

### **Current status of Officers**

Laura Gromis – Chair

Sean Zweifler – Vice Chair

Gabriel Lozano – Secretary

### **Current status of Members**

**District 1** - Sean Zweifler (first term) expires Nov 1, 2026

**District 2** - vacant

**District 3** – Julie Congi (first term) – expires March 30, 2026

**District 4** – Laura Gromis (first term) – expires April 07, 2024

**District 5** - Gabriel Lozano (first term) – expires August 11, 2025

**District 6** - Steven Bradley (second term) - expires February 9, 2026

**District 7** – Bryan Bird (first term) – expires February 9, 2026

**Mayoral Appointment #1** - vacant

**Mayoral Appointment #2** – vacant

### **Current Statistics of Pedestrian and Bicycle Fatalities Within the City of Fresno**

#### **Limits:**

2018 Total Collisions: 3,208

Pedestrians - 213 (25 deaths)

Bicyclists - 117 (5 deaths)

2019 Total Collisions: 3,095

Pedestrians - 180 (20 deaths)

Bicyclists - 89 (3 deaths)

2020 Total Collisions: 3,273

Pedestrians - 172 (29 deaths)

Bicyclists - 73 (6 deaths)

2021 Total Collisions: 3,807

Pedestrians - 204 (22 deaths)

Bicyclists - 84 (3 deaths)

2022 Total Collisions: 3,976

Pedestrian – 212 (23 deaths) Bicyclists – 99 (7 deaths)

1/1/2023 to 9/30/2023

Total Collisions: 3,010

Peds – 191

Bicycles – 92

Fatal Numbers 1/1/2023-10/15/2023:

Pedestrian: 16

Bicycle: 1

### **May 24th**

During unscheduled communication Johannus Reijnders of district 1 spoke on a recent press conference with district 1 and 2 on a plan to do a traffic assessment on 10 intersections in Fresno. Nick Yovino gave a presentation on the upcoming PEDALS summit. Alicia Lineras introduced herself as the new grant administrator for the Public Works department and discussed some of the grants the city is applying for. This includes a caltrans clean California grant focused on sidewalk reconstruction, trail enhancements, plantings and other things. A Bloomberg Asphalt Art grant to beautify and enhance crosswalks and A Safe Streets For All grant for enhancements to Blackstone to improve lighting are being considered. Also discussed was a plan to apply for some grants via COG in the fall, CMAQ, STBG and a new grant program focused on carbon reduction. Anthony Molina asked the city to look at a program to encourage bicycle riding for CMAQ and a “traffic garden” where children could learn about bicycles and bike safety. A safety task force to look into the various bicycle and pedestrian safety programs in Fresno was formed. Sean Zweifler discussed Bike month activities including the mayor’s bicycle ride and ride to work. Matthew Woodward discussed ADA and bus access to the river. Julie Congi discussed recent bike station activities and a community ride to comic book stores in town. Laura Gromis discussed a walk to school event at Moloch. Gabriel Lozano discussed the mayors ride and how much he enjoyed riding an ebike for the first time. Carla Gonzalez informed us the new charter would be going before city council for a vote.

### **June 28th**

During unscheduled communications Anthony Molina of Fresno County Bicycle Coalition discussed a recent League Certified Instructor class offered in Visalia and urged community members and those involved in bicycle safety to get certified. Member reports: Sean Zweifler discussed a recent presentation given on changes coming to the Tower District to the Tower Neighborhood Association. Matthew Woodward said his goodbyes and was wished luck at his new position with the city. Julie Congi discussed a recent free bike repair station in Tower District. Gabriel Lozano discussed his walks in the district and FresGo. Steven Bradley discussed the persistent issues with Friant and Sheppard. Bryan Bird discussed a recent press conference at Clinton and Van Ness with council members Esparza and Perea. This led to a discussion about light synchronization with Andrew Benelli of the Public Works. Signage task force discussed their work, namely the recommendation that “share the road” signs be phased out as they are ambiguous, and replaced with pass 3 ft min signs. Safety Task Force reported on their initial meeting and their plan to catalog and connect the various groups involved in safety efforts throughout the city. Awards Task force reported that the awards will be pushed back. Jill Gromley updated us on grants the city is working on, and the fact that public works

grant writer had resigned. Jill Gromley also discussed safety funds available this year and that they would be used to contract with PBS to produce and show PSAs.

### **July 26th**

During unscheduled communication Tony Molina brought up the need for a ghost bike policy. Honora Chapman discussed issues at Van Ness and Clinton and a desire to see a left turn signal there, among other potential improvements. John Liu of Caltrans commented that bike lane signs are inappropriate for class 4 cycle tracks, as they are legally different, Caltrans is developing new signage for class 4 cycletracks. Casey Lauderdale presented on the tower district specific plan update process and a discussion was had about parking and circulation issues that will be addressed in the process. A presentation was given on measure P funds, in particular bike path projects. Funds are available for trail maintenance and enhancements, as well as new trails. Some of it will be going towards the San Joaquin River parkway and the Midtown trails. No new business with task forces. Sean Zweifler discussed his experience in Ann Arbor, MI and how quickly they were able to build out a good biking network, and his desire to see faster work in Fresno. Julie Congi discussed her recent participation in the Fresno State program that taught Madera students bicycling as well as transportation design. Laura Gromis discussed her experiences in Germany with cargo bikes and people using them to drop off kids at school. Gabriel Lozano discussed council member Chavez's trip to Germany and efforts to promote safe cycling in Fresno. Brian Bird discussed issues with bike lane design and door zone conflicts. Collision statistics were presented leading to a discussion about Fresno's ongoing issue with red light runners. A discussion was had about the status of various projects and what the impact of the new capital projects department is going to be on existing projects.

