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Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Talk
Officer Guy Johnson, Pedestrian Safety Coordinator
Sgt. Brooke Riley, Community Programs Unit Supervisor 2/17/2021
Meeting Agenda

- Concerns shared with Delivery Truck Drivers and Shuttle Programs
- Officer Johnson, Pedestrian Safety Coordinator, sharing pedestrian/traffic safety stats & sharing of maps (areas of concern)
- Bigelow Blvd Reopening
- Follow @PghPublicSafety and @PittPolice on Twitter for protest/road closure information
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- Accidents cost money, time, injury or a person’s life.
- Everyone plays a role in pedestrian and traffic safety.
- Education is part of the 3 “E” mission. Enforcement. Engineering.
- Traffic patrol and Motorcycle Units enforce traffic.
- Officers will do a safety talk for truck, delivery and shuttle services.
- The main concern is for drivers to expect a pedestrian to cross your path while you are travelling in Oakland!
Pedestrians and Speed

When travelling in Oakland, always assume you will come across a pedestrian (whether legally in a crosswalk or not).

In a residential and business district, a driver cannot exceed 25 mph in a residence district if the highway:

(i) is not a numbered traffic route; and
(ii) is functionally classified by the department as a local highway.
Always Be Alert

• In order to keep our streets safe and reduce the cases of traffic accidents, we need drivers to be alert.

• The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration defines Distracted Driving as “any activity that diverts attention from driving, including talking or texting on your phone, eating and drinking, talking to people in your vehicle, fiddling with the stereo, entertainment or navigation system — anything that takes your attention away from the task of safe driving.”
Texting While Driving

- Texting is the most alarming distraction. Sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for 5 seconds. At 55 mph, that's like driving the length of an entire football field with your eyes closed. You cannot drive safely unless the task of driving has your full attention. Any non-driving activity you engage in is a potential distraction and increases your risk of crashing.

- § 1621. Texting while driving.
Intersections with High Vehicle v. Pedestrian Accidents

- Fifth Avenue & Bellefield Avenue
- Fifth Avenue & Bigelow Blvd.
- Fifth Avenue & Atwood Street
- Fifth Avenue & Meyran
- 3300-4400 blocks of Forbes Avenue
- Forbes Avenue & McKee Place
- Forbes Avenue & Oakland Avenue
- Forbes Avenue & South Bouquet Street
- Forbes Avenue & Bigelow Blvd.
Violations of the Following Title 75 Vehicle Code

§ 3354. Additional parking regulations. (parking in handicapped parking spaces)
§ 3314. Prohibiting use of hearing impairment devices. (use of headphones)
§ 3112. Traffic-control signals.
§ 3353. Prohibitions in specified places. (parking in crosswalk, in front of fire hydrants, parking where variances are posted)
§ 1621. Texting while driving.
2020 Pedestrian v. Vehicle Accidents Areas of Concern

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2020 Pedestrian and Vehicle Accident Locations
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Key
- Vehicle/Pedestrian Incident
- Incident Involving Bicycle
2013-2021 Pedestrian v. Vehicle Accidents
Areas of Concern

Key

- Vehicle/Pedestrian Incident
- Number of Incidents at Location

2013-2020 Pedestrian and Vehicle Accident Locations
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2020 Pedestrian v. Vehicle Accidents
Incidents Total/Time of Day
Questions or concerns?
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