cole Smith (ATLDOT) shared information about recent Vision Zero engagement activities, including the following:

- June 17: Southside Sports Complex Pop-Up
- June 20: Virtual information session
- June 22: In-person workshop in Cascade Heights
- July 6: NPU Corner Conversations lunch at Broad Street Boardwalk
- July: Multiple NPU briefings

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Before breaking out into groups, Byron reminded the Task Force of the SMARTIE (Specific, Measurable, Action-Oriented, Relevant, Time-Bound, Inclusive, Equitable) goal framework. Byron then gave an overview of the actions spreadsheet that was initially developed at the June Task

Force meeting. Task Force members were then asked to join breakout discussions and continue refining the actions so that they meet the SMARTIE goal criteria.

## REPORT-OUTS

### Group 1

**Facilitator:** Omar Peters (Toole)

**Participants:**

- LaJoyce Lewis, Fulton County Board of Health
- Rebecca Serna, Propel ATL
- Jahnee Prince, City of Atlanta Commissioner of City Planning
- Assistant Chief Carven Tyus, APD
- Lieutenant Desmond Floyd, APD

*Report-Out:* Omar shared that the group discussed that many actions have MARTA listed as a Lead Agency, so it will be important to have their buy-in. He also described a gap that the group brought up around adjusting the City and State police pursuits policy.

### Group 2

**Facilitator:** Ian Hamilton (VHB)

**Participants:**

- Corentin Auguin, MARTA
- Lauren Welsh, L5P CID/Alliance
- Lawrence Blair, Grady Memorial Hospital
- Suzanne Burnes, Partnership for Southern Equity
- Tejas Kotak, ARC

*Report-Out:* Ian shared that there are a lot of good planning and policy discussions already going on, and partnerships and collaboration are key to advancing vision zero.

### Group 3

**Facilitator:** Cole Smith and Betty Smoot-Madison (ATLDOT)

**Participants:**

- Ansley Goddard, ARC
- Shaun Green, Atlanta Beltline Inc.
- Lynette Reid, Atlanta Beltline Inc.
- Stacy Grolimund, Central Atlanta Progress

*Report-Out:* Cole mentioned that the timeline on some actions may be too aggressive, as all actions currently indicate 6 months to 1 year as the timeframe. He said that the Governor's Office of Highway Safety will be an important partner for embedding Vision Zero in all transportation policies and plans.

## Group 4

**Facilitator:** Andy Clarke (Toole)

**Participants:**

- Betty Willis, Emory University Hospital
- Dan Hourigan, Midtown Alliance
- December Weir, The ATL/SRTA
- Krystal Harris, Atlanta Airport CID
- Ron Knezevich, GDOT

**Report-Out:** Andy shared the group's discussion about curbside management and studies and policies that CAP and Midtown Alliance are implementing. He also discussed the group's desire for more legal protection for pedestrians not only in crosswalks but intending to enter crosswalks.

## NEXT STEPS

Byron discussed the next steps for the Task Force. These include:

- 1) Continue to champion Vision Zero in Atlanta,
- 2) Participate in the final Task Force meeting (which will be scheduled in September or October), and
- 3) Help spread the word about engagement opportunities.

Amanda Hatton (Blue Cypress) shared the status of current and upcoming engagement activities, including the following:

- Community Input Map – closing July 31
- Community Partnerships – Planning is underway to co-host events in partnership with a few organizations that have a nexus with Vision Zero.
- Pop-Ups
  - Hollis Innovation Academy – July 31
  - Atlanta Streets Alive – September 24
- NPU Briefings – ongoing
- Final virtual workshop – September (date TBD)

Byron and Cole thanked the Task Force for their participation and offered to stay on the call for a few more minutes if any members were interested in sharing additional thoughts. Byron also encouraged the Task Force to send comments via email if anyone has additional feedback.