



# City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
53202

## Meeting Minutes

### CITY-COUNTY CARJACKING AND RECKLESS DRIVING TASK FORCE

*Danielle Decker, Ald. Michael Murphy, Ald. Chantia Lewis,  
Asst. Chief Michael Brunson, ADA Joy Hammond, Reggie  
Moore, Bianca Williams, Nichole Yunk Todd, Judge Derek  
Mosley, Chief Judge Maxine White, Dept. Insp. Daniel Hughes,  
Marvell Reed and Byron Marshall Jr.*

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Thursday, October 17, 2019

11:00 AM

Room 301-B, City Hall

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#### 1. Call to Order at 11:05 AM

**Present** 7 - Murphy, Moore, Lewis, Decker, Brunson, Hammond and Todd

**Absent** 3 - White, Reed and Williams

**Excused** 3 - Marshall Jr., Hughes and Mosley

**Also present:**

**Captain Catherine Trimboli on behalf of Deputy Insp. Daniel Hughes**

**Mike Amsden - DPW**

**Tea Norfolk - LRB**

**Nick DeSiato - Chief of Staff MPD**

**Sheldyn Himle on behalf of Judge Derek Mosley**

#### 3. Review and Approval of the June 24, 2019 minutes meeting.

*Motion by Ms. Hammond, seconded by Mr. Moore to approve minutes of the June 24th, 2019 meeting. There were no objections.*

#### 3. Summary of Subcommittee meetings -

**Accountability and Enforcement - ADA Joy Hammond**

**Prevention and Education - Ald. Lewis**

**Engineering Solutions - Ald. Murphy**

##### *B. Recommendations from Subcommittees*

##### *1. Accountability and Enforcement Subcommittee*

##### *a. Advocate for State legislative changes.*

- i. Increasing the penalties for reckless driving gives a signal to offenders that there are serious consequences for endangering the public.*

- ii. *Fleeing an officer need to be increased to the level of a felony offense, and graduated penalties must be provided for repeat offenders.*
- iii. *A change in legislation is required to allow a serious juvenile offender disposition for all felony offenses, leaving discretion to the judge.*
- iv. *Red light cameras have proven an effective deterrent and enforcement tool in other jurisdictions.*
- b. *Enforce related driving violations.*  
*Police need to increase enforcement measures, including targeting dangerous driving, such as speeding and swerving through traffic.*
- c. *Institute standard operating procedures.*  
*The Police Department can institute a standard operating procedure that requires officers to bring juveniles caught in stolen or fleeing vehicles to detention (as opposed to writing tickets or ordering the cases in). This decreases the time for review and charging to 24 hours.*
- d. *Consider charges.*  
*Prosecutors need to consider charging offenders for recklessly endangering safety when prosecuting reckless driving and fleeing cases. Additionally, reckless driving criminal charges can be levied instead of tickets when an offender is driving in a dangerous manner.*
- e. *Provide diversion alternatives.*  
*When charging a case, prosecutors can provide diversion alternatives for first-time offenders of reckless driving.*
- f. *Mandate sentencing.*  
*Circuit and Municipal Court should include mandating driving safety classes when sentencing offenders.*
- g. *Increase data sharing.*  
*Increased cooperating and data-sharing among all agencies allows for better treatment integration for juveniles and more appropriate sentencing for adult offenders.*
- h. *Conduct victim impact panels.*  
*Victim impact panels for carjacking and reckless driving convictions can deter offenders from repeating the offense. Facing the consequences of their actions has a rehabilitating effect on offenders and reduces recidivism.*

