

WILMAPCO Council

Action Item Summary Sheet

Meeting Date: September 14, 2023

Action Item #13: To Endorse the New Castle County Safe Streets for All Action Plan

Description/Summary of Item: Staff will present the draft report, recommendations, and results of the public comment period.

Summary of Action Taken by PAC: The WILMAPCO PAC did not take action on this item, but provided feedback on the public outreach and reviewed the draft plan.

Summary of Action Taken by TAC:

The TAC recommended that Council endorse the New Castle County Safe Streets for All Action Plan via email in August.

Summary of Action Taken by Subcommittee/Task Force (if applicable): The NMTWP provided feedback about the draft plan at the June 6 meeting.

WILMAPCO Staff Recommendations:

The WILMAPCO staff recommends that Council endorse the New Castle County Safe Streets for All Action Plan.

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DRAFT RESOLUTION

BY THE WILMINGTON AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (WILMAPCO) ENDORSING THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY SAFE STREETS FOR ALL ACTION PLAN AND COMMITTING TO A GOAL OF VISION ZERO

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) has been designated the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Cecil County, Maryland and New Castle County, Delaware by the Governors of Maryland and Delaware, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the WILMAPCO Council recognizes that planning to reduce and eventually eliminate fatal and serious injury crashes is key to implementing the goals, objectives, and actions in the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP): 2023 Update; and

WHEREAS, the New Castle County Safe Streets For All Action Plan uses a comprehensive and holistic Safe System Approach; and

WHEREAS, the New Castle County Safe Streets For All Action Plan's development was guided by collaboration with an advisory committee of federal, state, local, and community stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the community was engaged in the development of the New Castle County Safe Streets For All Action Plan through in person and online outreach; and

WHEREAS, the New Castle County Safe Streets For All Action Plan's recommendations were shaped by analysis of crash data, equity, best practices, and stakeholder engagement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wilmington Area Planning Council does hereby endorse the final report and recommendations of the New Castle County Safe Streets for All Action Plan and commits to a goal of Vision Zero, reducing serious injury and fatal crashes by 50% by 2030 and eliminating them by 2040 compared with 2021 numbers.

Date:

John Sisson, Chairperson
Wilmington Area Planning Council



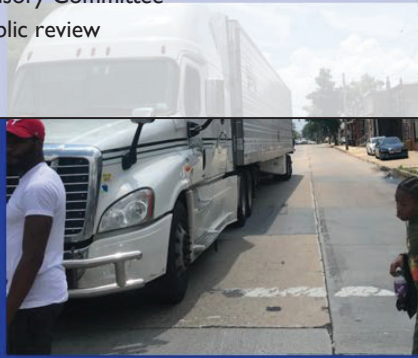
Safe Streets for All

in New Castle County

A Partnership of WILMAPCO, New Castle County, Municipal, and State Agencies, and Community Stakeholders

Agency/Public Review Timeline:

- ✓ 7/5-7/26 – Committee review
- ✓ 7/26-7/31 – Document edits from committee comments
- 8/1-8/31 – Public review
- 8/17 – WILMAPCO Technical Advisory Committee
- 9/1-9/7 – Document edits from public review
- 9/14 – WILMAPCO Council



OUR GOAL:

**50 percent fewer
fatal and serious crashes by 2030
and eliminate them by 2040**

Draft August 3, 2023

SAFE STREETS FOR ALL NEW CASTLE COUNTY COMMITTEE

Agency	Jurisdiction Type
New Castle County Emergency Management	County
New Castle County Emergency Medical Services	County
New Castle County Executive's Office	County
New Castle County Land Use	County
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration	Federal
WILMAPCO	MPO
Arden	Municipal
Ardencroft	Municipal
Ardentown	Municipal
Bellefonte	Municipal
City of New Castle	Municipal
City of Newark	Municipal
City of Wilmington	Municipal
Delaware City	Municipal
Elsmere	Municipal
Middletown	Municipal
Town of Newport	Municipal
Town of Odessa	Municipal
Town of Townsend	Municipal
Appoquinimink School District	School Transportation
Brandywine School District	School Transportation
Christina School District	School Transportation
Colonial School District	School Transportation
Red Clay School District	School Transportation
Department of Health and Social Services	State of Delaware
Delaware Governor's Office	State of Delaware
Delaware Office of Highway Safety	State of Delaware
Delaware Office of State Planning	State of Delaware
Delaware Transit Corporation	State of Delaware
DeIDOT	State of Delaware
Division of EMS	State of Delaware
Delaware Center for Transportation	University of Delaware
Institute for Public Administration	University of Delaware
League of Local Government	University of Delaware
AAA Mid-Atlantic	Nonprofit
AARP	Nonprofit

DEFINITIONS

Crash/Collision – Preventable intersecting movements of roadway users that may result in injury or loss of life, trauma, and property damage.

Safe Streets for All - A collaborative initiative to eliminate roadway deaths and severe injuries in our communities.

Serious Injury - A serious (or severe) injury involves one or more of the following:

- Severe laceration resulting in exposure of underlying tissues/muscle/organs or resulting in significant loss of blood
- Broken or distorted extremity (arm or leg)
- Crush injuries
- Suspected skull, chest, or abdominal injury other than bruises or minor lacerations
- Significant burns (second and third degree burns over 10% or more of the body)
- Unconsciousness when taken from the crash scene
- Paralysis

Severe Crashes – Serious injury and fatal crashes

Systemic Safety - A systemic approach to safety involves widely implemented improvements based on high-risk roadway features correlated with specific severe crash types. The approach helps agencies broaden their traffic safety efforts at little extra cost.

Transportation Equity – A recognition that transportation-related externalities, such as traffic deaths and injuries, and environmental impacts caused by transportation systems, are disproportionately experienced by some community groups and transportation network users more so than others.

Vision Zero – A road safety philosophy which states that no loss of life due to traffic collisions is acceptable.

Vision Zero NCC Goal – A goal to end fatalities and serious injuries caused by traffic crashes in New Castle County by 2040 and cut the number in half by 2030 compared to 2021.

DATA

The Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security (DSHS) is the official custodian of Delaware crash reports and is responsible for statewide crash data collection and dissemination. Analysis was completed with assistance from the University of Delaware, Delaware Center for Transportation. Publicly available data may be viewed at <https://data.delaware.gov/stories/s/Public-Crash-Data-Dashboard/9yvr-c38p>. Most analysis in this report used 2015-2021 data due to a lag in when final data is released.

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INTRODUCTION

WHAT IS SAFE STREETS FOR ALL IN NEW CASTLE COUNTY

Safe Streets for All in New Castle County (SS4A) is a cooperative effort to eliminate roadway deaths and serious injuries in our communities. WILMAPCO, local governments, state agencies, and community stakeholders have developed this action plan to identify how we can collectively achieve zero fatalities and serious injuries. The action plan outlines strategies and actions that should be taken to reverse the rising number of serious crashes. It is simply a starting point—a living document that will respond to data trends and continue to incorporate safety innovations and opportunities to eliminate traffic fatalities and injuries. This new approach will need to go beyond “business as usual.” Solutions will require action by policymakers, engineers, planners, first responders, enforcement agencies, and the traveling public.

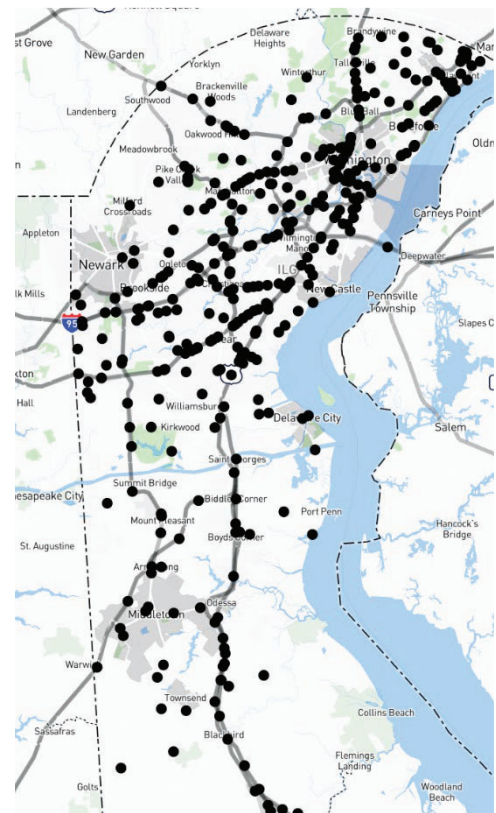
In other words, SS4A is a plan to make our roads safer for everyone. It will require cooperation from everyone involved in transportation, from policymakers to the traveling public. We can all do our part to help make our roads safer for everyone.

MORE THAN ONE PERSON DIES EACH WEEK ON OUR STREETS AND FOUR PEOPLE EXPERIENCE LIFE-ALTERING SERIOUS INJURIES.

In 2022, a record 86 people died on New Castle County streets; between 2015 and 2021 there were 1,573 serious injuries and 361 deaths. This loss is unacceptable.

SS4A examines the locations, causes, and trends surrounding these crashes to determine a comprehensive approach to reducing and eliminating these tragedies. Until now, transportation systems have focused disproportionately on moving vehicles as efficiently as possible and safety planning has relied on enforcement and roadway user behavior.

Those lost or harmed are far more than points on a map.



Serious Injuries/Fatalities, 2015-2021

Zero
is the only acceptable number of
deaths and severe injuries on New
Castle County streets.

CRASH HISTORY: A CALL TO ACTION

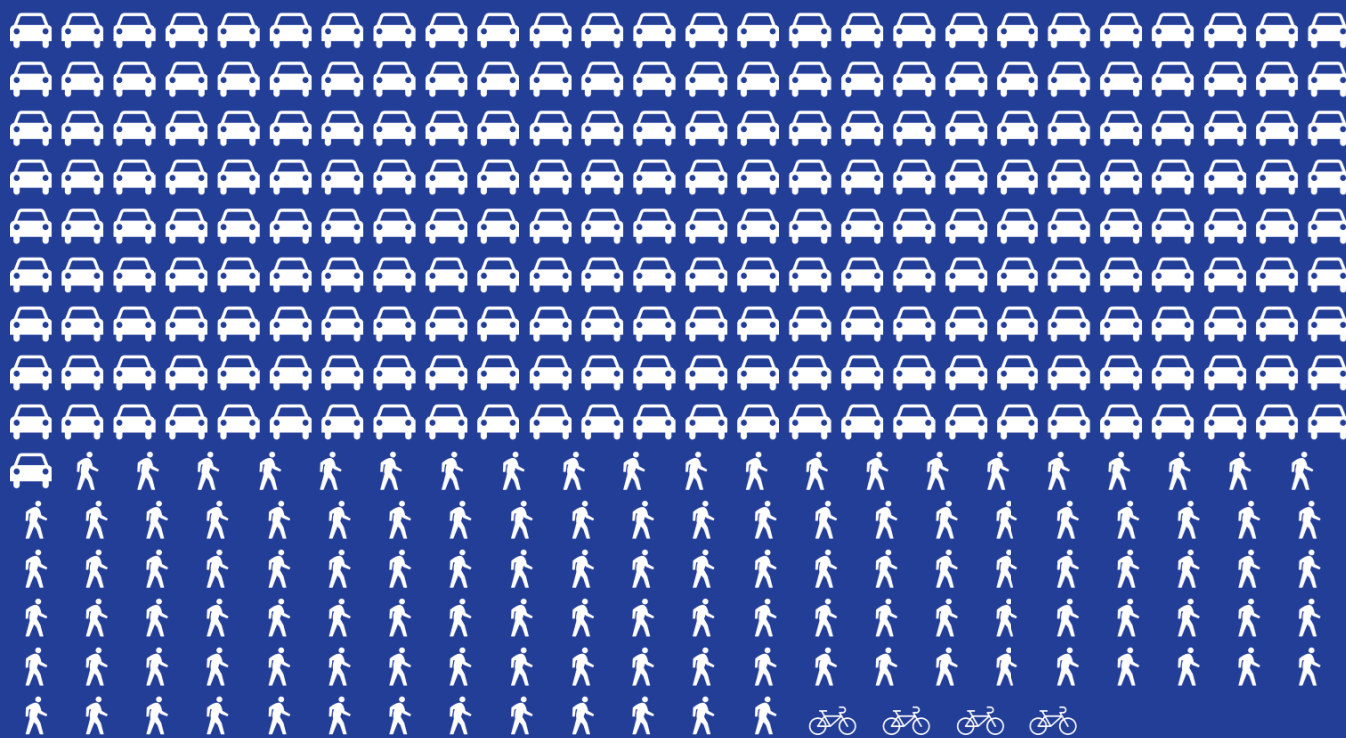
Between 2015 and 2021 the loss and harm to life was tragic and significant. On average, crashes resulted in:

1

Fatalities per week

4

Serious injuries per week



Over those seven years, people died in 235 vehicle crashes, 122 pedestrian crashes, and four bicycle crashes. People were seriously injured in 1,320 vehicle crashes, 229 pedestrian crashes, and 24 bicycle crashes.

In 2022, a record 86 people died on New Castle County roadways.

This report examines changes that could have prevented or reduced the severity of many of these crashes.

Our Goal: Serious Injuries and Deaths reduced by 50% by 2030 and eliminated by 2040.

These are mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, husbands, wives, friends, neighbors, and colleagues. Their loss exacts a serious toll, including emotional trauma, healthcare expenses, wage and productivity losses, and significant taxpayer spending on emergency response.



One life lost on our streets is one too many.

THIS ACTION PLAN IS DEDICATED TO THOSE THAT HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES ON STREETS IN NEW CASTLE COUNTY.

OUR APPROACH, GUIDING PRINCIPLES, AND CORE VALUES

A SAFE SYSTEMS APPROACH

SS4A adopts the Safe System Approach¹ to achieve Vision Zero, which aims to eliminate all fatal and serious injury crashes. The Safe System Approach has been embraced by the U.S. Department of Transportation and has proven to be effective in preventing serious crashes. It is a comprehensive and holistic approach that builds and layers strategies to both prevent crashes from occurring in the first place and minimize the severity of crashes when they do occur.

This is a shift from a conventional safety approach because it focuses on both human mistakes and human vulnerability, putting in place layers of redundancies to protect everyone. For years, a traditional approach has been used in New Castle County, implementing many excellent education and enforcement programs. However, serious crashes have continued to rise, proving that more is needed. Therefore, with SS4A, we are shifting from a traditional approach to a safe system approach.



Traditional	Safe System Approach
Prevent crashes	Prevent deaths and serious injuries
Improve human behavior	Design for human mistakes/limitations
Control speeding	Design for appropriate speeds
Individuals are responsible	Share responsibility
Enforce traffic laws	Design self-enforcing facilities
React based on crash history	Proactively identify and address risks

¹ Adapted from <https://www.transportation.gov/NRSS/SafeSystem>
 Safe Streets for All in New Castle County Draft 8/1/23

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Deaths and serious injuries are unacceptable: We must have zero tolerance for traffic deaths and serious injuries.

