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Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Operations Plan for San Francisco with OTS Grant 21-115

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The San Francisco Police Department will conduct Traffic Safety Enforcement Operations on June 18th, 22nd and 29th with a focus on bicycle and pedestrian safety. Over the past four years, the department has identified areas where significant numbers of pedestrian and bicycle-related collisions have occurred and responded by deploying additional officers to those areas in an effort to prevent deaths and injuries. Special attention will be given to Focus on the Five violations: speeding, making illegal turns, failing to stop for stop signs and red lights, failing to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, as well as any other dangerous violation.

San Francisco is committed to eliminating traffic deaths on our streets as part of Vision Zero SF. Vision Zero SF is our city's commitment to prioritize safe streets for everyone.

Bicycle and pedestrian fatalities are rising in California as more people use these non-motorized means of transportation. In 2019, California witnessed 972 pedestrians and 133 bicyclists killed, accounting for more than 30 percent of all traffic fatalities. In 2020, 29 people were killed in crashes on city streets. The top three causes of fatal traffic collisions in the city are failure to yield to pedestrians: unsafe speed, and not stopping at a red light signal.

All riders are reminded to always wear a helmet – those under 18 years of age must wear helmets by law. Pedestrians should cross the street only in marked or unmarked crosswalks at corners. All motorists are reminded to be mindful of others who share the road.

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