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To: Murphy, Michael (Alderman)
Subject: Daily Traffic Fatality Report: Recommendations to the Reckless Driving Task Force

Good Afternoon,

Here is a daily traffic fatality report attached below. This has traditionally been shared with the Reckless Driving Task Force (RDTF), but with the group's intent to potentially sunset soon, I will be sharing this with Public Works Committee members, as well as the Health Department, and the Bike and Pedestrian Task Force.

As the RDTF prepares to finish and issue their report on this *public health crisis (Carjacking and Reckless Driving)* to the Public Safety Committee and then on to the Common Council, Milwaukee Safe & Healthy Streets (a Wisconsin Bike Fed coalition) fully supports the RDTF in urging the Mayor to act as a full *convenor* of the evidence in their report. We also agree that some improvements must be made to the report per public recommendation at the last RDTF meeting (Jan 16).

In addition, we urge the RDTF to recommend the adoption of a [*Vision Zero*](#) plan with heavy lifting from the Mayor's office, the DPW and Dep. of Health. When the time comes to act on Vision Zero, it will be imperative that we all provide for ourselves nothing short of a set of strategic goals, and a *timeline* to reach *zero traffic fatalities, with residents fully participating in the process.*

At the moment, the RDTF is heavily driven by an enforcement arm, which is yielding an improperly balanced approach to fully vetting and understanding the complex challenges that the community faces on this matter. Those challenges are the cause and effect of a highly punitive system here in our city Milwaukee. And without a doubt, if we continue on this approach to problem-solving, we are perpetuating harmful practices steeped in systemic racism, which we have set to abolish ([resolution 190090](#)).

With that said, we hope to see the Reckless Driving Task Force stick around for the year, seek additional members outside of public safety as well as hire a consultant to co-organize several *prescribed* round table public discussions with a diverse set of stakeholders ([see Milwaukee Collaborative Community Committee Research Findings on Milwaukee Community Responses to the U.S. Department of Justice report on the Milwaukee Police Department and City of Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission](#)) and then be shared with groups like the Equal Rights Commission, the Mayor's Bike and Pedestrian Task Force, The Office of African American Affairs and the Coalition for Safe Driving *before* the report goes to the council for further action.

Who is helping and who is harming the narrative and actions of reckless driving?

How Media Coverage of Car Crashes Downplays the Role of Drivers

Transportation Engineers Are Ethically Bound to Protect Public Safety. Too Many Do Not.

Thank You,
Caressa Givens

Newly Reported Fatalities: 2 Crash(es) 2 Fatality(ies)

Date / Time	County	Location	Role	Age	Sex	Agency
1/16/2020 8:59 AM	WAUKESHA	CTH O	DRIVER	72	M	NEW BERLIN PD
1/17/2020 1:48 AM	MILWAUKEE	CONGRESS ST W	DRIVER	34	F	MILWAUKEE PD

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Culture shapes values.
Values determine the
future."-Robert L.Peters*