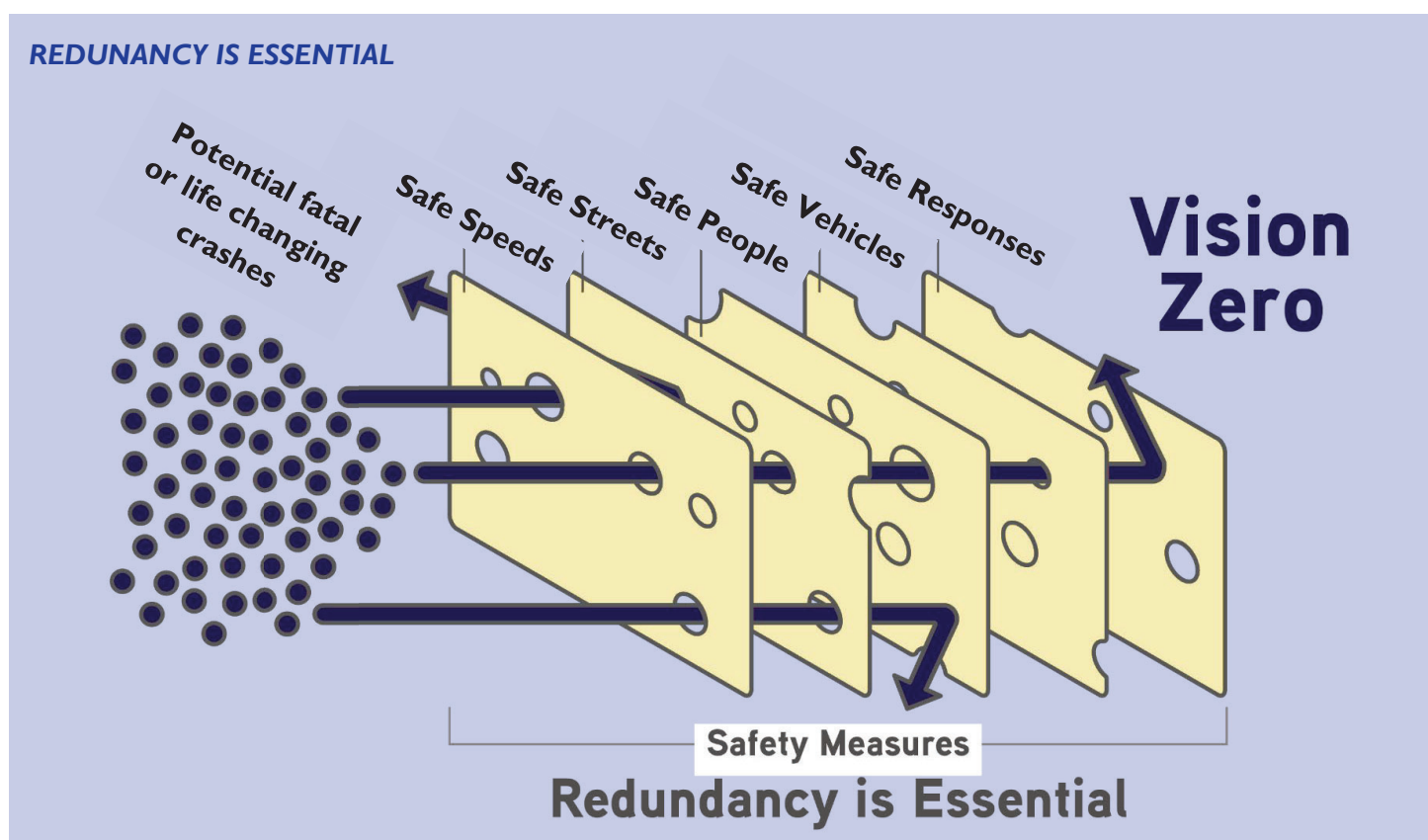
People make mistakes: We can design and operate our roads to accommodate human mistakes and prevent death and serious injury.

The human body is fragile: Pedestrians and bicyclists are particularly vulnerable to death and injury, and this risk decreases on slower-speed streets.

We share responsibility: Decision-makers must prioritize safety, engineers and planners must build safer communities, educators must instill safe behavior, and first responders must provide the best possible response.

We must be proactive in our approach to traffic safety: We should use crash data and other tools to identify and mitigate risks, rather than waiting for crashes to happen and then reacting.

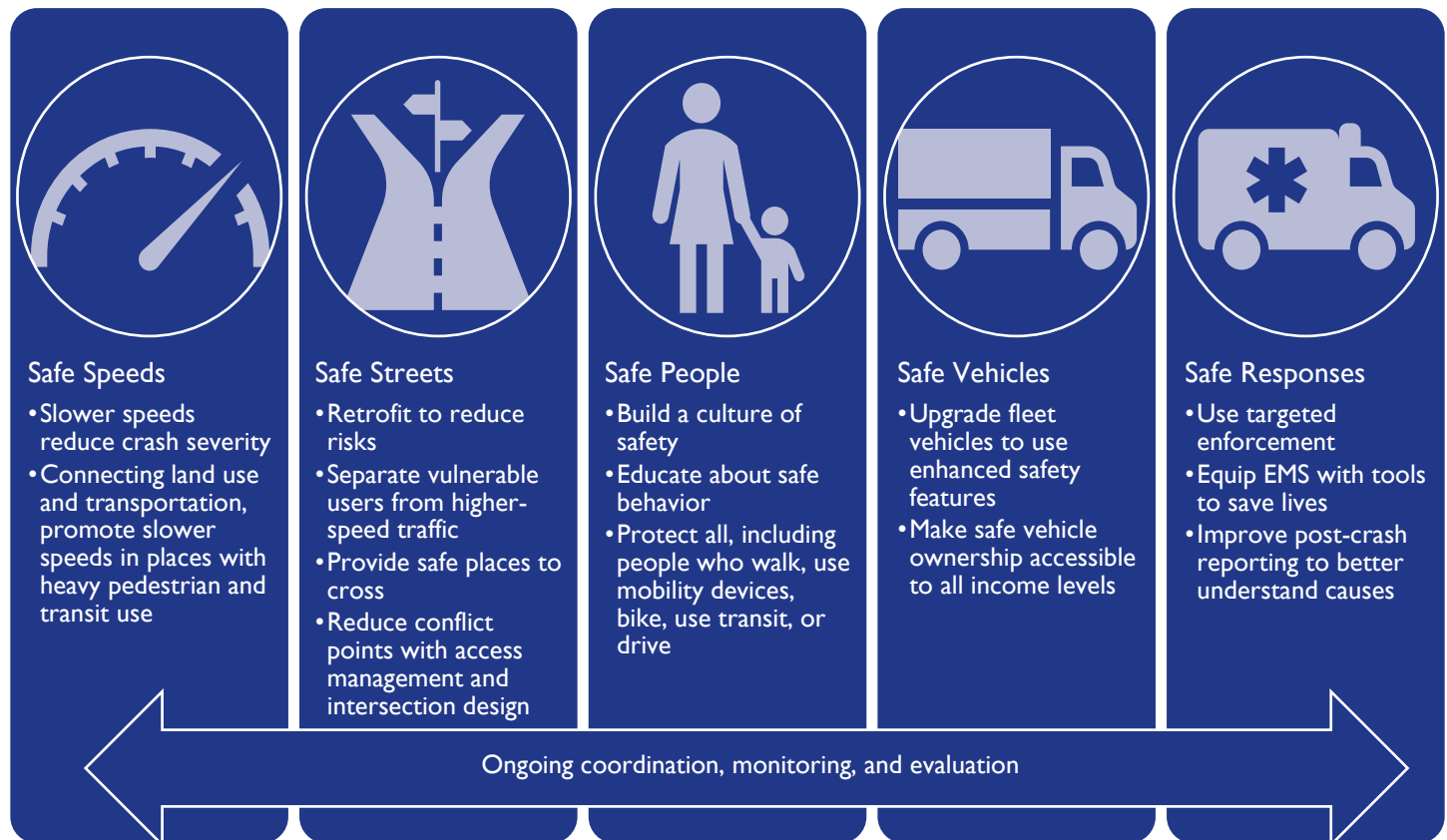
Redundancy is crucial: It is crucial to reduce risks by strengthening all parts of the roadway system so that if one part fails, people are still protected. The Safe System approach includes the following elements: Safe Road Users, Safe Vehicles, Safe Speeds, Safe Roads, and First Response / Post-Crash Care.



Adapted from <https://www.honolulu.gov/completestreets/visionzero>

LAYERS OF REDUNDANCY

Safer streets must strengthen all aspects of road safety. Five focus areas are:



A sixth key element of our success is ongoing coordination, monitoring, and evaluation. The SS4A action plan is simply a starting point. Some actions can be implemented quickly, while others may take years. Some will achieve our desired results, while others may not. Continued coordination and tracking will allow us to adjust or add actions to stay on track toward our goal.

OUR CORE VALUES

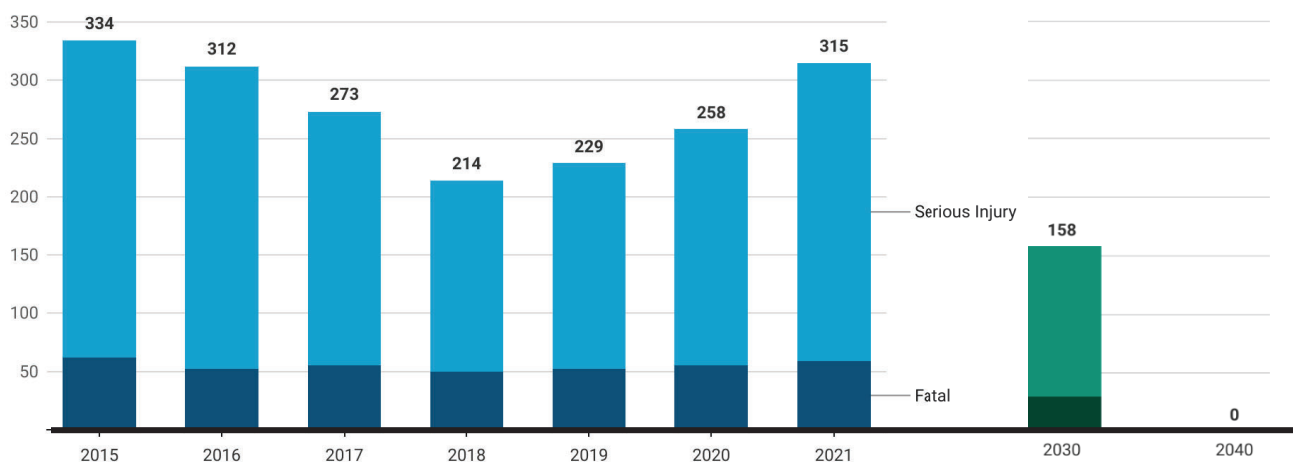
Everyone--regardless of background, ability, or age--deserves a safe place to live in and travel around and no group should be disproportionately impacted by traffic crashes. We must prioritize and collaborate to make this happen using a proactive approach, guided by data and community engagement. Our quest for Vision Zero is not done until there are none.

OUR GOAL

Serious injuries and deaths reduced by 50% by 2030 and eliminated by 2040 compared with 2021 numbers.

This is an ambitious goal that will require a dramatic shift in spending priorities, policies, acceleration of safety projects, and increased personal responsibility to achieve. Our shared task is daunting, yet there are success stories which offer hope.²

New Castle County Fatal and Serious Injury Crash Trends



² <https://bikeportland.org/2023/04/26/hoboken-leader-shares-secret-sauce-for-vision-zero-success-373939>
<https://www.itf-oecd.org/sites/default/files/docs/monitoring-progress-urban-road-safety-2022.pdf>

PLANNING PROCESS

Collaboration across jurisdiction, agency, and community partners is essential to achieving Vision Zero and thus a broad collaborative approach was undertaken to develop this plan. More details may be found in Appendix A. Our planning process engaged policy-makers, an Advisory Committee of professionals and community groups, and public outreach surveys. The Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) spearheaded the plan's development. As the Metropolitan Planning Organization for New Castle County, DE and Cecil County, MD, WILMAPCO is responsible for planning, financing, and coordinating the development of the best transportation system for the region.

POLICY-MAKERS

The following policymakers are essential for the plan's implementation: WILMAPCO's New Castle County representatives, which include an appointee by the Delaware Governor (currently the director of the Delaware Office of State Planning Coordination), the Secretary of the Delaware Department of Transportation, the CEO of Delaware Transit Corporation, the Mayor of the City of Wilmington, the County Executive of New Castle County, and New Castle County municipalities (currently represented by the Mayor of Elsmere).

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Advisory Committee consists of local governments, transportation planners and engineers, first responders and public safety planners, the University of Delaware, school transportation officials, and community groups. The Advisory Committee provided support and feedback to guide the plan development and will continue to support the implementation and monitoring of the recommendations.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Initial public engagement was done using an online survey, interactive map, and pop-up outreach at community events. We received feedback about people's experiences with crashes, how they get around, beliefs about the causes of crashes, preferred strategies for safety, and demographic backgrounds using an online survey. Between March 9 and May 15, 2023, 91 people completed the survey. During this period, we received 375 comments on an interactive map to crowdsource locations of concern. Pop-up outreach was done at the Southbridge, Wilmington Open Street Event, Newark Greenfest, and the Claymont Library. Pop-up outreach included an informational display, post-it note comment board, and a Selfie for Safety station.



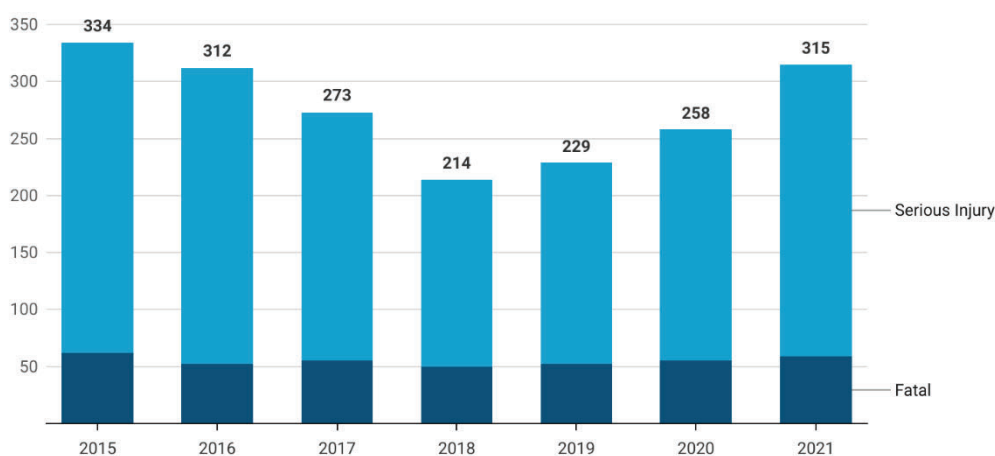
UNDERSTANDING SAFETY ISSUES IN NEW CASTLE COUNTY

CRASH ANALYSIS

DATA TRENDS

Serious and fatal crashes have been increasing since 2018 in New Castle County. In 2022, Delaware fatal crashes tied the record set in 1988. In New Castle County, 2022 fatal crashes soared to 74 and there were 258 serious injury crashes.

New Castle County Fatal and Serious Injury Crash Trends



Most common primary factors in crashes are driving aggressively, carelessly, or recklessly, failure to yield right of way, pedestrian-involved collisions, inattention or fatigue, and driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, with information drawn from the investigating officer's crash report. These Primary Contributing Circumstances are the factors that are most significant in causing a crash, but crashes often have multiple, overlapping behavioral, environmental, or roadway conditions that exacerbate the crash severity. In particular, excessive speeds often worsen the severity of crashes, regardless of their primary causes.



