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### **MID-YEAR TRAFFIC SITUATION 2023**

#### **Overall Traffic Situation for January to June 2023**

The number of road traffic accidents and fatalities increased in the first half of 2023 compared to the same period in 2022. The total number of fatalities arising from red-light running, speeding and drink-driving accidents increased during this period, although the total number of accidents arising from the same decreased. Of continuing concern is the increase in the number of accidents involving motorcyclists and elderly pedestrians<sup>1</sup>.

#### ***Increase in total traffic accidents resulting in injuries and fatalities***

2. In the first half of 2023, the total number of traffic accidents resulting in injuries or fatalities increased by 11.8% to 3,542, from 3,169 in the first half of 2022. The total number of injured persons and fatalities increased by 17.1% to 4,550, from 3,886 in 2022.

(a) The number of accidents resulting in fatalities increased by 61.4% to 71 in the first half of 2023, from 44 accidents in the first half of 2022. The number of fatalities also increased, by 57.8% to 71, from 45 in 2022.

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<sup>1</sup> Elderly pedestrians refer to pedestrians aged 60 and above.

## Red-Light Running and Speeding-related Situation

### *Decrease in red-light running and speeding-related accidents, but fatalities increased*

3. The number of red-light running violations decreased by 31.7% to 16,143 in the first half of 2023, from 23,645 in the first half of 2022. The number of red-light running accidents also decreased, by 4.8% to 59, from 62 in 2022. However, in the same period, the number of fatal red-light running accidents increased to six, from just one in 2022.

4. The number of speeding-related violations decreased by 23.2% to 53,698 in the first half of 2023, from 69,936 in the first half of 2022. The number of speeding-related accidents also decreased, by 33.5% to 336, from 505 in 2022. However, in the same period, the number of fatal speeding-related accidents increased to 13, from six in 2022.

## Drink-Driving Situation

### *Increase in drink-driving accidents and fatalities*

5. The number of drink-driving accidents increased by 21.4% to 85 in the first half of 2023, from 70 in the first half of 2022. In the same period, the number of fatal drink-driving accidents increased to six, from three in 2022. The number of persons arrested for drink-driving remained about the same, with 785 persons arrested in the first half of 2023, compared to 790 persons in the first half of 2022.

## Accidents Involving Elderly and Motorcyclists Remain a Key Concern

6. Accidents involving vulnerable road users, such as elderly pedestrians and motorcyclists, remain a key concern. They continue to account for a disproportionate number of traffic accidents which result in injuries or death.

### **(a) Traffic accidents involving elderly pedestrians**

The number of accidents involving elderly pedestrians increased by 20.8% to 145 in the first half of 2023, from 120 in the first half of 2022.

The number of elderly pedestrian fatalities increased by 88.9% to 17 in the same period of 2023, from nine in 2022. In the same period, the number of elderly pedestrians who were injured in accidents increased by 14.3% to 128, from 112 in 2022.

Accidents involving elderly pedestrians made up 30.7% of all pedestrian accidents, and 68.0% of all pedestrian fatalities, in the first half of 2023. 37.2% of these elderly pedestrian accidents occurred due to jaywalking.

Whilst TP will continue to educate the elderly to use designated crossings, we would like to encourage family members and friends to also remind them.

### **(b) Traffic accidents involving motorcyclists**

The number of accidents involving motorcyclists increased by 4.7% to 1,834 in the first half of 2023, from 1,751 accidents in the first half of 2022.

The number of motorcyclist and pillion rider fatalities increased by 28.0% to 32 in the same period in 2023, from 25 in 2022. The number of injured motorcyclists and pillion riders increased by 8.4% to 2,035, from 1,877 in 2022.

Motorcyclists and pillion riders were involved in 51.8% of all traffic accidents, and made up 45.1% of all traffic fatalities, in the first half of 2023. The top

causes were failing to keep a proper lookout, failing to have proper control of the motorcycle, and changing lanes without due care.

TP would like to emphasise to all motorcyclists the importance of donning protective gear and riding safely on the roads.

**TP Continues Our Three-Pronged Approach towards Enhancing Road Safety, But All Road Users should Play Their Part in Keeping Our Roads Safe**

7. TP has been closely monitoring the number of traffic accidents, and has stepped up its three-pronged approach - education, engagement and enforcement - to maintain the safety of our roads.

8. TP continuously educates and engages the public on good road safety habits, both online, and in person through talks, exhibitions and carnivals. TP has reached out to more than 98,000 people through the in person engagements. In partnership with the Singapore Road Safety Council, TP organised the annual 'Singapore Road Safety Month' campaign in July to raise public awareness of the dangers of speeding and jaywalking. TP will be launching a new initiative, 'Reward the Pedestrians', on 22 October 2023, where pedestrians spotted exhibiting good road safety habits will be rewarded with a goodie bag. In November 2023, TP will be organising the Anti-Drink Drive Campaign, which aims to remind motorists to be responsible and not to drive after consuming alcohol.