### **August 23rd**

Sarah Hamilton the programs manager from the Parks Department introduce her team and safety program. The team is involved in bicycle safety trainings, distribution of helmets and bike lights, and walking field trips. Anthony Molina encouraged people teaching bicycle safety to be League of Cyclist Instructor certified, which one person was. Safety task force is working on a questionnaire. Sean Zweifler discussed two recent fatal incidents, one in Calwa and the other at East and Jensen, and stressed the need for work on Cedar to safely connect Calwa to the rest of Fresno. Julie Congi discussed upcoming bike station events that include bicycle safety training and also free kids bikes. Gabriel Lozano had recently helped give out bikes and helmets through the district 5 office. Bryan Bird highlighted Perrin and Sheppard and asked for better paint. Andreina Aguilar updated us on the vision zero and Active Transportation Plan update. Both are in the process of finding a consultancy, and should be started at the end of the year. A discussion was had about the bike ways on Palm and why certain areas are traditional bike lanes, and some areas are physically separated bike ways. A discussion was also had about eBike speed limits.

### **September 27th**

During unscheduled communication Anthony Molina previewed the upcoming PEDALS summit including associated bike rides and film festival and encourages members to attend. Laura Gromis presented on the recently completed trip to Munster Germany and gave an overview of Munster bicycle infrastructure. Jill Gromley and Anthony Molina were also on the trip and there was a lively discussion about bike parking, bicycle use, and street design. An update was provided from the safety committee. The original plan was for a committee to catalogue and connect the various groups involved in bicycle and pedestrian safety in the city. However it was established that part of the new ATP update would involve similar work and there was a discussion about producing a report of safety recommendations instead. The awards task force has shelved its working until January. A task force was established to organize World Day of

Remembrance with Sean, Laura and Gabe joining. Erin Obwald from Safe Routes2School and Anthony Molina with Fresno County Bicycle Coalition also joined in. Anthony Molina encouraged applying for a migrant that was available for associated costs. Sean Zweifler discussed some concerns regarding the new bike paths on Wishon and Palm including people using the bike lanes to make right turns on McKinnley, long wait times at the light at Palm and Shields, and the decision to make the section of Palm between McKinnley and Weldon on the east side of Palm bordering Fresno High as class 2 instead of class 4. Laura Gromis noted the progress on the Barstow class 4 and encouraged consideration of a pedestrian scramble at Barstow and Cedar. She's also introduced Maxwell's new policy Director Shawn Clark who is a cyclist. Gabriel Lozano noted the tragic incident at Roosevelt High School with multiple student injuries. He also discussed district 5 plans to give out bicycles and bike helmets for kids. Steven Bradley discussed progress on the veterans boulevard as well as issues with a persistent pothole in a county island. Jill Gromley discussed AB 43 which provides new guidance to cities on where and how they can lower speed limits, as well as the bicycle friendly city application process.

### **October 25th**

During unscheduled communication Tony previewed the Upcoming PEDALs summit. Council member Karbassi talked to discuss the potential new memorial to victims of traffic violence, for which he has secured \$100,000. A task force was formed to help determine what this new memorial will look like and where it will be placed. City manager Georgeanne White presented on the new administrative order creating a policy for monuments and memorials on city parks, facilities, easements, trails, and right-of-way. This new administrative order allows memorials to remain for 90 days as long as they are maintained and aren't interfering with city maintenance operations. In addition an application form will be created, which is not necessary for installation of a memorial, but provides a contact so the city may return items after the memorial is removed. Various committee members advocated for a different status for ghost bikes, and that they be allowed to stay up longer. Marcia Moore, who's husband Paul was killed and who erected a ghost bike at Friant and Audubon spoke, arguing for ghost bikes to remain up longer. Paul Moore's sister Diana Durham also spoke. Max Stewen of Munster, Germany presented on transportation in the city of Munster. He discussed the Munster mobility plan, plans for new rail lines, and the continuing effort to enhance Munster's cycle network. Safety task force does not have anything to report. World Day of Remembrance Taskforce updated on plans to hold the event October 19th at city hall. Sean Zweifler discussed ongoing issues with drivers not following the rules around the new cycle tracks, particularly when making right turns. Julie Congi discussed the upcoming bike and helmet giveaway which is a collaboration between districts 1 and 3. Laura Gromis highlighted the upcoming PEDALs summit. Steven Bradley discussed feedback he's received on ghost bikes. The November meeting was cancelled at the December meeting was moved to December 6th. A brief discussion was had on the upcoming ATAC officers election. Laura Gromis briefly went over the new ATAC charter. The work plan was gone over, including a discussion about consequences for contractors who are behind schedule on the palm, Belmont, and Barstow bikeways. Also discussed was the contracts for the Active Transportation Plan update and the Vision Zero update. Jill Gromley discussed lowered speed limits on a variety of Fresno streets.