

Talking points on SOP for towing vehicles

- We have all experienced frustration in the progress of addressing reckless driving
- There have been many efforts such as the creation of the TSU, DPW grants to community groups, engineering additions to the streets, etc.
- These efforts, while a measure of some action, have not yielded the results to turn the concern around
- The MPD is seeking to implement an SOP to tow vehicles that are not registered for drivers cited for certain forms of reckless driving

Before taking on another course of action, community members would like some information on the following:

1. Has the MPD or FPC conducted any research regarding the impact of using this type of measure? In other words, are there other municipalities that have successfully used this as a means to address reckless driving? If so, can that information be shared with the public?
2. Has there been any consideration on the economic impact of implementing this SOP? If so, what are the findings? If not, can this be taken into account? In other words, is there an equity lens that is part of the process in determining this particular action?
3. What has been the impact of the TSU and the issuance of almost 20,000 citations in less than a year? We have seen the number of citations, but what has been the cost (fiscal numbers for the citizens)? What has been the impact in the courts? Has it resulted in more compliance? If so, what does that look like? Has there been an overall evaluation on the impact of the TSU and its effectiveness? How can the citizens provide any reasonable recommendations for future actions, if we don't have sufficient transparency on what has been done?
4. When it comes to reckless driving, who is the owner? Is it the Mayor? Is it MPD? Is it DPW? Is it the Common Council?

Finally, we'd like to recommend that City leaders:

- Embrace Vision Zero which is a comprehensive strategy to address traffic fatalities.
- Vision Zero encompasses enforcement, engineering, education, community engagement through an equity lens.
- The concept of Vision Zero would have the important stakeholders working together on a solution rather than independently of one another.
- Commit to a Vision Zero exploratory team dedicated to creating a strategy to reduce traffic fatalities tailored for Milwaukee focusing on an action plan and providing transparency.
- Create a systems-based approach that collaborates with law enforcement, MPS, DPW, community-based organizations, city residents, Health Department and others to design a multi-disciplinary approach to traffic safety.

What is most important to citizens is an effective plan that incorporates transparency and engagement.