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Gentlemen and Commisioners,

I see that Vision Zero is On the agenda for this evening. This is good, and there is much to be done and the report is reasonably well thought out.

The devil will be in the details. Aggressive action is needed for everyone's safety.

Some broad changes are needed. First speed limits need to be lowered. Twenty is plenty in residential areas. Second no right turns on red lights unless specifically allowed. This needs to happen. Think how drivers act now. They pull into crosswalks before stopping. Then they keep looking left while ignoring everything to the right while hoping for a gap to turn into. Third is to narrow lanes. Eleven feet wide should be the absolute maximum width. Cars are under 7 feet wide, busses about 9. This will slow drivers down and create more space for pedestrians and cyclists. Safer for all.

Be very careful with bulbout solutions. Especially with regards to bike lanes. Never use them where you create a choke point for cyclists and drivers.

Demand that BPAC get to see plans and be in on any changes before it is "too late" for real mistakes to be addressed.

My last item. Look at Sunnyvale Ave in the downtown area. About 6 years ago major changes were made. It could have been great but we ended up with the same road bed used less efficiently. Why is there a 15 foot wide center turn lane? Why are the traffic lanes at least 12 feet wide? For a 30 mph road with pedestrian cross traffic? Why are the bike lanes just over 5 feet including the gutters. And perhaps the worst aspect is the just barely wide enough for ADA proposes sidewalk. Then it does have nice lampposts but they impact foot traffic. Millions spent on a 30 year mistake. It will take millions to make the sidewalks wider. Sewer and lamp post moving. The cheapest change would be to describe to create a buffered bike lane. Action without stakeholders input.

Keep up the good work.

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