The Primary Contributing Circumstances for New Castle County fatalities and serious injuries, 2015-2021, are as follows:

Primary Contributing Circumstances	Number	Percent
Unknown/Other	309	16%
Driving in an aggressive, careless or reckless manner	255	13%
Failed to yield right of way	242	13%
Pedestrian	238	12%
Driver inattention, distraction, or fatigue	231	12%
Driving under the influence	165	9%
Disregard Traffic Signal/Stop Sign	120	6%
Following too close	85	4%
Speeding	69	4%
Improper lane change	52	3%
Wrong side or wrong way	51	3%
Made improper turn	24	1%
Other environmental circumstances - weather, glare	22	1%
Animal in roadway	22	1%
Roadway circumstances - debris, holes, work zone,	18	1%
Mechanical defects	14	1%
Improper passing	12	1%
Improper backing	6	0%

60%

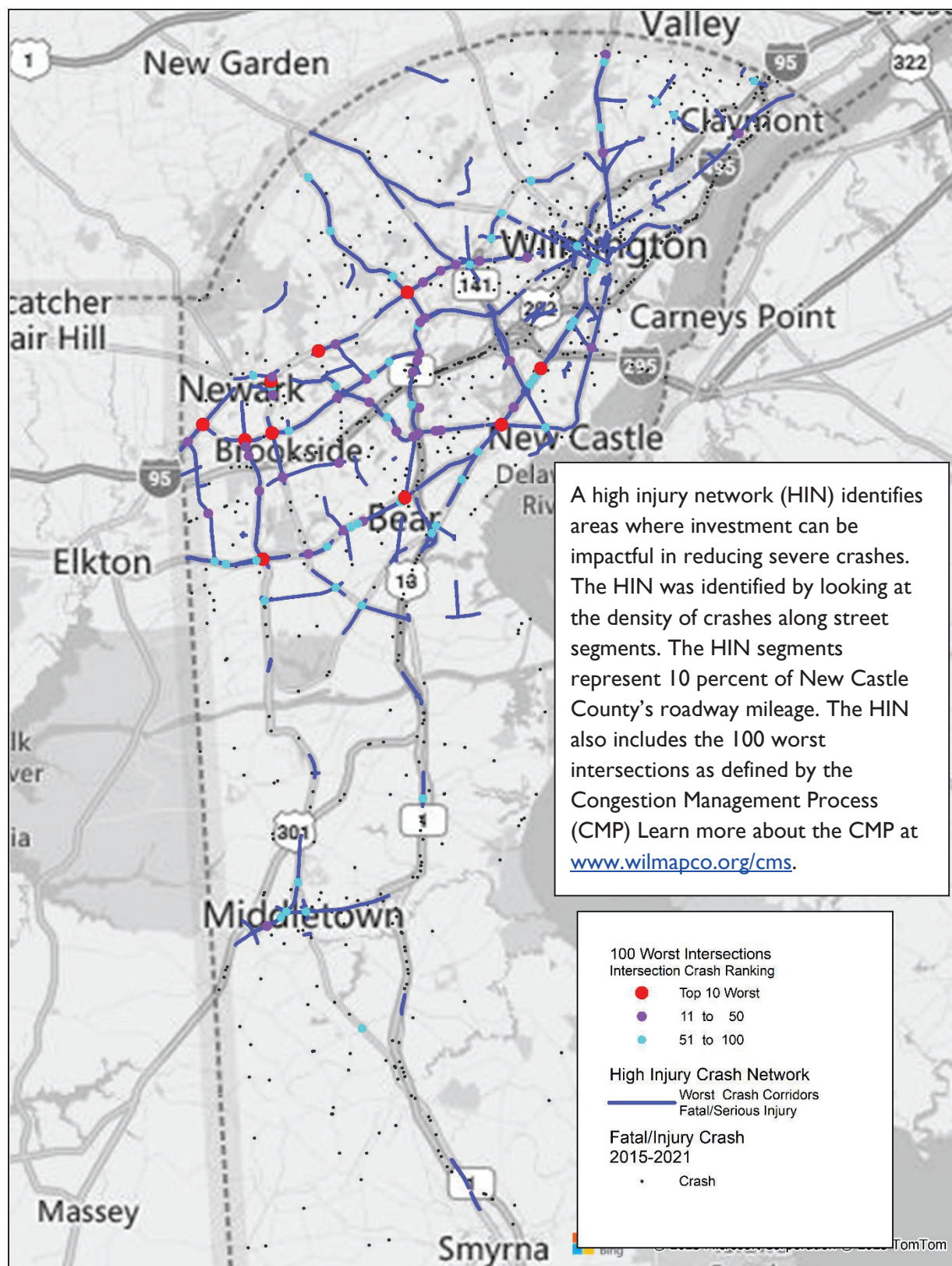
of severe crashes fall within these categories. Recommendations will focus on these plus speeding.

Recommendations in this plan will focus primarily on:

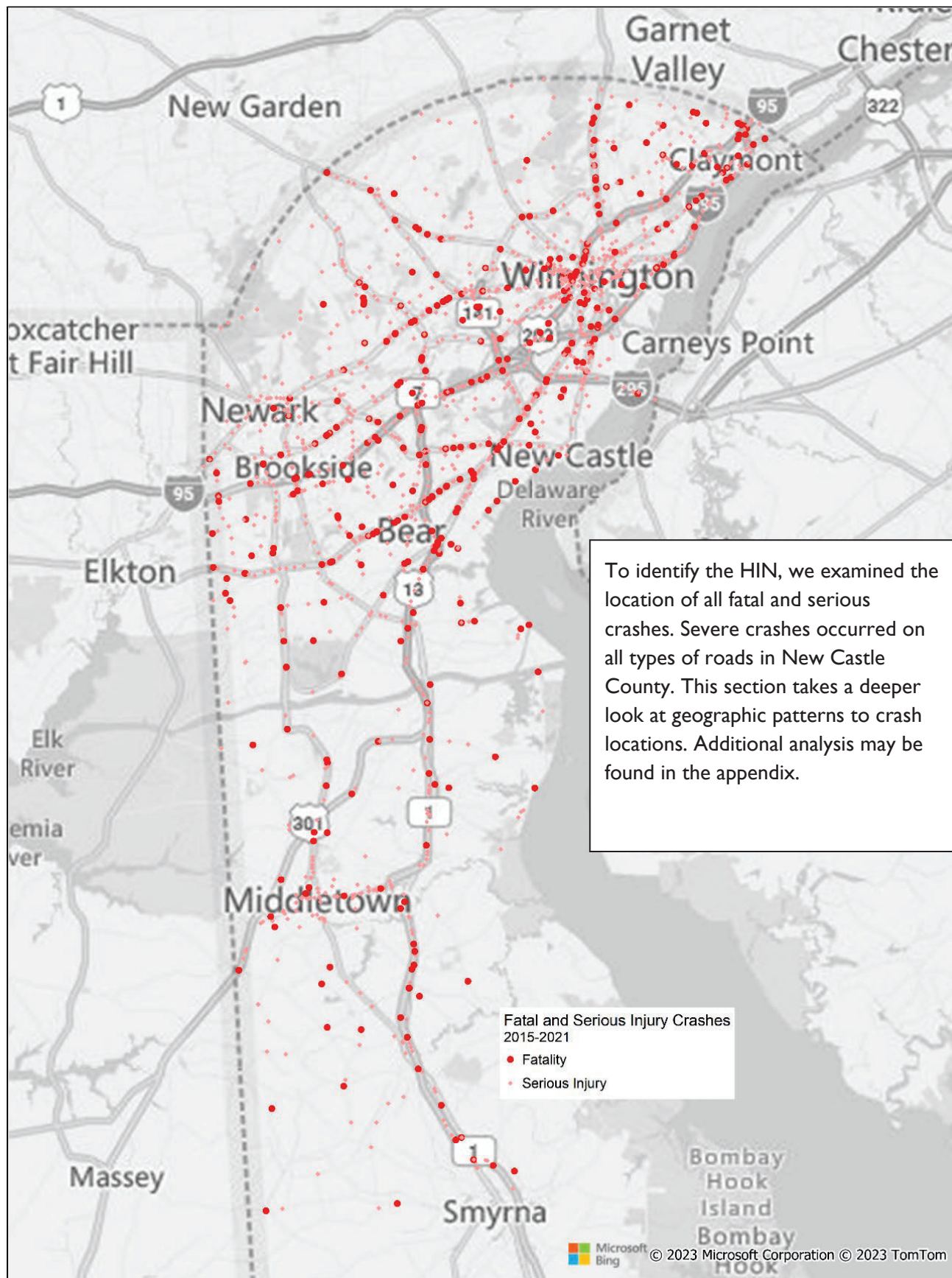
- Driving in an aggressive, careless, or reckless manner
- Failed to yield right of way
- Pedestrian
- Driver inattention, distraction, or fatigue
- Driving under the influence
- Speeding

Solutions require a multi-pronged approach addressing personal responsibility combined with safety-oriented street design, speed controls, targeted enforcement, and best practices for vehicle safety and emergency response.

HIGH CRASH NETWORK



CRASH LOCATIONS



EQUITY ANALYSIS

WILMAPCO's Transportation Justice (TJ) initiative identifies key social inequities in the region's transportation system. It examines the fairness and inclusivity of the existing and planned system, as well as the WILMAPCO public engagement processes. Recommendations were made to overcome observed barriers and inequities. Two categories particularly impacted are included in our SS4A analysis:

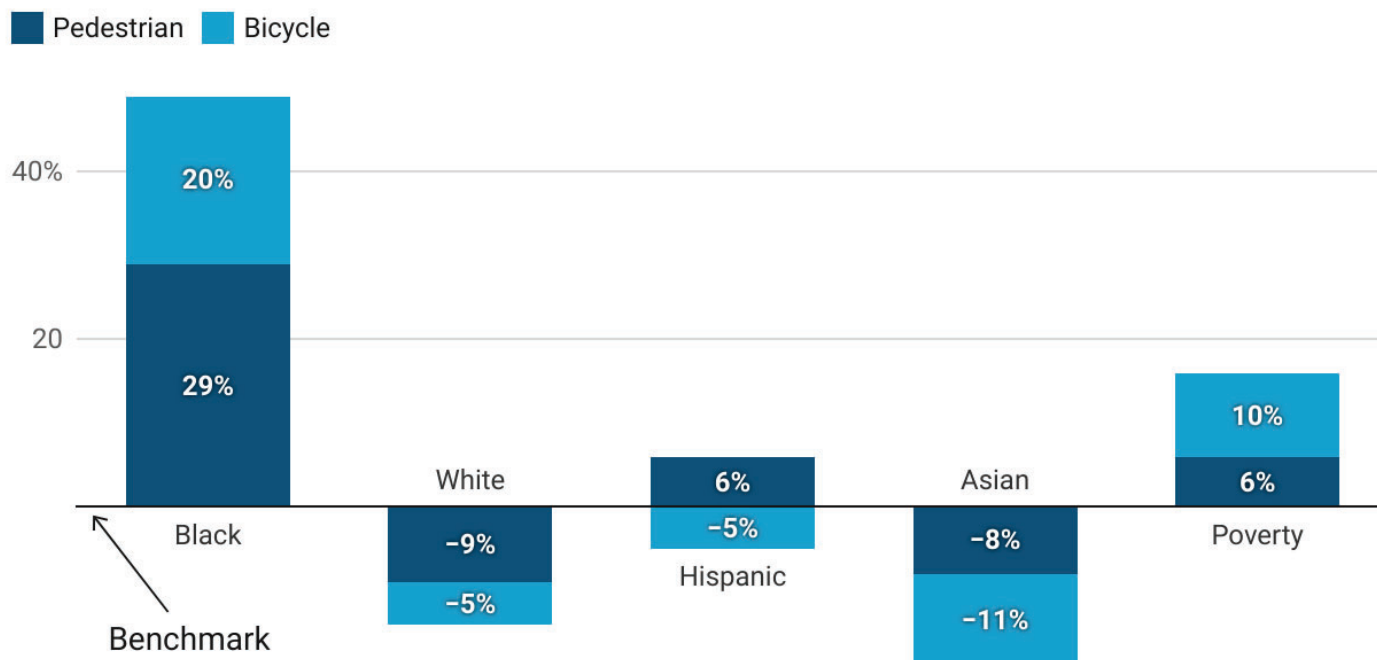
- **Environmental Justice:** Environmental Justice (EJ) neighborhoods are concentrations of low income and minority populations. EJ neighborhoods also include affordable housing developments, as well as school feeder zones with high concentrations of low income or minority students.
- **Mobility Challenged:** Mobility Challenged (MC) neighborhoods are concentrations of seniors, people with disabilities, and households without an automobile.

These categories are defined by data retrieved at the block group level. Non-residential areas of these block groups were clipped using the 2012 Delaware Land Use/Land Cover and 2010 Cecil County land use data.

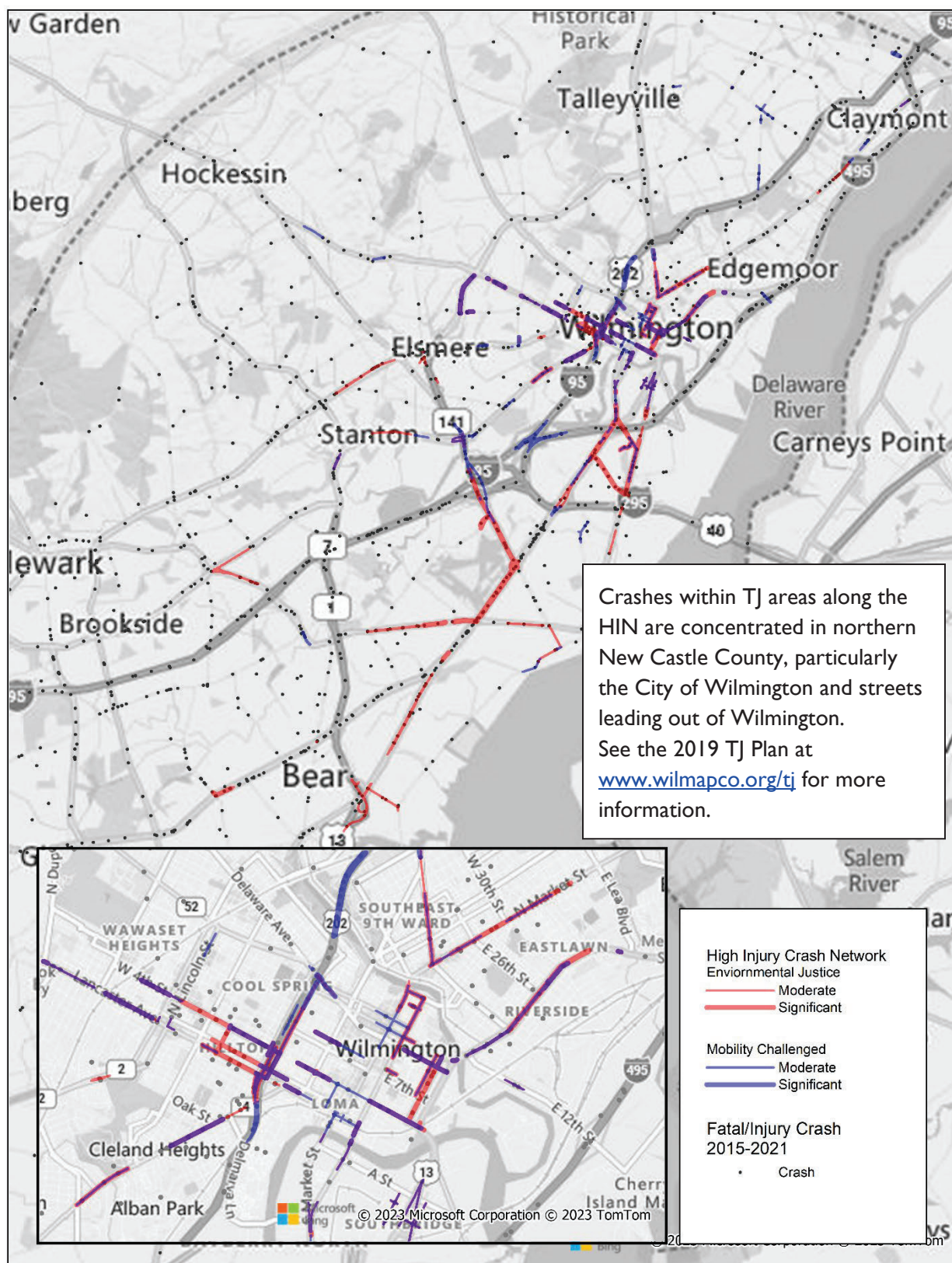
The TJ initiative found that for all severities of crashes, pedestrian and bicycle crashes were greatly more likely in areas with concentrations of black population and slightly more in areas of poverty.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Crashes by TJ Demographics