## **2. Engineering Solutions Subcommittee**

- a. *Coordinate traffic signals.*  
*Traffic-signal coordination may have some potential for reducing the opportunities and incentive for speeding. However, effective signal coordination is both expensive and time-consuming. Accordingly, an increase in the level of traffic-signal coordination should correspond with adequate funding.*
- b. *Construct gateway treatment.*  
*The construction of a substantial structure or signage indicating that a vehicle is entering a neighborhood or business district may influence traffic speeds. Gateway treatments that include curb bump-outs would be more likely to have this effect.*
- c. *Narrow pavement.*  
*Pavement narrowing has been shown to reduce traffic speeds. Care needs to be taken to ensure that narrowing the roadway or reconfiguring the lanes does not have unexpected consequences for fire and police response.*
- d. *Install pedestrian traffic signals.*  
*Pedestrian traffic signals have been shown to increase driver compliance. The installation of additional pedestrian signals will become an ongoing maintenance expense. Any increase in use of pedestrian traffic signals should include an increase in funding for maintenance.*

e. *Install red light cameras.*

*Although not necessarily an engineering solution, any recommendation for the use of red-light cameras requires development of a comprehensive policy regarding their use.*

f. *Construct roundabouts.*

*Roundabouts have been shown to lessen the severity of accidents because collisions typically happen at a more oblique angle, rather than at a right angle. Roundabouts are generally safer for pedestrians because traffic is only approaching from one direction. Roundabouts may also reduce fuel consumption and emissions. Roundabouts are generally more expensive to construct and may require additional maintenance, especially if they include landscape features. Roundabouts may require the acquisition of land because they tend to be larger than traditional intersections. The implementation of roundabouts as a design alternative must be accompanied by adequate funding for construction and maintenance.*

g. *Create a comprehensive plan for speed humps, trapezoidal humps, and raised platforms at pedestrian crossings and intersections.*

*Speed humps and tables can be very effective and would require a comprehensive deployment plan. By installing speed humps on a neighborhood-wide basis, instead of just a single street, the neighborhood can avoid issues with drivers choosing alternative routes through a neighborhood. The goal is to eliminate speeding rather than to move it to the next street.*

3. *Prevention and Education Subcommittee*

a. *Conduct public information campaigns.*

*Education and information campaigns, public service announcements, and community outreach provide comprehensive messaging to the public regarding law enforcement consequences of reckless driving, distracted driving, and carjacking. The Police Department plans to conduct a public relations campaign stating it will crack down on reckless driving behavior.*

b. *Increase Milwaukee Area Technical College driver safety courses.*

*Reach out to Milwaukee Area Technical College to increase the number and availability of courses it offers to the public. Determine what level of funding is needed.*

c. *Increase driver safety programming in Milwaukee Public Schools.*

*Reach out to children at a much younger age regarding driving safety and consequences of carjacking and reckless driving. Provide additional materials to teachers regarding driver safety and passenger safety for students in elementary and middle school health classes.*

d. *Fund existing programs and implement nationally-recognized programs.*

*Programs, such as the Credible Messenger and Roca are effective in addressing the root cause of the behaviors that lead to reckless driving and carjacking. Funding these programs is a more effective use of taxpayer dollars, as every dollar spent reduces the need for incarceration funding by \$7-10.*

e. *Lobby the State for legislative change.*

*Requiring a person to provide proof of a driver's license in order to purchase a vehicle could be an effective way to increase the importance of maintaining driver's license privileges.*

*Motion by member Hammond to approve the recommendations of the Accountability and Enforcement subcommittee.*

*7 ayes 2 abstentions*

#### **4. Discussion of Recommendations - Tea Norfolk - LRB**

**5. Set dates and times for community meetings.**

*Ald. Murphy asked Captain Trimboli to reach out to her command staff as to possible locations and times to have the community meetings, on the North side and South side.*

**Public comments:**

*Celia Jackson - Safe and Sound*

*Attend Madison to testify against Red-light cameras legislation. she said that this legislation would not alleviate the reckless and carjacking problem. Community issue is hopelessness, lack of trust in people in position of power; community is acting out from lack of being heard. There needs to be a collectively and collaboratively action among the agencies and entities that can be part of making a difference with all the violence and reckless behavior in the City.*

*TeAngelo Cargile - OVP*

*mentioned a comprehensive video in support of young people to become a positive influence via social media platforms.*

*J Holmes - Milwaukee citizen*

**6. Meeting adjourned at 12:27**

**Joanna Polanco**

**Staff Assistant**

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