9. TP is also continuing its targeted outreach efforts, some of which are highlighted below:

- (a) Elderly. On 19 August 2023, TP collaborated with Singapore Road Safety Council (SRSC), with support from the Land Transport Authority and People's Association, to organise a 'Road Safety Concert for Seniors' at the Ci Yuan Community Club Performing Theatre. The event was attended by more than 400 seniors, volunteers and guests, and reached a further 24,000 viewers online. The event aimed to raise road safety awareness and inculcate good road habits among seniors. Seniors were reminded to use

overhead bridges or pedestrian crossings to cross the road, for their own safety. To-date, TP has engaged more than 12,000 senior citizens through road safety themed roadshows, talks and exhibitions. TP has also worked closely with our Road Safety Champions, who are seniors themselves, to share road safety tips with their peers.

(b) Motorcyclists. The 'Reward the Riders' initiative has been ongoing since June 2023, and motorcyclists spotted to be wearing appropriate safety gear and/or displaying safe riding habits are rewarded with a goodie bag. This year, the duration of the initiative has been extended from one to four months. In October 2023, TP will launch the 'Singapore Ride Safe Campaign' to encourage motorcyclists to adopt safe riding habits and don protective riding gear.

(c) Children. In November 2023, TP will be collaborating with the SRSC to launch the 65<sup>th</sup> Singapore Traffic Games at the Road Safety Community Park to educate and inculcate road safety values in young students.

10. Since the start of 2023, TP has stepped up enforcement against errant road users, in particular those who speed, or drink and drive. TP will also continue to leverage technology to help shape desirable road behaviour, including the use of cameras. However, TP's efforts alone will never be enough. All road users must play their part in keeping our roads safe. Road safety is a shared responsibility. Even if you have the right of way on the road, we urge you to slow down, and look out particularly for vulnerable road users, so that we can all get home safely.

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**Comparisons of accident and violation data for the first half of 2021, 2022 and 2023**

**A. Traffic accidents resulting in fatalities and injuries**

<b>Overall</b>	<b>1H2021</b>	<b>1H2022</b>	<b>1H2023</b>
<b>No. of Fatal Accidents</b>	52	44	71
<b>No. of Injury Accidents</b>	2,960	3,125	3,471
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,012</b>	<b>3,169</b>	<b>3,542</b>

**B. Number of casualties (fatalities or persons injured) in accidents**

<b>Overall</b>	<b>1H2021</b>	<b>1H2022</b>	<b>1H2023</b>
<b>No. of Fatalities</b>	58	45	71
<b>No. of Injured Persons</b>	3,611	3,841	4,479
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,669</b>	<b>3,886</b>	<b>4,550</b>

**C. Red-light running violations**

<b>Red-light Running</b>	<b>1H2021</b>	<b>1H2022</b>	<b>1H2023</b>
<b>No. of Violations Detected</b>	24,362	23,645	16,143

**D. Red-light running accidents**

<b>Red-light Running</b>	<b>1H2021</b>	<b>1H2022</b>	<b>1H2023</b>
<b>No. of Fatal Accidents</b>	1	1	6
<b>No. of Injury Accidents</b>	63	61	53
<b>Total</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>59</b>

**E. Speeding violations**

<b>Speeding-Related</b>	<b>1H2021</b>	<b>1H2022</b>	<b>1H2023</b>
<b>No. of Violations Detected</b>	66,480	69,936	53,698

**F. Speeding-related accidents**

<b>Speeding-Related</b>	<b>1H2021</b>	<b>1H2022</b>	<b>1H2023</b>
<b>No. of Fatal Accidents</b>	15	6	13
<b>No. of Injury Accidents</b>	459	499	323
<b>Total</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>336</b>

**G. Drink-driving arrests**

<b>Drink-Driving</b>	<b>1H2021</b>	<b>1H2022</b>	<b>1H2023</b>
<b>No. of Persons Arrested for Drink-Driving</b>	760	790	785

#### H. Drink-driving accidents

<b>Drink-Driving</b>	<b>1H2021</b>	<b>1H2022</b>	<b>1H2023</b>
<b>No. of Fatal Accidents</b>	4	3	6
<b>No. of Injury Accidents</b>	74	67	79
<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>85</b>

#### I. Traffic accidents involving elderly pedestrians

<b>Elderly Pedestrians</b>	<b>1H2021</b>	<b>1H2022</b>	<b>1H2023</b>
<b>No. of Fatal Accidents</b>	5	9	17
<b>No. of Injury Accidents</b>	98	111	128
<b>Total</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>145</b>

#### J. Traffic accidents involving motorcyclists

<b>Motorcyclists &amp; Pillion Riders</b>	<b>1H2021</b>	<b>1H2022</b>	<b>1H2023</b>
<b>No. of Fatal Accidents</b>	27	25	34
<b>No. of Injury Accidents</b>	1,684	1,726	1,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,711</b>	<b>1,751</b>	<b>1,834</b>