Percentage Deviation from Expected Block Group Concentrations, WILMAPCO Region

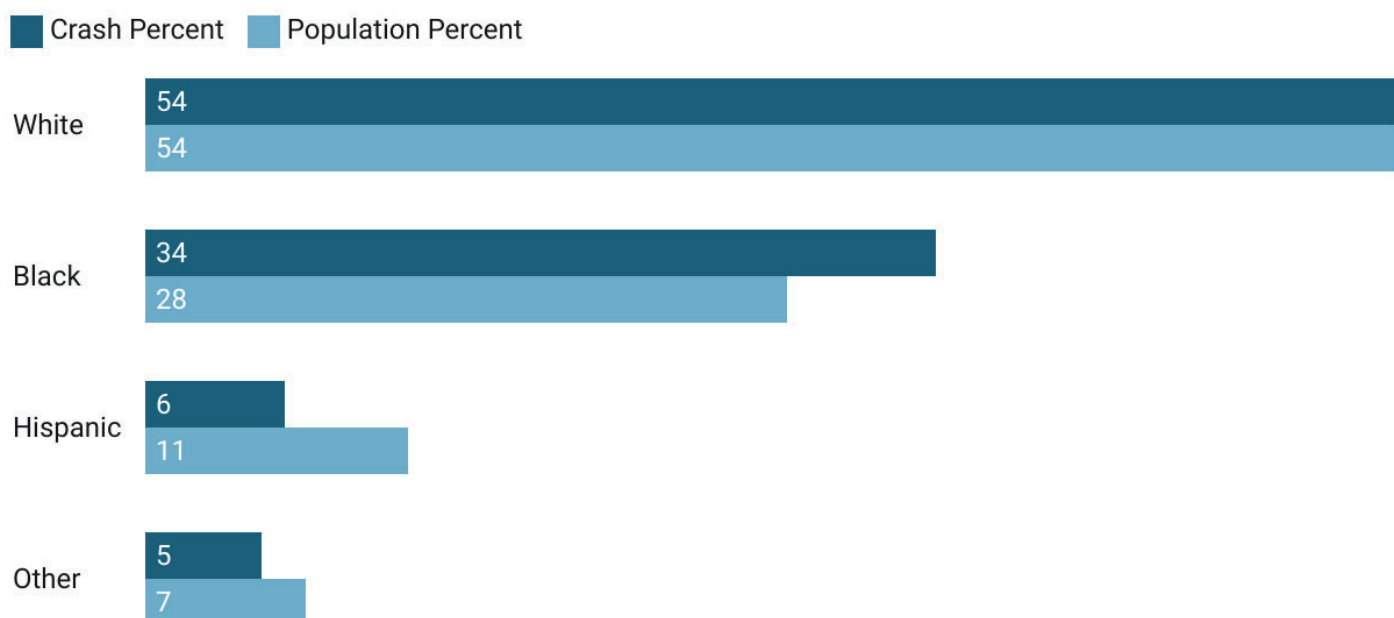


2019 Transportation Justice Plan, <http://www.wilmapco.org/tj/>



Percent of fatalities by race

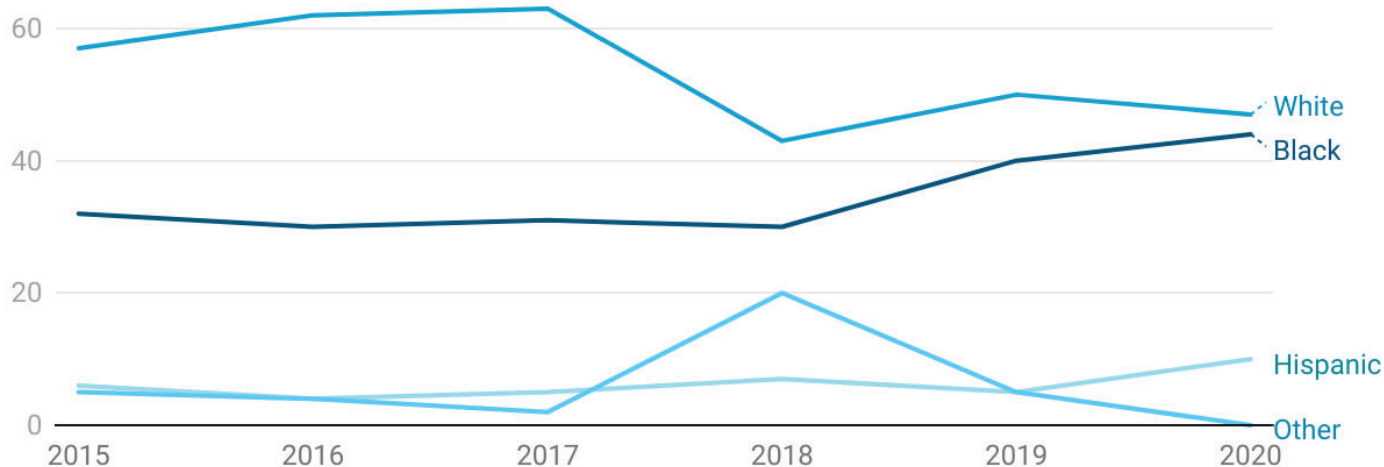
Traffic crash fatalities disproportionately affect Black people.



Source: 2015-2020 FARS, Census 2022 Population Estimates • Created with Datawrapper

Percentage of Fatal Crashes by Race and Year

The percentage of black fatalities has been increasing.



Source: FARS 2015-2020 • Created with Datawrapper

VULNERABLE ROAD USERS

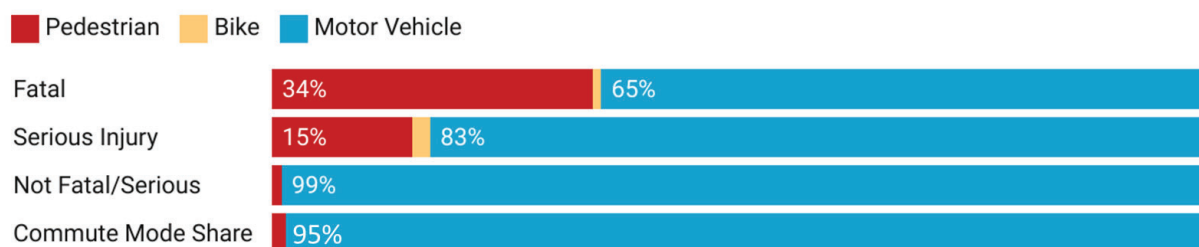
A vulnerable road user is a person walking, bicycling or rolling, taking transit, and includes highway workers on foot. Vulnerable users lack the layers of protection offered by a motor vehicle and are most at risk of dying or being seriously injured in a crash, particularly at higher traffic speeds. Vulnerable users are more likely to fall into a mobility challenged demographic, particularly for low-income commute trips. Likewise, low-income commutes to service jobs are more likely to be done during dark hours.

Pedestrian crashes account for an alarming share of total severe crashes in New Castle County.

Large share of severe crashes are pedestrian

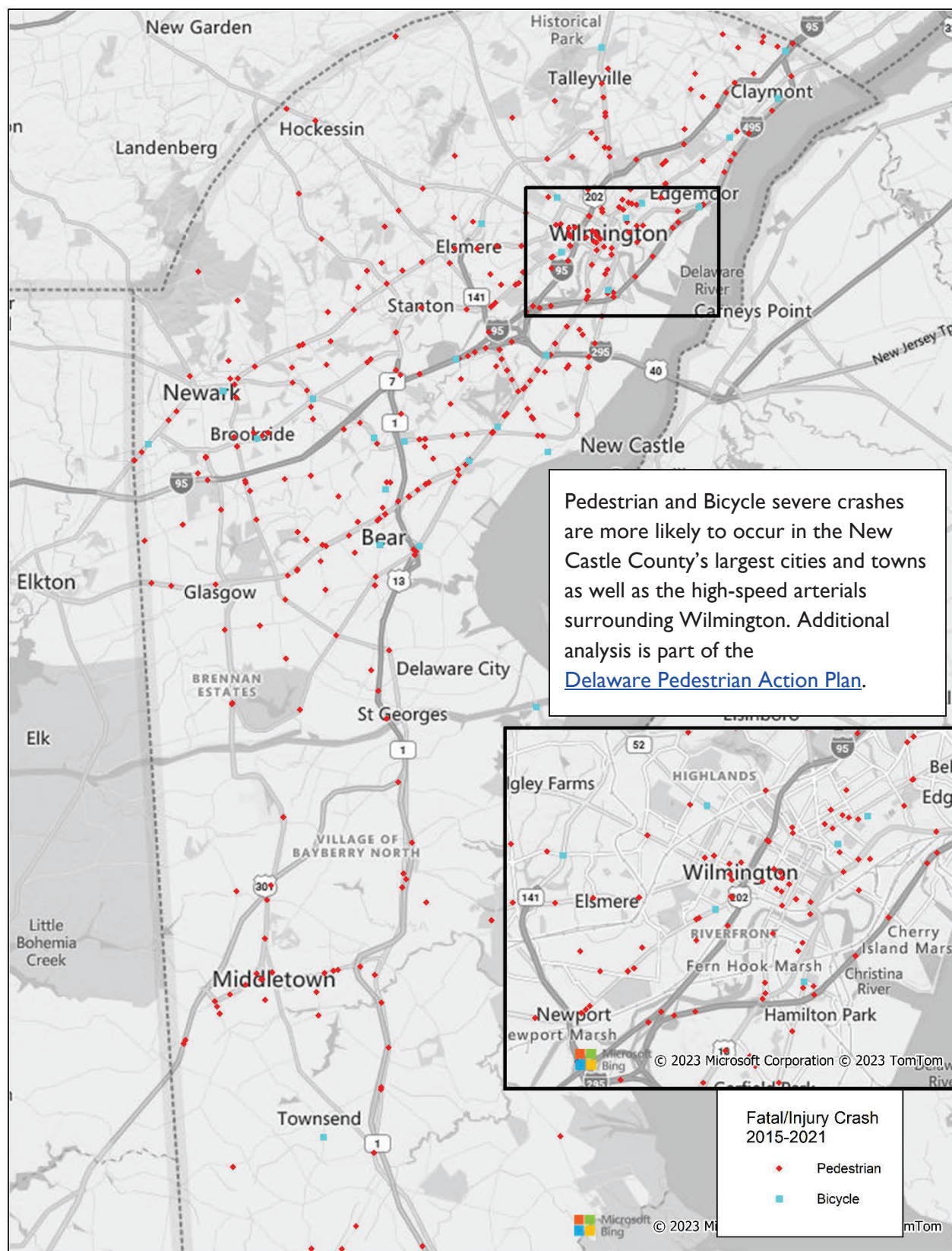
Percent of Severity by Mode

Pedestrian and bike crashes are only 1% of crashes that do not result in deaths or serious injuries but comprise 35% of fatal crashes and 17% of serious injuries



2015-2021

Less than 2% of commutes outside of the home are bicycle/pedestrian



STAKEHOLDER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In developing the SS4A plan, planners sought broad feedback from the community. We asked about people's personal travel experiences and how they've been impacted by crashes, their thoughts on the primary causes, and feedback about strategies to achieve vision zero.



Pop-up events were held at the Southbridge Wilmington Open Street event, Newark Greenfest, and the Claymont Library.

Share your ideas for Safer Streets in New Castle County

Safe Streets for All Feedback Survey

Help the planners prioritize street safety improvements and tell us what actions to take to end traffic deaths and serious injuries. We appreciate your participation in this brief survey. It is intended to capture your experiences and perspectives related to road traffic safety and crashes. Your input will provide a valuable perspective on how we might reduce the number of people who suffer serious injuries or die as a result of road traffic crashes in New Castle County. The survey will take about ten minutes to complete.

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Not shared

What types of transportation do you use to get around your community?

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Rarely/Never
Driving	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Passenger	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Motorcycle	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bicycling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Scooter, skateboard	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bus, train	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Taxi, Uber, Lyft	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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91 people completed the online survey.

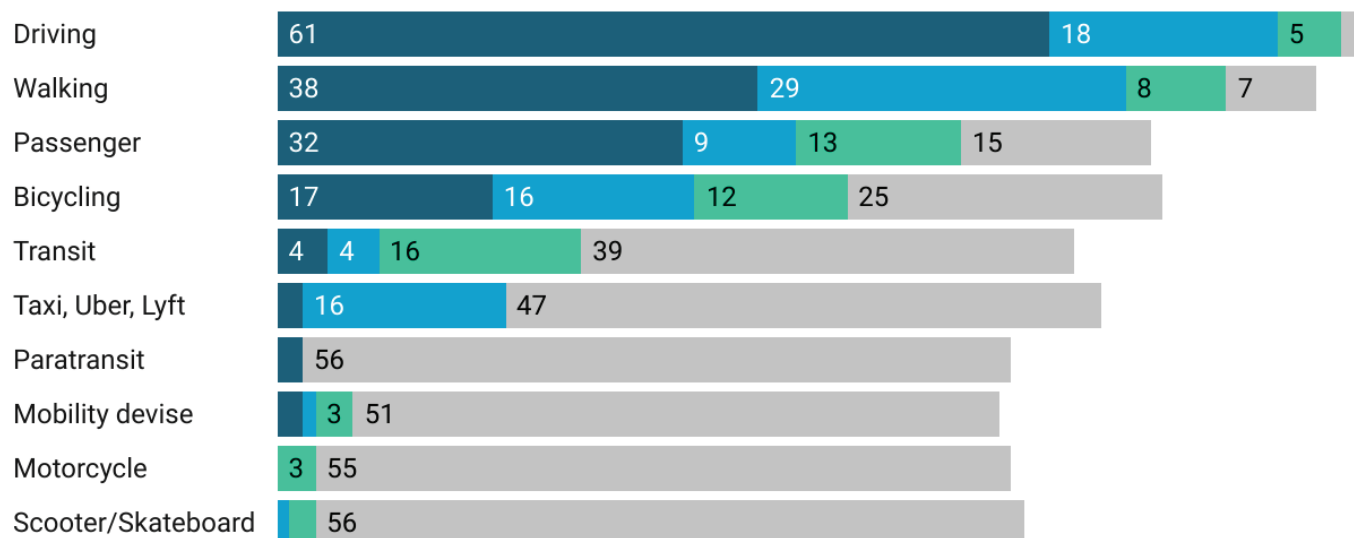


375 comments were added to our crowdsourcing map.

SURVEY RESULTS

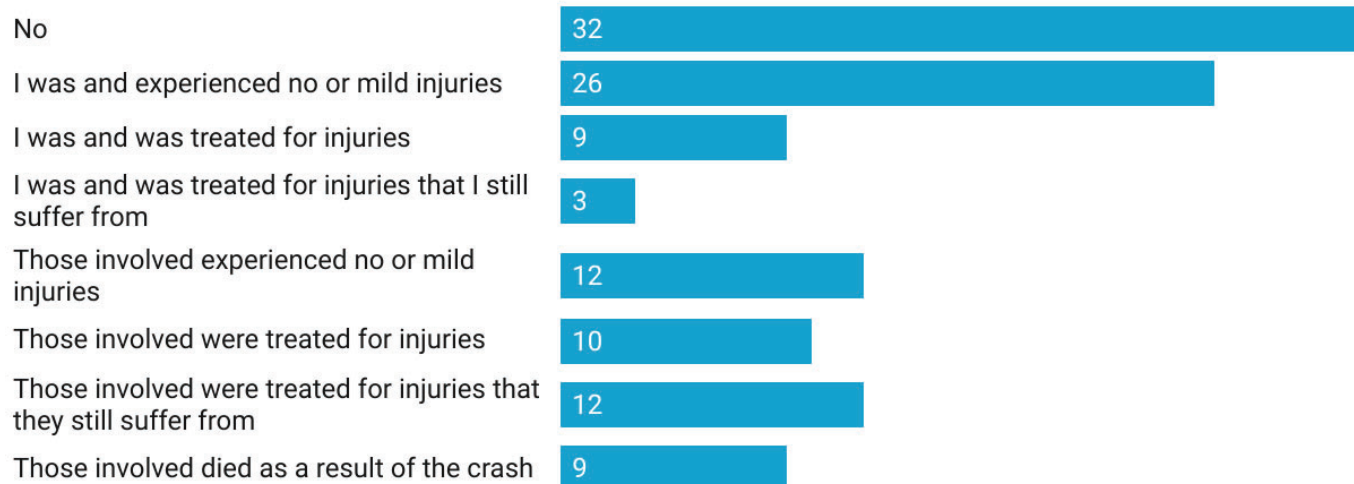
What types of transportation do you use to get around your community?

