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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see attached VPD Memo in response to a request from Councillor De Genova for information regarding enforcement measures used in regard to cyclists that fail to obey traffic laws, such as not stopping at stop signs and number of tickets being issued.

Please contact Superintendent Steve Eely at steve.eely@vpd.ca if you require additional information.

Best
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VANCOUVER POLICE DEPARTMENT
Operations Division
Traffic Section

Date: 2016-11-17

To: Superintendent Steve Eely
South Command – Operations Division
Vancouver Police Department

From: A/Insp. 1557 Dave Duncan
Traffic Section – Vancouver Police Department

Subject: ***Request from City Council: RTS #011747***

At the November 1st, 2016 Regular City of Vancouver (COV) Council Meeting, a request was made by Councilor De Genova for information “...regarding enforcement measures used in regard to cyclists that fail to obey traffic laws, such as not stopping at stop signs, and numbers of tickets being issued. Also include info regarding jaywalking and motor vehicle infractions.”

With the assistance of the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) Traffic Analyst and the VPD’s Collision Investigation Unit, statistics were gathered from the entire 2015 calendar year and 2016 Year to Date (YTD): January 1st to October 31st. Included within the statistics gathered are Provincial Violation Tickets as well as COV By-Law tickets issued by VPD members.

To address the request made by Councilor De Genova, enforcement measures are presented in three categories: Cyclist Enforcement, Pedestrian Enforcement and Motor Vehicle Enforcement.

Cyclist Enforcement:

Globally, with 858 tickets issued to cyclists in 2015, enforcement patterns are relatively consistent in 2016: with 787 tickets issued YTD. The majority of tickets issued to cyclists were related to “no helmet” offences. It is worth noting that collisions involving cyclists totaled 252 in 2015 and are 241 YTD in 2016. The enforcement of helmet laws is conducted in an effort to improve safety and reduce serious head injuries for cyclists should they become involved in a collision. “Riding on the sidewalk” is also an enforcement focus, but is a distant second to “no helmet” enforcement. Cyclist enforcement related to disobeying stop signs is minimal: 5 tickets issued in 2015 and 2 YTD in 2016.

Pedestrian Enforcement:

With 402 tickets issued to pedestrians in 2015, enforcement frequency has increased somewhat with 640 tickets issued YTD in 2016. The primary driver for this increase relates to enforcement against pedestrian's who disobey traffic control signals. The focus on pedestrian compliance with traffic control signals is another attempt on the VPD's part to improve Traffic Safety and reduce fatalities involving pedestrians. In 2015 there were 387 collisions involving pedestrians, 10 of which were fatalities. YTD in 2016 there have been 279 collisions involving pedestrians, 11 of which were fatalities.

Traffic Enforcement and Patrol members engage in countless incidents of educational interaction where verbal warnings are given to pedestrians in an attempt to keep them safe.

In 2016, the VPD deployed a new enforcement team within the Traffic Section - with a mandate focused on education and enforcement of pedestrian and cyclist related offences. This team has also been the primary point of contact for handling complaints and addressing concerns raised by the public with regards to these specific types of offences.

Motor Vehicle Enforcement:

As the statistics demonstrate, the vast majority of tickets issued by the VPD relate to Motor Vehicle infractions. Collectively, the VPD issued 44,439 tickets to motorists in 2015 and 32,971 tickets YTD in 2016. The consistent focus is on offences which are deemed to be contributing factors to collisions such as *'Distracted Driving'*, *'Speeding'*, *'Disobeying Traffic Control Devices'* and *'Failing to Yield to Pedestrians / other Vehicles'*.

The above three categories of statistics are represented in greater detail in Appendix A (Quick Reference Overview) and Appendix B (Enforcement Statistics by Travel Mode):

For your, and City Council, consideration.

A/Insp. 1557 Dave Duncan
Traffic Section - VPD

APPENDIX A

Quick Reference Overview Enforcement Statistics By Travel Mode

Cyclist Enforcement Statistics

Cyclist-Related Offences	YTD Oct 2016	Year 2015
CYCLIST TOTAL	787	858

Pedestrian Enforcement Statistics

Pedestrian-Related Offences	YTD Oct 2016	Year 2015
PEDESTRIAN TOTAL	640	402

Motor Vehicle Enforcement Statistics

Distracted Driving	YTD Oct 2016	Year 2015
TOTAL	7666	10137

Speeding	YTD Oct 2016	Year 2015
TOTAL	18184	25320

Fail to yield to pedestrian	YTD Oct 2016	Year 2015
TOTAL	221	407

Fail to yield to vehicle	YTD Oct 2016	Year 2015
TOTAL	60	100

Disobey traffic control device	YTD Oct 2016	Year 2015
TOTAL	6840	8475

Combined Motor Vehicle-Related Offences	YTD Oct 2016	Year 2015
COMBINED MOTOR VEHICLE GRAND TOTAL	32971	44439

COMBINED OFFENCES BY TRAVEL MODE GRAND TOTAL	YTD Oct 2016	Year 2015
	34398	45699

* Ticket data includes infractions under Motor Vehicle Act, Motor Vehicle Regulations & Bylaw.

