



Captain John Sanford Jr.  
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Dear Captain Sanford,

We recently heard at your community meeting, on Hoodline.com, and in your weekly newsletter that the department will be focusing resources on the enforcement of bicycle traffic infractions. The North Panhandle Neighborhood Association is concerned that the limited police resources are not committed to the priority stated by Chief Suhr, that the commitment to Vision Zero requires that the police work on enforcement of the causes identified as the overwhelmingly highest causes of fatalities in this city, the vast majority involving vehicles.

NOPNA signed on early to the Vision Zero Coalition when they were just coming together due to incidents between automobiles and pedestrians and cyclists resulting in severe injury and deaths in our neighborhood, including along the panhandle pathways where they cross Masonic. While we welcome an increase in traffic surveillance for all modes of transportation, including the few pedestrians and cyclists that rarely put others or themselves in danger, we are concerned that putting a focus on cyclists will detract from the "Focus on the Five" goals adopted on January 16, 2014, and presented to the Police Commission:

1. "Driving at unsafe speed given conditions of roadway
2. Red light signal violations
3. Failure of driver to yield to pedestrian at a crosswalk
4. Failure of driver to yield while making a left or U-turn
5. Failure to stop at a STOP sign limit line"

The North Panhandle residents see dangerous driver behavior occurring every day in and around the neighborhood and near misses and accidents are still common. In addition to stepping up enforcement of *dangerous and blatant* disregard for the rules of the road by cyclists, we urge you to focus your traffic resources on the most dangerous traffic violations as outlined above, and hope that you can achieve the Focus on the Five goals.

Sincerely,

Tim Hickey

NOPNA Board President