■ Daily ■ Weekly ■ Monthly ■ Rarely/Never



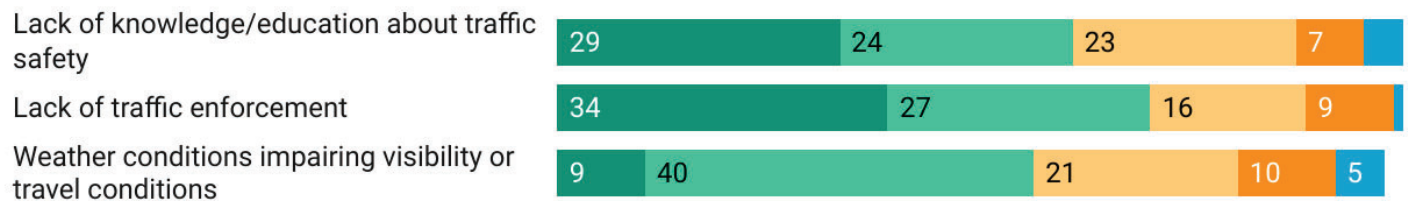
Have you or someone you know been involved in a traffic crash in New Castle County? If so, how severe was the collision?

Number of Responses



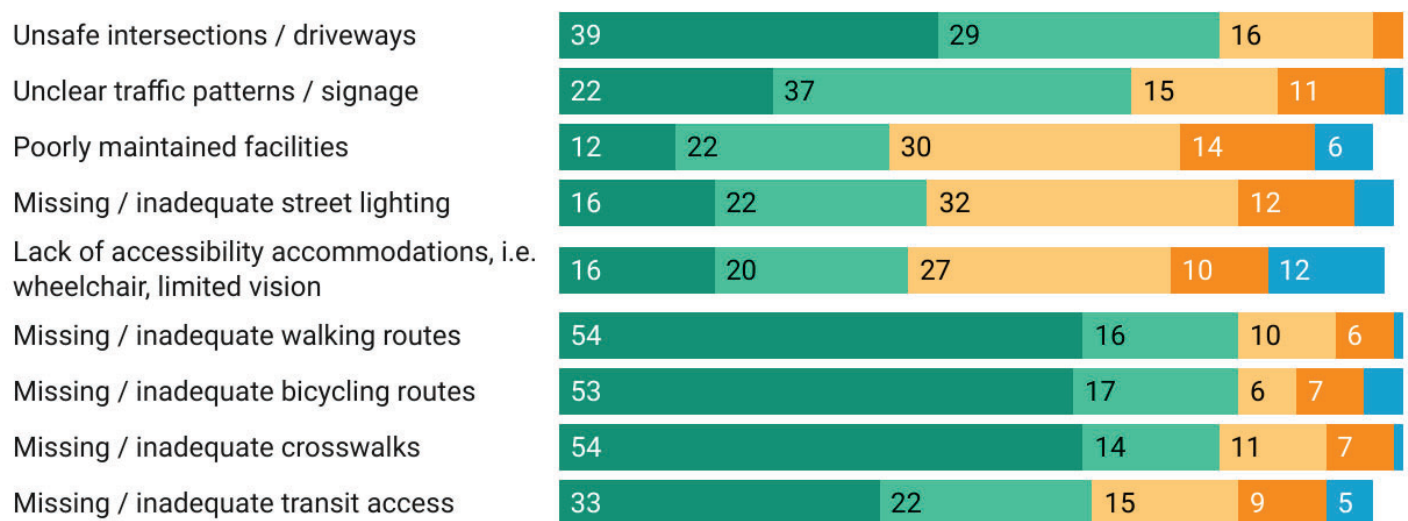
How much do you think the following factors contribute to traffic crashes?

■ A great deal
 ■ Moderately
 ■ Slightly
 ■ Not at all
 ■ Don't know



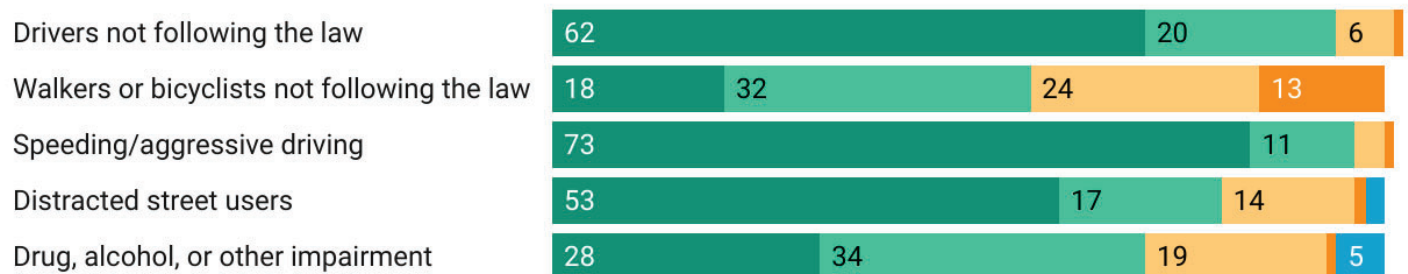
How much do you think the following conditions contribute to traffic crashes?

■ A great deal
 ■ Moderately
 ■ Slightly
 ■ Not at all
 ■ Don't know



How much do you think the following behaviors contribute to traffic crashes?

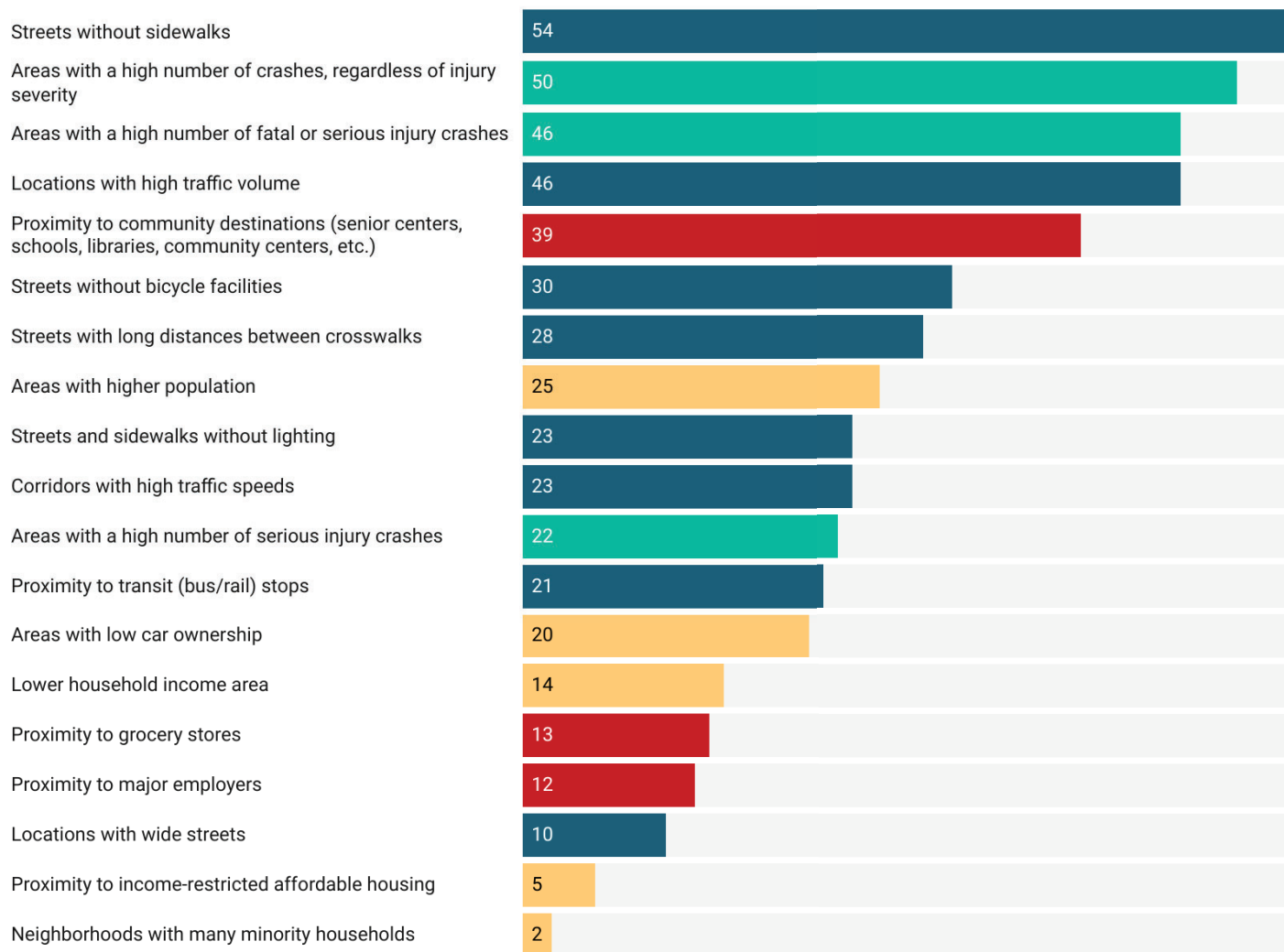
■ A great deal
 ■ Moderately
 ■ Slightly
 ■ Not at all
 ■ Don't know



Suggested Priority Criteria

Select the top six criteria that planners should use when identifying and prioritizing locations for safety improvements.

■ Transport ■ Crash ■ Land Use ■ Demographic

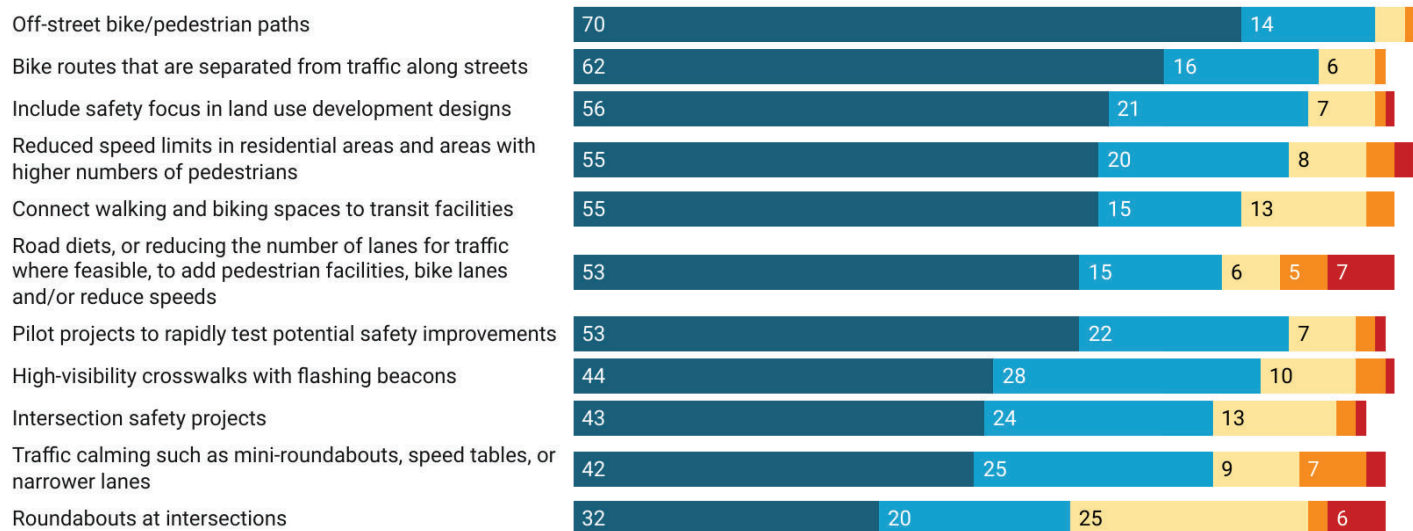


Number of responses

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Support for Engineering Strategies

Strongly support Support Neutral Somewhat oppose Strongly oppose



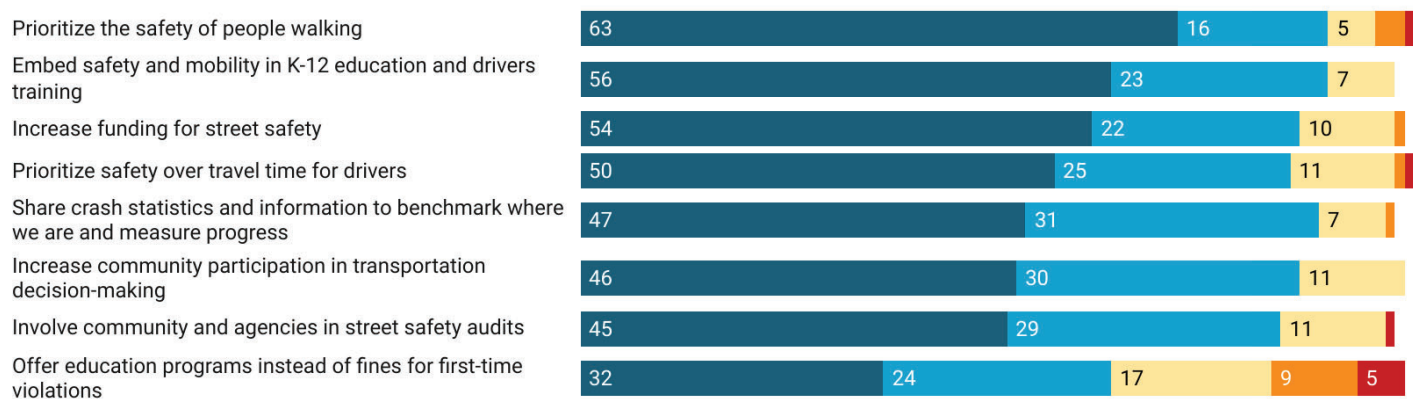
Support for Enforcement Strategies

Strongly support Support Neutral Somewhat oppose Strongly oppose



Support for Safety Program Strategies

Strongly support Support Neutral Somewhat oppose Strongly oppose



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HOW NEW CASTLE COUNTY WILL ACHIEVE VISION ZERO

Recommendations are organized according to the elements of a Safe Systems Approach. Priority Actions include transformational actions that can be taken quickly and have high community support. Supporting Actions may take longer to accomplish or have only moderate community support but are worth pursuing in the future. Rapid Implementation Actions are policy measures or planning to jump-start change, or infrastructure that might be completed as a Quick Build Project or using Every Day Counts innovations.

