

CITY OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

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TO: South San Francisco City Council
South San Francisco Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

FROM: Sergeant James Portolan, Traffic Supervisor

SUBJECT: Vehicle versus Pedestrian and Bicyclist Collision Information – 2nd Quarter of 2024

Overview

This report provides an overview of vehicle versus pedestrian, bicyclist, e-bicyclist and e-scooterist collisions that occurred in South San Francisco during the 2nd quarter of 2024. The information provided includes the date, time, location, and causes of the collisions. The causes are determined by factors outlined in the California Vehicle Code.

There was a total of five (5) collisions resulting in four (4) minor injuries, and one (1) major injury. The collisions involved three (3) pedestrians, one (1) bicyclist, one (1) e-bicyclist, and zero (0) e-scooterist. In 60% of collisions the driver of the vehicle was found to be at fault for the primary collision factor.

In the 1st and 2nd quarters of 2023, there was a total of 20 vehicle versus bicycle or pedestrian collisions. In comparison to 2023, the 1st and 2nd quarters of 2024 data indicates we are on pace for a 15% reduction in vehicle versus bicycle and pedestrian collisions.

4-26-2024/ Vehicle vs. e-Bicycle Collision/ Junipero Serra Bl @ Westborough Bl/ Case #24-2320

At approximately 5:18 AM, a vehicle was traveling northbound on Junipero Serra Boulevard in lane #2 approaching Westborough Boulevard. The e-bicyclist was traveling northbound on Junipero Serra Boulevard in the bike lane approaching Westborough boulevard. The vehicle attempted to make a right turn at the intersection as the e-bicyclist continued straight. He vehicle rearended the e-bicyclist. The e-bicyclist sustained a complaint of pain to her back, stomach, and arms and was transported to a local trauma center for treatment.

The driver was found at fault for the collision for not yielding the right of way to the e-bicyclist in the bike lane. The weather was clear and occurred during the early morning hours.

4-29-2024/ Vehicle vs. Pedestrian/ Grand Av @ Williw Av/ Case #24-2378

At approximately 7:04 PM, a pedestrian was crossing Grand Avenue at Willow Avenue inside a marked crosswalk. The driver of a vehicle was negotiating a left turn lane from Willow Avenue onto Grand Avenue. The vehicle collided with the pedestrian in the crosswalk causing the pedestrian to fall to the

ground. The pedestrian sustained major injuries, but not life threatening, during the collision. The pedestrian was transported to a local trauma center for treatment.

The driver was found at fault for the collision for not yielding to a pedestrian within a marked crosswalk. The weather was clear and occurred during dusk hours.

5-2-2024/ Vehicle vs. Pedestrian/ So. Spruce Av @ Huntington Av/ Case #24-2423

At approximately 3:47 PM, a pedestrian was crossing South Spruce Avenue at Huntington Avenue in a marked crosswalk. The driver of a vehicle was negotiating a left turn from Huntington onto So Spruce and collided with the pedestrian in the crosswalk. The pedestrian complained of pain in her shoulder and rib cage and was transported to a local trauma center for treatment.

The driver was found at fault for the collision for not yielding to a pedestrian within a marked crosswalk. The weather was clear and occurred during daytime hours.

5-6-2024/ Vehicle vs. Bicyclist/ Mitchell Av @ So. Airport Bl/ Case #23-2474

At approximately 8:10 AM, a bicyclist was traveling eastbound along Mitchell Avenue on the sidewalk. The driver of a vehicle was exiting a private driveway on Mitchell Avenue when the bicyclist broadsided the vehicle. The bicyclist sustained an injury to his knee but declined any medical treatment.

The bicyclist was found at fault for the collision (*all bicyclists are required to follow the rules of the road per 21200(a)(1) CVC*). The weather was clear at the time of the collision, and it occurred during daylight hours.

6-20-24/ Vehicle vs. Pedestrian/ Callan Bl @ Westborough Bl/ Case #24-3194

At approximately 3:01 PM, a vehicle was traveling southbound on Callan Boulevard approaching Boulevard. A pedestrian exited a SamTrans bus. Realizing that she was at the wrong bus stop, she darted out across the roadway in front of oncoming traffic to catch another bus. The pedestrian complained of pain to her arms and body. She was transported to a local trauma center for treatment.

The pedestrian was found to be at fault for this collision by suddenly leaving a curb to walk or run into the path of a vehicle that is so close to constitute an immediate hazard. The weather was cloudy and occurred during daytime hours.

No external factors were identified in the above-listed collisions.

Education and Enforcement

The South San Francisco Police Department continues to conduct enforcement and provide education to the community to reduce traffic collisions. Enforcement actions include:

- The C.A.R.E. program which directs officers to enforce specified violations in complaint areas.

- Office of Traffic Safety enforcement operations focusing on speeding, distracted driving, bicycle and pedestrian safety, and seatbelt violations.
- DUI saturation patrols and DUI checkpoints
- San Mateo County Saturated Traffic Enforcement Program operations focusing on identified traffic issues in each city.
- Daily enforcement by our patrol and traffic divisions as they patrol the city.

Education efforts include the community academies, the “Choose your ride” don’t drink and drive campaign, bicycle safety through Every Kid Deserves a Bike program, and various social media campaigns throughout year.

Citation Statistics

At the request of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, citation statistics for safety related violations from the fourth quarter of 2023 are included in this report.

Speeding	55 Citations
Stop Sign	87 Citations
Distracted Driving	124 Citations
Red Light	11 Citations
Fail to Yield to Pedestrians	6 Citations
DUI	71 Arrests/ Citations
Unlicensed Driver	68 Citations
Suspended Driver’s License	26 Citations
Bicycling Under the Influence	0 Citation