** YTD Oct 2016 refers to date range January 1 - October 31, 2016 & Year 2015 refers to January 1 - December 31, 2015.

APPENDIX B

Enforcement Statistics By Travel Mode

Cyclist Enforcement Statistics

Cyclist-Related Offences	Section	YTD Oct 2016	Year 2015
No helmet *	184(1)	702	700
No helmet *	184(2)	1	4
No helmet *	2849.600	17	29
Riding on sidewalk	183(2)(a)	34	82
Riding on sidewalk	2849.60	33	43
CYCLIST TOTAL		787	858

* Cyclist fatalities YTD 2016 (1 fatal) & 2015 (1 fatal).

Pedestrian Enforcement Statistics

Pedestrian-Related Offences	Section	YTD Oct 2016	Year 2015
Jaywalking	2849.12(2)	32	72
Pedestrian disobey traffic control signal	2849.6	509	107
Pedestrian fail to give right of way to vehicle when crossing	2849.12(1)	0	0
Pedestrian disobey don't walk sign	132(3)	27	47
Fail to use crosswalk at intersection	133(a)	12	20
Fail to use crosswalk	133(b)	3	6
Pedestrian disobey yellow light	128(1)(b)	2	0
Pedestrian disobey red light	129(4)(a)	4	6
Walk on roadway when passable sidewalk available	182(1)	2	16
Stand on roadway, solicit ride or employment	182(3)	0	8
Pedestrians leave curb or other place of safety while unsafe	179(2)	49	119
Disobey school crossing guards	179(4)	0	1
PEDESTRIAN TOTAL		640	402

Motor Vehicle Enforcement Statistics

Distracted Driving	Section	YTD Oct 2016	Year 2015
Using electronic device while driving	214.2(1)	6976	9232
Texting/email while driving	214.2(2)	65	149
Disobey DL restriction - Using electronic device while driving	25(15), 30.072(1)(a) & (b)	534	627
Drive without due care	144(1)(a)	91	129
DISTRACTED DRIVING TOTAL		7666	10137

Speeding	Section	YTD Oct 2016	Year 2015
Disobey construction speed sign	140	0	0
Speeding in a municipality	146(1)	13333	21120
Disregarding speed sign	146(2)	0	7
Speeding against highway signs	146(3)	208	222
Speed against area signs	146(5)	13	9
Speeding against municipal signs	146(7)	3113	2625
Speeding in lane	146(11)	1	1
Speeding past school signs	147(1)	134	135
Speeding past playground signs	147(2)	841	684
Excessive speed	148(1)	541	517
SPEEDING TOTAL		18184	25320

Fail to yield to pedestrian	Section	YTD Oct 2016	Year 2015
Green light, Fail to yield to ped	127(1)(a)(ii)	14	28
Yellow light, Fail to yield to ped	128(1)(a)	143	293
Fail to yield to ped at yellow flashing light at intersection	131(3)(a)	0	0
Fail to yield to ped at yellow flashing light not at intersection	131(4)(a)	0	0
Fail to stop & yield to ped when emerging from alley, driveway or private road	176(1)	2	9
Fail to yield to ped in crosswalk	179(1)	60	72
Fail to use due care to avoid ped	181(a)	2	5
FAIL TO YIELD TO PEDESTRIAN TOTAL		221	407

Enforcement Statistics By Travel Mode

Motor Vehicle Enforcement Statistics

Fail to yield to vehicle	Section	YTD Oct 2016	Year 2015
Fail to yield to vehicle lawfully in intersection on green light	127(1)(a)(iii)	0	6
Fail to yield to vehicle on right at uncontrolled intersection	173(1)	1	4
Left turn at intersection fail to yield to through traffic	174	44	74
Vehicle on through highway fail to yield to entering or crossing vehicle	175(1)(a)	12	9
Fail to yield to vehicle when emerging from alley, driveway or private road	176(2)	3	7
FAIL TO YIELD TO VEHICLE TOTAL		60	100

Disobey traffic control device	Section	YTD Oct 2016	Year 2015
Disobey traffic control device	125	1145	1514
Disobey an inoperative traffic control signal	125.1	0	3
Disobey yellow traffic light not at intersection	128(2)(a)	4	1
Disobey red traffic light at intersection	129(1)	489	801
Red light, Fail to yield on right turn	129(3)	2	8
Red light, Fail to yield on left turn	129(4)(b)	1	2
Disobey red traffic light not at intersection	129(5)(a)	3	4
Fail to make only the movements indicated by green arrow at intersection	130(1)(a)	0	1
Disobey flashing red light at intersection	131(1)(a)	1	2
Disobey flashing red light not at intersection	131(2)(a)	0	1
Fail to yield at yellow flashing light	131(3)(a)	0	0
Fail to yield at yellow flashing light	131(4)(a)	0	0
Disobey direction control signal	134	1	5
Disobey traffic signal	161	1153	1134
Disobey direction control sign	161(a)	690	782
Disobey movement prohibition sign	161(b)	3138	3766
Disobey railway crossing signal	185(1)(a)	0	0
Disobey stop sign at railway crossing	185(3)	1	0
Disobey stop sign	186(a) - (c)	212	451
DISOBEY TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE TOTAL		6840	8475

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