PRIORITY ACTIONS

SAFE STREETS

Expand travel choices					
Lead(s): DelDOT, WILMAPCO, Local, DTC					
Category: Policy		Subcategory: Safe Streets		Rapid Implementation: Yes	Community Support: High
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding:
<div>Notes and Resources:</div> <div>Everyone deserves the right to move through New Castle County safely by driving, walking, bicycling, and in some locations, by transit. According to the 2019 Transportation Justice Plan, many areas of the county lack access to basic goods and services by means other than private vehicle. Destinations evaluated include access to supermarkets, pharmacies, hospitals, libraries, low-wage employment centers, medical centers, community centers, senior centers, and state service centers.</div> <div>Land use policies should focus on promoting growth where good connectivity is in place while transportation funding policy should prioritize filling in connectivity gaps to promote travel choice.</div> <div><div><div><div><div><div></div><div>95%</div><div></div></div></div><div><div><div></div><div>19%</div><div></div></div></div></div><div><div><div><div><div></div><div>23%</div><div></div></div></div><div><div><div></div><div>7%</div><div></div></div></div></div></div><div><div>Average Percentage of Households Connected to Destinations (Combined), by Mode</div><div>WILMAPCO Region</div></div></div></div>					

Land Use – Review Zoning to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Incorporate Safe Street Designs on Site Plans• Direct Growth into Planned Walkable, Transit-Oriented Areas• Use Mobility-Friendly Design to Maximize Pedestrian Safety and Comfort					
Lead(s): Local					
Category: Policy		Subcategory: Safe Streets		Rapid Implementation: Yes	
				Community Support: High	
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive: Yes		Yield: Yes		Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	
		Drugs/Alcohol: Yes		Distracted: Yes	
				Speeding: Yes	
Notes and Resources: <p>Review zoning and unified development codes and replace language that hampers safer communities with code that promotes them.</p> <p>https://ihrp.uic.edu/using-zoning-regulations-to-foster-walkable-communities-best-practices/</p>					

Prioritize systematic safety improvements on HIN					
Lead(s): DelDOT, WILMAPCO, Local					
Category: Policy		Subcategory: Safe Streets		Rapid Implementation: Yes	Community Support: High
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive: Yes	Yield: Yes	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol: Yes	Distracted: Yes	Speeding: Yes
Notes and Resources: Review and update MPO, DelDOT and local project prioritization processes to incorporate criteria related to HIN safety improvements.					

Secure sufficient funding for identified improvements					
Lead(s): DelDOT, Local					
Category: Policy		Subcategory: Safe Streets		Rapid Implementation: Yes	
Community Support: High					
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive: Yes	Yield: Yes	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol: Yes	Distracted: Yes	Speeding: Yes
Notes and Resources: <p>Federal, state, and local funds as well as public/private partnerships should be set aside or secured through competitive grants. Local governments and some non-state agencies may seek competitive Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program funds for supplemental planning or implementation projects.</p> <p>https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A</p> <p>The University of Delaware Biden School Grant Assistance Program may be a source of technical support for applicants.</p> <p>https://www.bidenschool.udel.edu/ipa/serving-delaware/grant-assistance</p> <p>Many other categories of federal funds in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law may be used for safety improvements, some with reduced matching fund requirements. Examples of federal safety funding include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) • National Highway Freight Program (NHFP) • Railway-Highway Crossings Program (RHCP) • Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) • Transportation Alternatives (TA) • FTA Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities <p>https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/fact_sheets.cfm</p>					

Equity - Fund safety projects in Mobility Challenged and EJ Areas along the HIN					
Lead(s): DelDOT, Local					
Category: Policy		Subcategory: Safe Streets		Rapid Implementation: Yes	
Community Support: High					
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive: Yes	Yield: Yes	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol: Yes	Distracted: Yes	Speeding: Yes
Notes and Resources:					

Equity - Fund safety projects that enhance access community centers, employment, and essential services					
Lead(s): DelDOT, Local					
Category: Policy		Subcategory: Safe Streets		Rapid Implementation: Yes	
Community Support: High					
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive: Yes	Yield: Yes	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol: Yes	Distracted: Yes	Speeding: Yes
Notes and Resources:					

Crosswalk Improvement Review for Gaps and High Stress					
Lead(s): DelDOT, WILMAPCO, Local					
Category: Supplemental Planning		Subcategory: Safe Streets		Rapid Implementation: Yes	Community Support: High
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding:
Notes and Resources:					
https://nacto.org/publication/dont-give-up-at-the-intersection/					

Demonstration Project Program					
Lead(s): DelDOT, Local					
Category: Supplemental Planning		Subcategory: Safe Streets		Rapid Implementation: Yes	Community Support: High
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive: Yes	Yield: Yes	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol: Yes	Distracted: Yes	Speeding: Yes
Notes and Resources:					
Demonstration projects can be set up for hours to months. They use temporary, inexpensive materials to test designs and engage community feedback.					
University of Delaware Living Lab program can provide support for community demonstration projects: https://living-lab-1-udel.hub.arcgis.com/					
Streets Plan Tactical Urbanism Fast-Tracked: A Tactical Transit Study People for Bikes Alta Planning San Francisco Quick Build Vision Zero					

A photograph showing two workers in high-visibility yellow vests and hard hats measuring a street with a long yellow tape measure. A cyclist in a bright green shirt and black shorts is riding a bicycle in the background. The scene is on a city street with a brick building and trees in the background. Orange traffic cones are placed along the street.



Lighting Safety Audit					
Lead(s): DelDOT, Local					
Category: Supplemental Planning	Subcategory: Safe Streets	Rapid Implementation: Yes	Community Support: NA		
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive: Yes	Yield: Yes	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol: Yes	Distracted: Yes	Speeding: Yes
Notes and Resources:					
Fatal/Serious Injury Crashes	Pedestrian %	All Crash %	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 67% of fatal/serious pedestrian crashes were at night. • 43% of all fatal/serious crashes were at night. • Many streets lack sufficient or any pedestrian lighting 		
Daylight	28%	53%			
Dark, lighted	34%	23%			
Dark, not lighted	33%	20%			
Dusk/Dawn	4%	4%			

Road Diet - Systematic Evaluation**Lead(s):** DelDOT, WILMAPCO

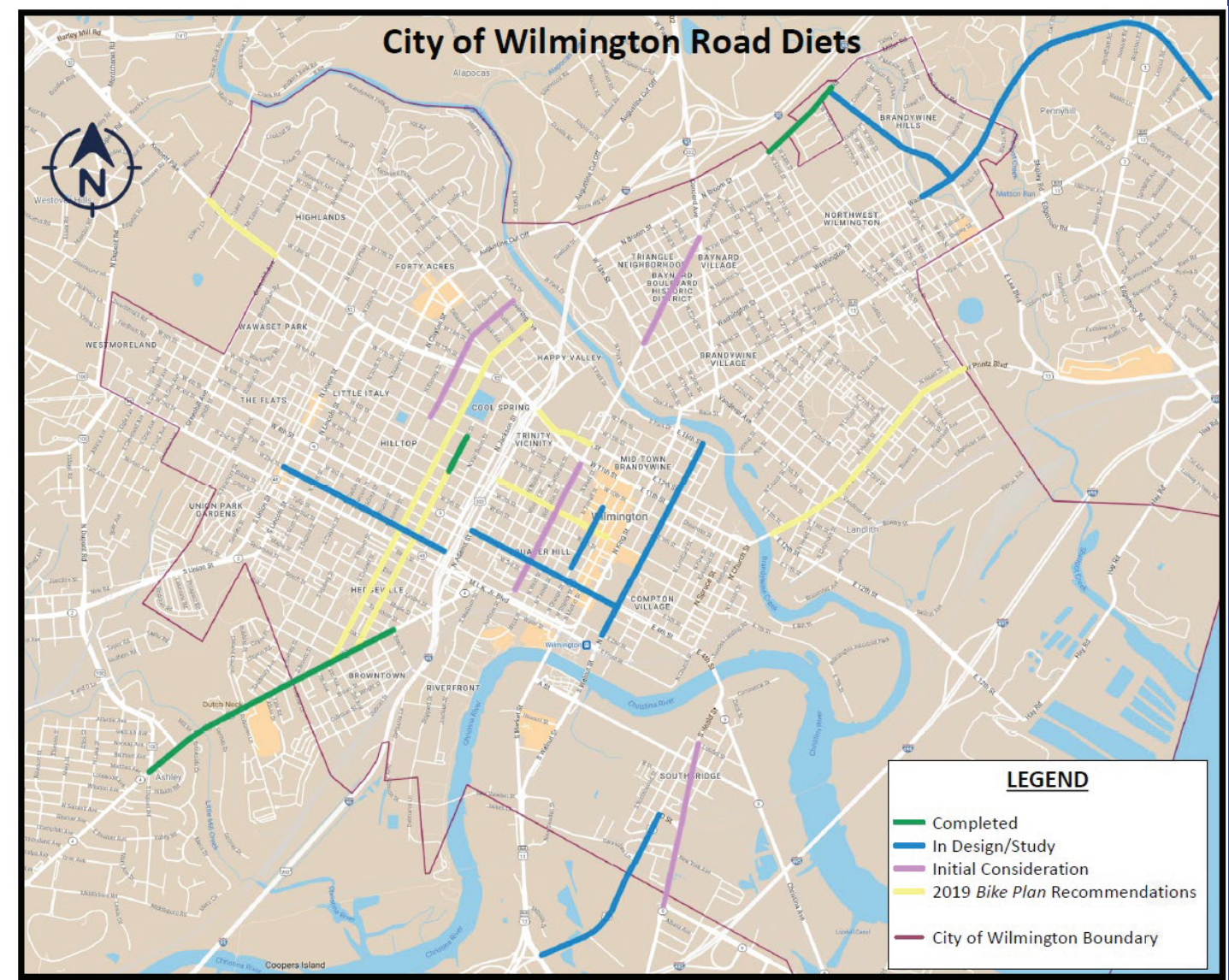
Category: Supplemental Planning	Subcategory: Safe Streets	Rapid Implementation: Yes	Community Support: High
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Addressed crash type:

Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding: Yes
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Notes and Resources:

Road diets are identified by the FHWA as a Proven Safety Countermeasure with a 19-47% reduction in total crashes. DelDOT has completed several road diets that have successfully reduced severe crashes. Working with the City of Wilmington, they looked systematically for potential road diet corridors. This analysis should be expanded to assess other areas of New Castle County. <https://deldot.gov/Programs/DSHSP/reports/Road-diet/>



Road safety audits and pedestrian safety audits on HIN					
Lead(s): DelDOT					
Category: Supplemental Planning		Subcategory: Safe Streets		Rapid Implementation: Yes	Community Support: High
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive: Yes	Yield: Yes	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol: Yes	Distracted: Yes	Speeding: Yes
Notes and Resources: Road safety audits are identified by the FHWA as a Proven Safety Countermeasure with a 10-60% reduction in crashes. Audits are a collaborative process effective at expediting the planning process. DelDOT has worked with stakeholders to conduct safety audits along several high crash areas. Learn about this program at https://deldot.gov/Programs/DSHSP/index.shtml?dc=project-pedestrian-safety-audit					

Walkable community workshops on HIN					
Lead(s): WILMAPCO					
Category: Supplemental Planning		Subcategory: Safe Streets		Rapid Implementation: Yes	Community Support: High
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding:
Notes and Resources: Walkable Community Workshops are interactive events that bring together residents, elected officials, advocates, public agency staff, public health practitioners, educators, planners and engineers to focus attention on making communities safer and easier to walk in. Learn more about WILMAPCO's free program at http://www.wilmapco.org/walkable/ .					

Transit - Evaluate bus stop locations and service along HIN corridors and upgrade connecting pedestrian infrastructure and/or adjust stop locations to maximize safe access to stops and efficiency of routes.					
Lead(s): DTC, DelDOT					
Category: Supplemental Planning		Subcategory: Safe Streets		Rapid Implementation: Yes	Community Support: High
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding:
Notes and Resources: NACTO guide: https://nacto.org/publication/transit-street-design-guide/ WILMAPCO Transportation Justice Connectivity Analysis: http://www.wilmapco.org/tj/					

Transit - Incorporate safety recommendations into DART Reimagined					
Lead(s): DTC					
Category: Supplemental Planning	Subcategory: Safe Streets		Rapid Implementation:		Community Support: NA
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike:	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding:
Notes and Resources: https://www.dartreimagined.com/					

Quick Build Project Delivery					
Lead(s): DelDOT, Local					
Category: Project		Subcategory: Safe Streets		Rapid Implementation: Yes	
				Community Support: High	
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive: Yes		Yield: Yes		Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	
				Drugs/Alcohol: Yes	
				Distracted: Yes	
				Speeding: Yes	

Notes and Resources:

Similar the demonstration projects, quick build project delivery uses inexpensive materials like rubber curbing and flexiposts to test designs and engage community feedback. Quick-built projects should be designed to last anywhere from several months to several years to give sufficient time to collect crash reduction benefits and work towards a permanent solution.

University of Delaware Living Lab program can provide support for community demonstration projects:

<https://living-lab-1-udel.hub.arcgis.com/>

[Streets Plan Tactical Urbanism](#)

[Fast-Tracked: A Tactical Transit Study](#)

[Asphalt Art Guide](#)

[People for Bikes](#)

[Alta Planning](#)


[San Francisco Quick Build Vision Zero](#)

[NJTPA Quick Builds](#)





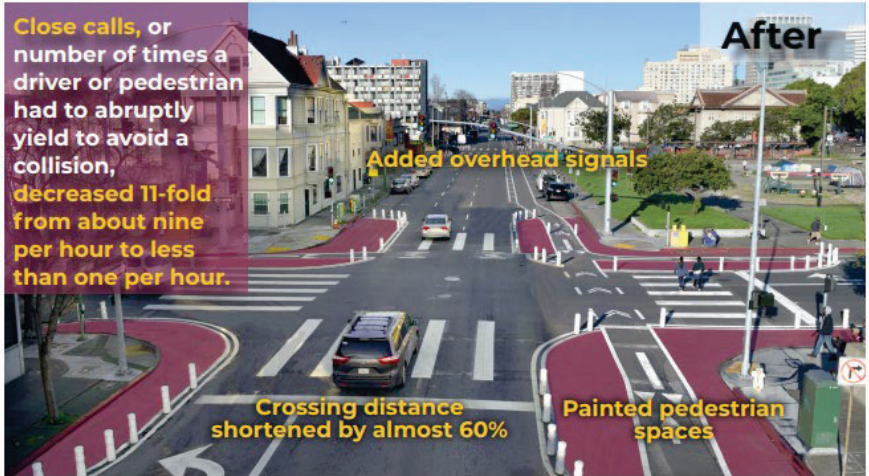
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Road Diets					
Lead(s): DelDOT, Local					
Category: Project	Subcategory: Safe Streets		Rapid Implementation: Yes	Community Support: High	
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding: Yes
Notes and Resources: A Road Diet, or roadway reconfiguration, involves narrowing or eliminating travel lanes to calm traffic and increase safety of all roadway users. The conversion typically occurs by reducing the cross section to a three-lane roadway consisting of two through lanes and a center two-way left-turn lane (TWLTL). https://delDOT.gov/Programs/DSHSP/reports/Road-diet/FHWA Road Diet Informational Guide					
					

Bicycle - Buffered Bike Lanes					
Lead(s): DelDOT, Local					
Category: Project		Subcategory: Safe Streets		Rapid Implementation: Yes	Community Support: High
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding: Yes
Notes and Resources: Buffered bike lanes provide greater visual separation for cyclists and can help slow speeding traffic by visually narrowing wide streets. https://nacto.org/publication/urban-bikeway-design-guide/bike-lanes/buffered-bike-lanes/					
					
Image: Nacto, Fairfax County					

Bicycle - Protected Bike Lanes					
Lead(s): DelDOT, Local					
Category: Project		Subcategory: Safe Streets		Rapid Implementation: Yes	Community Support: High
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding: Yes
Notes and Resources: Protected bike lanes provide greater physical separation for cyclists and can help slow speeding traffic by narrowing wide streets. NACTO Guide FHWA Guide					
					

