

## CITY OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

**DATE:** November 28, 2024

**TO:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Councilmembers  
South San Francisco Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Sergeant James Portolan, Traffic Supervisor

**SUBJECT:** Vehicle versus Pedestrian and Bicyclist Collision Information – 3rd 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 seven (7) collisions resulting in five (5) minor injuries, one (1) major injury and one (1) unknown injury. The collisions involved two (2) pedestrians, five (5) bicyclist, zero (0) e-bicyclist, and zero (0) e-scooterist. In 43% of these collisions the driver of the vehicle was found to be at fault for the primary collision factor.

In the first three quarters of 2023, there was a total of 30 vehicle versus bicycle or pedestrian collisions. In the first three quarters of 2024, there were a total of 24 vehicle versus bicycle or pedestrian collisions. The data indicates that we are on pace for a 20% reduction in vehicle versus bicycle and pedestrian collisions.

#### **7-2-2024/ Vehicle vs. Pedestrian/ Maple Av @ Commercial Av/ Case #24-3349**

At approximately 6:46 AM, a vehicle was traveling eastbound on Commercial Avenue. The pedestrian was crossing from the northwest corner to the southwest corner of the intersection in an unmarked crosswalk. The vehicle struck the pedestrian at a slow speed and the driver fled the scene. The pedestrian sustained a complaint of pain to her wrist and declined medical treatment.

The driver was found at fault for the collision for not yielding the right of way to the pedestrian. The weather was clear and occurred during the early morning hours.

#### **7-8-2024/ Vehicle vs. Bicycle/ Forbes Bl @ Eccles Av/ Case #24-3452**

At approximately 11:07 PM, a bicyclist was traveling westbound on Forbes Boulevard at Eccles Avenue through the intersection. A vehicle was making a left turn onto Eccles Avenue from Forbes Boulevard against a red signal light and struck the bicyclist. The bicyclist sustained minor injuries and declined medical attention. The driver of the vehicle fled the scene and was never identified.

The driver was found at fault for the collision for violating an official traffic control signal. The weather was clear and it occurred during the late evening hours.

**7-9-2024/ Vehicle vs. Bicycle/ So. Spruce Av @ No. Canal St/ Case #24-3464**

At approximately 2:15 PM, a vehicle was traveling northbound on So. Spruce Avenue at North Canal Street. A bicyclist traveling in the same direction behind the vehicle maneuvered into the left turn lane, passed to the left side of an uninvolved truck stopped in the turn lane and then turned right back into the northbound lanes of traffic, colliding with V2. The bicyclist fled the scene and was never identified. The driver of the vehicle did not sustain any injuries.

The bicyclist was found at fault for the collision for disobeying the direction of a traffic control device. The weather was clear and occurred during the day.

**9-1-2024/ Vehicle vs. Pedestrian/ Maple Av @ Baden Av/ Case #24-4312**

At approximately 10:05 PM, a pedestrian was crossing in the eastern crosswalk in a northbound direction at Maple Avenue and Baden Avenue. A vehicle traveling southbound on Maple Avenue came to a stop at the intersection. The vehicle proceeded to make a left turn onto eastbound Baden Avenue and collided into the pedestrian. The pedestrian sustained a complaint of pain to her legs 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 pedestrian. The weather was clear and occurred during the evening hours.

**9-2-2024/ Vehicle vs. Bicyclist/ Baden Av @ Spruce Av/ Case #24-4313**

At approximately 9:46 AM, a bicyclist was traveling eastbound on the sidewalk of the 500 block of Baden Avenue just west of Spruce Avenue. A vehicle was reversing out of a private driveway and collided with the bicyclist. The bicyclist had a complaint of pain to his groin and left arm but declined any additional medical attention after being treated by South San Francisco Fire Department Paramedics.

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*) as well as in violation of SSF Municipal code 11.20.200 (It is unlawful for a bicyclist to ride a bicycle upon any sidewalk in the city). The weather was clear and occurred during the daytime hours.

**9-2-2024/ Vehicle vs. Bicyclist/ Susie Wy @ Sandra Ct/ Case #24-4321**

At approximately 7:42 PM, a vehicle was traveling southbound on Susie Way approaching Sandra Court. A bicyclist was traveling eastbound on Sandra Court into Susie Way and collided with the vehicle. The bicyclist sustained minor injuries and was transported to a local trauma center.

The bicyclist was found at fault for the collision for failing to yield to on-coming traffic. The weather was clear and occurred during the early evening hours.

**9-27-2024/ Vehicle vs. Bicyclist/ Olive Av @ Aspen Av/ Case #24-4739**

At approximately 6:53 PM, a vehicle was traveling northbound on Olive Avenue at Aspen Avenue and entered the intersection. A 14-year-old bicyclist was traveling eastbound on Aspen Avenue at a high rate of speed, failed to stop at the posted stop sign and collided into V2. The bicyclist sustained a broken leg and was transported to a local trauma center.

The bicyclist was found at fault for the collision in violation of an official traffic control sign. The weather was clear and occurred during the 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 third quarter of 2024 are included in this report.

Speeding	104 Citations
Stop Sign	3 Citations
Distracted Driving	52 Citations
Red Light	17 Citations
Fail to Yield to Pedestrians	1 Citations
DUI	24 Arrests/ Citations
Unlicensed Driver	61 Citations
Suspended Driver’s License	16 Citations
Bicycling Under the Influence	0 Citation