Crosswalks – Use design(s) that increase visibility and decrease crossing distance.					
Lead(s): DelDOT, Local					
Category: Project	Subcategory: Safe Streets	Rapid Implementation: Yes		Community Support: High	
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding:
Notes and Resources:					
Elements might include Curb Extensions, Refuge Islands, Raised Crosswalks, Crosswalk High Visibility Treatments, or a combination of options.					
FHWA Pedestrian Accommodations at Intersections					
NACTO Guide					
FHWA High Visibility Crosswalks					
ITE Guide					

Protected Intersection					
Lead(s): DelDOT, Local					
Category: Project		Subcategory: Safe Streets		Rapid Implementation: Yes	Community Support: High
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive: Yes	Yield: Yes	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding: Yes
Notes and Resources: A protected intersection is a type of at-grade road junction in which cyclists and pedestrians are separated from cars to make pedestrians and cyclists safer and slow turning vehicles.					
NACTO Guide					
https://altago.com/resources/evolution-of-the-protected-intersection/					
Oakland Quick Build Protected Intersection					
			Before		
					
Image https://www.oaklandca.gov/projects/lake-merritt-intersection-improvements					

Signal - Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons or Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon					
Lead(s): DelDOT, Local					
Category: Project		Subcategory: Safe Streets		Rapid Implementation:	Community Support: High
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield: Yes	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding:
Notes and Resources: Supplementing a marked crosswalk or pedestrian warning sign with special signals can reduce crashes and increase drivers yielding to pedestrians. https://highways.dot.gov/sites/fhwa.dot.gov/files/RRFB_508.pdf https://highways.dot.gov/sites/fhwa.dot.gov/files/Pedestrian%20Hybrid%20Beacons_508.pdf					
					
Image https://tti.tamu.edu/researcher/new-rapid-flashing-beacon-shows-great-promise-in-improving-pedestrian-safety/					

Signal - Leading Pedestrian Interval					
Lead(s): DelDOT, Local					
Category: Project		Subcategory: Safe Streets		Rapid Implementation: Yes	Community Support: High
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding:
Notes and Resources: Provides pedestrians with a head start to cross before motor vehicles. https://highways.dot.gov/sites/fhwa.dot.gov/files/Leading%20Pedestrian%20Interval_508.pdf					
					
Image https://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/community/getting-around/walking.html					

Lighting Improvements					
Lead(s): DelDOT, Local					
Category: Project		Subcategory: Safe Streets		Rapid Implementation:	Community Support: NA
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive: Yes	Yield: Yes	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol: Yes	Distracted: Yes	Speeding: Yes
Notes and Resources: Enhance intersection and pedestrian scale lighting, particularly in locations with concentrations of nighttime crashes. In addition to reducing crashes, lighting has been shown to reduce nighttime crime.					

Median Barrier of Higher Speed Corridors					
Lead(s): DelDOT					
Category: Project		Subcategory: Safe Streets		Rapid Implementation:	Community Support: NA
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive: Yes	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted: Yes	Speeding: Yes
Notes and Resources: Median barriers can reduce roadway departure crash severity. DelDOT is also using median barriers to reduce pedestrian midblock crashes on arterial roads; this approach should be combined with an analysis of crosswalks to provide sufficient spacing.					
https://deldot.gov/Programs/DSHSP/pdfs/projects/median-barrier/Median%20Barrier%20Program%20July%202018.pdf					

Complete Streets - Utilize Complete Streets Design Guide					
Lead(s): DelDOT, Local					
Category: Program	Subcategory: Safe Streets		Rapid Implementation:	Community Support: High	
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding:
Notes and Resources: In April 2023, DelDOT published the Draft Complete Streets Design Guide to provide design guidance for state, county, and local transportation staff to create comfortable and viable Complete Streets transportation facilities. The guide includes tools and methodologies for designing Complete Streets in a variety of settings that can be customized to meet the needs of the surrounding communities and fit local context to support safer, more connected, and livable communities. https://deldot.gov/Publications/pdfs/DelDOT-Complete-Streets-Design-Guide.pdf?cache=1681491358414					

Pathways - Shared Use**Lead(s):** DelDOT, Local

Category: Project	Subcategory: Safe Streets	Rapid Implementation:	Community Support: High
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Addressed crash type:

Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding:
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Notes and Resources:

Shared use paths provide greater separation on higher speed streets between motorized traffic and people walking and cycling.

Contextual Guidance for Selecting All Ages & Abilities Bikeways

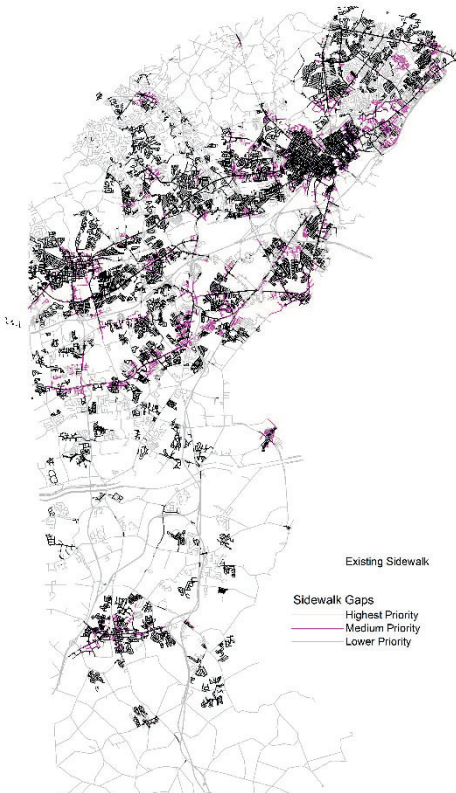
Roadway Context				All Ages & Abilities Bicycle Facility
Target Motor Vehicle Speed*	Target Max. Motor Vehicle Volume (ADT)	Motor Vehicle Lanes	Key Operational Considerations	
Any		Any	Any of the following: high curbside activity, frequent buses, motor vehicle congestion, or turning conflicts [‡]	Protected Bicycle Lane
< 10 mph	Less relevant	No centerline, or single lane one-way	Pedestrians share the roadway	Shared Street
≤ 20 mph	≤ 1,000 – 2,000		< 50 motor vehicles per hour in the peak direction at peak hour	Bicycle Boulevard
≤ 25 mph	≤ 500 – 1,500	Single lane each direction, or single lane one-way	Low curbside activity, or low congestion pressure	Conventional or Buffered Bicycle Lane, or Protected Bicycle Lane
	≤ 1,500 – 3,000			Buffered or Protected Bicycle Lane
	≤ 3,000 – 6,000			Protected Bicycle Lane
	Greater than 6,000			
Any	Multiple lanes per direction			
Greater than 26 mph [†]	≤ 6,000	Single lane each direction	Low curbside activity, or low congestion pressure	Protected Bicycle Lane, or Reduce Speed
		Multiple lanes per direction		Protected Bicycle Lane, or Reduce to Single Lane & Reduce Speed
	Greater than 6,000	Any	Any	Protected Bicycle Lane, or Bicycle Path
High-speed limited access roadways, natural corridors, or geographic edge conditions with limited conflicts		Any	High pedestrian volume	Bike Path with Separate Walkway or Protected Bicycle Lane
			Low pedestrian volume	Shared-Use Path or Protected Bicycle Lane

* While posted or 85th percentile motor vehicle speed are commonly used design speed targets, 95th percentile speed captures high-end speeding, which causes greater stress to bicyclists and more frequent passing events. Setting target speed based on this threshold results in a higher level of bicycling comfort for the full range of riders.

† Setting 25 mph as a motor vehicle speed threshold for providing protected bikeways is consistent with many cities' traffic safety and Vision Zero policies. However, some cities use a 30 mph posted speed as a threshold for protected bikeways, consistent with providing Level of Traffic Stress level 2 (LTS 2) that can effectively reduce stress and accommodate more types of riders.¹⁸

‡ Operational factors that lead to bikeway conflicts are reasons to provide protected bike lanes regardless of motor vehicle speed and volume.

Source <https://nacto.org/publication/urban-bikeway-design-guide/designing-ages-abilities-new/>

Sidewalks - Fill Gaps					
Lead(s): DelDOT, Local					
Category: Project		Subcategory: Safe Streets		Rapid Implementation:	Community Support: High
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding:
Notes and Resources: Fill missing sidewalk gaps and ADA accessibility gaps using WILMAPCO priority as a guide.					
WILMAPCO Pedestrian Priority Network Scoring Factors include:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Land use factors:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Municipality or Hometown Overlay ZoneTrip generators: schools, commercial & community centers, libraries, parksTransportation factors<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pedestrian crashes (1-4 points)Transit stopMulti-use pathwaysDemographics<ul style="list-style-type: none">Population and Jobs DensitySpecial populations: Transportation Justice areas					
					

SAFE SPEEDS

Speed Limit - Replace 85th Percentile Criteria with NACTO so that speeds limits are compatible with where the streets are located					
Lead(s): DelDOT, Local					
Category: Policy	Subcategory: Safe Speeds		Rapid Implementation: Yes	Community Support: High	
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding: Yes
Notes and Resources: https://nacto.org/safespeeds/ https://nacto.org/publication/city-limits					

Speed Limit - Set 20 MPH Zone Criteria and Establish Slow Zones					
Lead(s): DelDOT, Local					
Category: Policy		Subcategory: Safe Speeds		Rapid Implementation: Yes	Community Support: High
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding: Yes
Notes and Resources: https://www.rosopa.com/media/documents/road-safety/20mph-zones-and-speed-limits-factsheet.pdf https://www.20splenty.org/limits_or_zones					

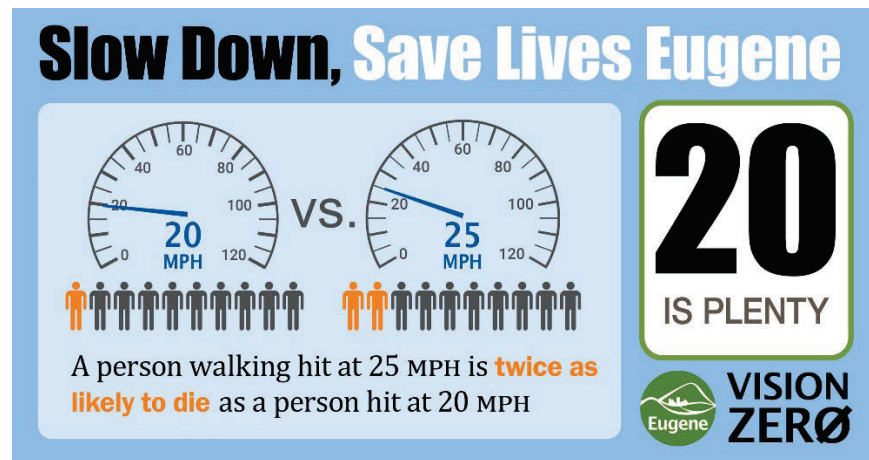


Image <https://www.eugene-or.gov/4488/20-is-Plenty>



Speed Limits - Synchronize Signals for Efficient Travel on Slower Corridors**Lead(s):** DelDOT

Category: Project	Subcategory: Safe Speeds	Rapid Implementation: Yes	Community Support: NA
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Addressed crash type:

Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike:	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding: Yes
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Notes and Resources:

Some signal timing strategies can help control the speed of drivers and make it safer for pedestrians and bicyclists. Options include:

- Dwell-on-Red - signals revert to an all red phase when there is low traffic volumes to reduce speeding, particularly at night where impaired driving is an issue..
- Green Wave – promoted corridor progression at a safe speed (i.e., the posted speed limit) and that speed can be communicated to drivers.

<https://cpb-us-w2.wpmucdn.com/sites.northeastern.edu/dist/e/618/files/2018/09/Limit-Speeding-Opportunities-TRR-2018.pdf>

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Traffic Calming - Horizontal and Vertical Speed Control Elements**Lead(s):** DelDOT, Local

Category: Project	Subcategory: Safe Speeds	Rapid Implementation: Yes	Community Support: High
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Addressed crash type:

Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding: Yes
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Notes and Resources:

Traffic calming uses a mix of physical measures to control speeding traffic, reduce negative traffic impacts in communities, and improve conditions for walking and bicycling.

https://deldot.gov/Publications/manuals/traffic_calming/pdfs/Delaware_TrafficCalmingDesignManual.pdf

<https://www.ite.org/technical-resources/traffic-calming/>

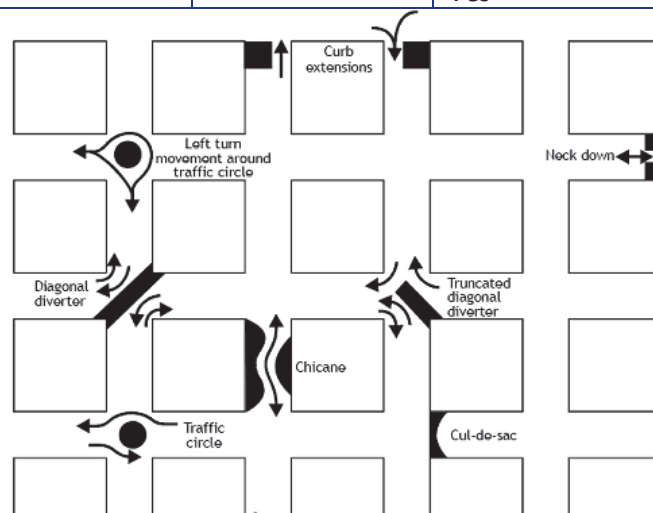




Image <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/research/safety/pedbike/05085/chapt20.cfm>

Lane Narrowing					
Lead(s): DelDOT, Local					
Category: Project		Subcategory: Safe Speeds		Rapid Implementation:	Community Support: High
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding: Yes
Notes and Resources: Excessive lane widths may be reduced to discourage speeding and potentially widen sidewalks, widen on-street parking lanes, or provide bike lanes.					
					
Image https://www.pedbikeinfo.org/webinars/webinar_details.cfm?id=101					

SAFE PEOPLE

Education to build culture of safety - Engage Community Stakeholders in Development of Marketing and Education					
Lead(s): Office of Highway Safety					
Category: Program		Subcategory: Safe People		Rapid Implementation: Yes	Community Support: High
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike:	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding:
Notes and Resources: The Office of Highway Safety leads a variety of public information and enforcement programs aimed at reducing crashes. To better tailor messaging across New Castle County’s diverse population, community stakeholder engagement on marketing strategies would be beneficial. In particular, involvement of nontraditional stakeholders representing minority, low income, youth and senior populations. https://ohs.delaware.gov/					

Equity - Continue public outreach and education targeted towards vulnerable users, environmental justice, and mobility challenged populations					
Lead(s): All					
Category: Program		Subcategory: Safe People		Rapid Implementation:	Community Support: High
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike:	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding:
Notes and Resources: http://www.wilmapco.org/tj/					

Ensure that vision testing is part of online drivers license applicaton/renewal process for older adults**Lead(s):** DelDOT

Category: Program	Subcategory: Safe People	Rapid Implementation: Yes	Community Support: NA
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Addressed crash type:

Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike:	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding:
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Notes and Resources:

In the United States, up to 50% of traffic crashes involving older drivers are related to vision defects (Research Council, 1993).

www.uv.es/intrastodos/Publicaciones/210113_visual_health.pdf

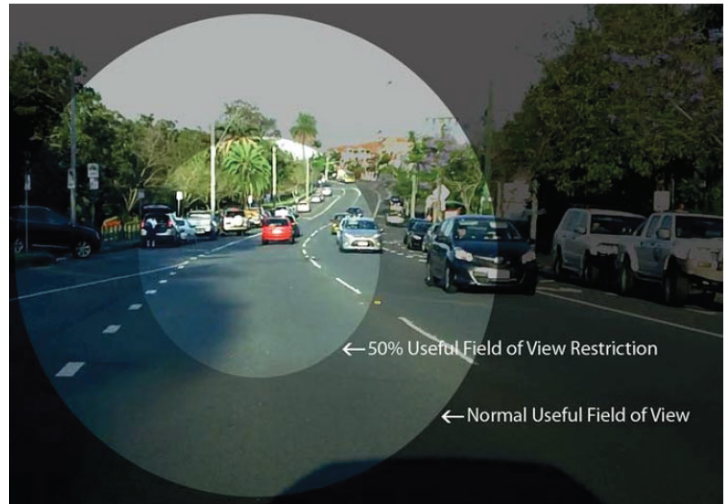


Image <https://www.pointsdevue.com/article/older-drivers-implications-visual-changes-age>

SAFE VEHICLES

Vehicle Safety - Income-Based Incentives for Replacing Older Vehicles with Clean Energy Vehicles with Advanced Safety Features					
Lead(s): Delaware					
Category: Program	Subcategory: Safe Vehicles	Rapid Implementation: Yes		Community Support: NA	
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike:	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding:
Notes and Resources: Since many lower income drivers have older model cars, they do not have the collision avoidance system (CAS) technologies in newer vehicles.					


SAFE RESPONSE

Enforcement - Pass enabling legislation to expand use of radar camera speed enforcement					
Lead(s): Delaware					
Category: Policy		Subcategory: Safe Response		Rapid Implementation:	Community Support: NA
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive: Yes	Yield: Yes	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol: Yes	Distracted: Yes	Speeding: Yes
Notes and Resources: https://www.cdc.gov/transportationsafety/calculator/factsheet/speed.html https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/speedmgt/ref_mats/fhwasa1304/resources/Speed%20Camera%20Guidelines.pdf https://www.nhtsa.gov/book/countermeasures/countermeasures/21-automated-enforcement					

Equity - Offer education/community service alternatives to fines for first time violations					
Lead(s): Local					
Category: Policy		Subcategory: Safe Response		Rapid Implementation:	
				Community Support: Moderate	
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike:	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding:
Notes and Resources: Can be used as a means of reducing the financial burden of traffic fines.					

Post Crash Care - Registry					
Lead(s): EMS					
Category: Supplemental Planning		Subcategory: Safe Response		Rapid Implementation: Yes	Community Support: NA
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike:	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding:
Notes and Resources:					

Post Crash Care - Whole Blood					
Lead(s): EMS					
Category: Project		Subcategory: Safe Response		Rapid Implementation:	Community Support: NA
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike:	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding:
Notes and Resources:					
Paramedic transfusion of Whole Blood at scene of a serious motor vehicle crash can prevent loss of life.					




42,915

EST. PEOPLE DIED IN TRAFFIC CRASHES IN THE U.S. IN 2021²

20% OF TRAUMA DEATHS

are preventable with optimal emergency and trauma care¹




MORE THAN ONE THIRD OF SERIOUSLY INJURED CRASH VICTIMS ARE NOT TAKEN TO A LEVEL I OR II TRAUMA CENTER³


THERE IS A 25% INCREASE IN THE ODDS OF SURVIVAL

for severely injured patients if treated in a hospital that is a level I or II trauma center⁴

2 OUT OF 5



WERE ALIVE WHEN FIRST RESPONDERS ARRIVED, BUT LATER DIED¹



HOSPITAL

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

Image <https://www.transportation.gov/NRSS/PostCrashCare>

Enforcement - Supplement infrastructure changes with targeted enforcement					
Lead(s): State/Local Police					
Category: Program		Subcategory: Safe Response		Rapid Implementation: Yes	Community Support: Moderate
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive: Yes	Yield: Yes	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol: Yes	Distracted: Yes	Speeding: Yes
Notes and Resources:					

Enforcement - Use automated red light cameras where red light running or right turn on red violations are crash contributors					
Lead(s): State/Local Police					
Category: Program		Subcategory: Safe Response		Rapid Implementation: Yes	
				Community Support: Moderate	
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive: Yes		Yield: Yes	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol: Yes	Distracted: Yes
					Speeding: Yes
Notes and Resources: https://www.nhtsa.gov/book/countermeasures/countermeasures/21-automated-enforcement					

Enforcement - Utilize enforcement as stopgap measure in HIN areas without infrastructure improvements yet					
Lead(s): State/Local Police					
Category: Program		Subcategory: Safe Response		Rapid Implementation: Yes	Community Support: Moderate
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive: Yes	Yield: Yes	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol: Yes	Distracted: Yes	Speeding: Yes
Notes and Resources:					

Post Crash Care - Substance Abuse Treatment Enrollment					
Lead(s): EMS					
Category: Program		Subcategory: Safe Response		Rapid Implementation: Yes	Community Support: NA
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike:	Drugs/Alcohol: Yes	Distracted:	Speeding:
Notes and Resources:					

Enforcement - Prioritize roadway design retrofits over long-term enforcement so speeds are self enforcing					
Lead(s): DelDOT, Local					
Category: Program	Subcategory: Safe Response	Rapid Implementation:		Community Support: High	
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive: Yes	Yield: Yes	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol: Yes	Distracted: Yes	Speeding: Yes
Notes and Resources:					

Enforcement - Utilize automated speed cameras for enforcement in areas where infrastructure changes are not feasible or complete					
Lead(s): State/Local Police					
Category: Program	Subcategory: Safe Response	Rapid Implementation:		Community Support: Moderate	
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive: Yes	Yield: Yes	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol: Yes	Distracted: Yes	Speeding: Yes
Notes and Resources: https://www.cdc.gov/transportationsafety/calculator/factsheet/speed.html https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/speedmgt/ref_mats/fhwasa1304/resources/Speed%20Camera%20Guidelines.pdf https://www.nhtsa.gov/book/countermeasures/countermeasures/21-automated-enforcement					

Post Crash Care - Next-Generation Traffic Incident Management (NextGen TIM) technologies for traveler and responder safety and better trip reliability					
Lead(s): EMS, DelDOT, Department of Safety and Homeland Security, Police					
Category: Program	Subcategory: Safe Response	Rapid Implementation:		Community Support: NA	
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike:	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding:
Notes and Resources:					

CROSSCUTTING

Local Government Adoption of Vision Zero Goal					
Lead(s): Local					
Category: Policy		Subcategory: Crosscutting		Rapid Implementation: Yes	Community Support: NA
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike:	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding:
Notes and Resources:					

Monitoring and Evaluation - Complete comprehensive review of implementation progress every four years as part of WILMAPCO Regional Progress Report					
Lead(s): WILMAPCO					
Category: Supplemental Planning		Subcategory: Crosscutting		Rapid Implementation:	Community Support: High
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike:	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding:
Notes and Resources:					

Monitoring and Evaluation - Continue work with SS4A Committee for ongoing coordination and refinement of recommendations					
Lead(s): All					
Category: Supplemental Planning		Subcategory: Crosscutting		Rapid Implementation:	Community Support: High
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike:	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding:
Notes and Resources:					

Monitoring and Evaluation - Improve public crash data dashboard and data sharing with local government / MPO partners					
Lead(s): DelDOT, Department of Safety and Homeland Security					
Category: Supplemental Planning		Subcategory: Crosscutting		Rapid Implementation:	Community Support: High
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike:	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding:
Notes and Resources:					

Monitoring and Evaluation - Update HIN analysis every two years					
Lead(s): All					
Category: Supplemental Planning		Subcategory: Crosscutting		Rapid Implementation:	Community Support: High
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike:	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding:
Notes and Resources:					

Local government refinement of HIN analysis					
Lead(s): Local					
Category: Supplemental Planning		Subcategory: Crosscutting		Rapid Implementation:	Community Support: High
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike:	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding:
Notes and Resources: Countywide analysis can be supplemented by more refined local needs assessment, guided by more substantial community outreach.					

Monitoring and Evaluaton - Complete annual review of performance measures					
Lead(s): All					
Category: Supplemental Planning		Subcategory: Crosscutting		Rapid Implementation:	Community Support: High
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike:	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding:
Notes and Resources:					

SUPPORTING ACTIONS

Land Use - Use Access Management of Minimize Conflict Points					
Lead(s): DelDOT, Local					
Category: Policy		Subcategory: Safe Streets		Rapid Implementation:	Community Support: NA
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield: Yes	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding:
Notes and Resources: https://montgomeryplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Access-Management-Study-Report-072122_Final.pdf https://ppms.trec.pdx.edu/media/project_files/OTREC-RR-13-03%20Final.pdf https://www.dot.state.pa.us/public/PubsForms/Publications/PUB%20574.pdf					

Bicycle/Pedestrian - Advisory Lanes					
Lead(s): DelDOT, Local					
Category: Supplemental Planning		Subcategory: Safe Streets		Rapid Implementation: Yes	Community Support: High
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield: Yes	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding:
Notes and Resources: Advisory Lanes create usable shoulders for nonmotorized use on a roadway that is otherwise too narrow to accommodate a pathway or bike lane. The shoulder is delineated by pavement marking and optional pavement color. Motorists may only enter the shoulder when no one is present and must overtake these users with caution due to potential oncoming traffic. Advisory Lanes are a new treatment type in the United States requires an MUTCD request to experiment. They are best suited for slow, low-volume streets.					
https://transweb.sjsu.edu/research/1925-Safety-Edge-Lane-Roads https://ruraldesignguide.com/mixed-traffic/advisory-shoulder					

Location: Morton Rd
Yarmouth, ME
Speed: 25 MPH
ADT: 400
Photo: BikeMaine




Image <https://www.advisorybikelanes.com/gallery.html>

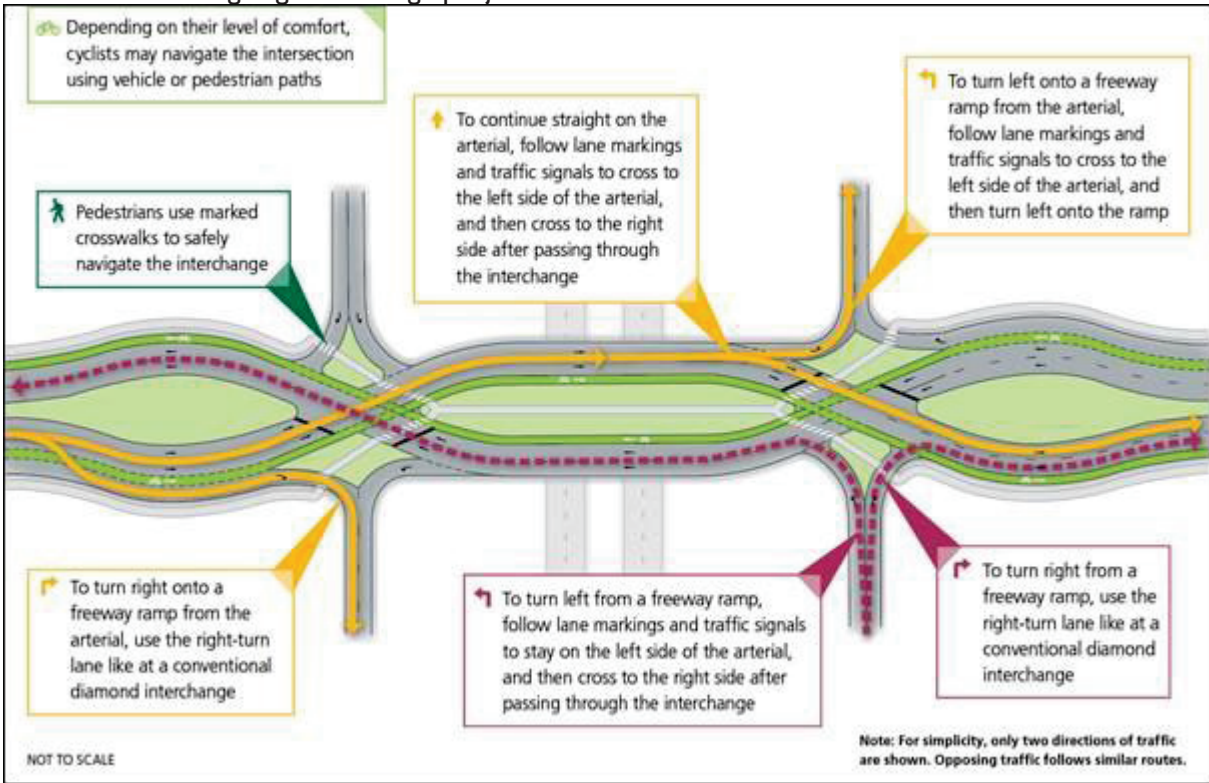
Diverging Diamond Interchange					
Lead(s): DelDOT					
Category: Project		Subcategory: Safe Streets		Rapid Implementation:	Community Support: NA
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive: Yes	Yield: Yes	Pedestrian/Bike:	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding: Yes
Notes and Resources:					
Evaluate when designing interchange projects.					
					

Image <https://wsdot.wa.gov/travel/traffic-safety-methods/diverging-diamond-interchange>

Roundabouts					
Lead(s): DelDOT, Local					
Category: Project		Subcategory: Safe Streets		Rapid Implementation:	Community Support: Moderate
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield: Yes	Pedestrian/Bike:	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding: Yes
Notes and Resources: Evaluate when designing intersection projects. https://highways.dot.gov/safety/intersection-safety/intersection-types/roundabouts					

Intersection Redesign to Reduce Left Conflicts					
Lead(s): DelDOT, Local					
Category: Project		Subcategory: Safe Streets		Rapid Implementation:	Community Support: NA
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive: Yes	Yield: Yes	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding: Yes
Notes and Resources:					
Evaluate when designing intersection projects.					
https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/provencountermeasures/reduced_left.cfm					
https://www.virginiadot.org/innovativeintersections/ https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/intersection/rltci/					

Rumble Strips - Bicycle Friendly Shoulder and Centerline					
Lead(s): DelDOT					
Category: Project		Subcategory: Safe Streets		Rapid Implementation:	Community Support: NA
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike:	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted: Yes	Speeding:
Notes and Resources:					
Evaluate when completing pavement and rehabilitation and HEP projects. DelDOT has adopted bicycle-friendly rumble strip design standards.					
https://www.adventurecycling.org/advocacy/safety-advocacy/downloads/solutions-for-making-rumble-strips-safer-for-bicyclists/					
https://highways.dot.gov/safety/proven-safety-countermeasures/longitudinal-rumble-strips-and-stripes-two-lane-roads					

Safety Edge					
Lead(s): DelDOT					
Category: Project		Subcategory: Safe Streets		Rapid Implementation:	
				Community Support: NA	
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike:	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted: Yes	Speeding:
Notes and Resources:					
Evaluate when completing pavement and rehabilitation and HEP projects.					
https://highways.dot.gov/safety/proven-safety-countermeasures/safetyedgesm					
https://deldot.gov/Programs/DSHSP/index.shtml?dc=project-safety-edge					

High Friction Surface Treatment					
Lead(s): DelDOT					
Category: Project		Subcategory: Safe Streets		Rapid Implementation:	Community Support: NA
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive: Yes	Yield: Yes	Pedestrian/Bike: Yes	Drugs/Alcohol: Yes	Distracted: Yes	Speeding: Yes
Notes and Resources: Evaluate when completing pavement and rehabilitation and HEP projects. https://deldot.gov/Programs/DSHSP/index.shtml?dc=project-high-friction-surface-treatment https://highways.dot.gov/safety/rwd/keep-vehicles-road/pavement-friction/hfst					

Wider Edge Lines					
Lead(s): DelDOT					
Category: Project		Subcategory: Safe Streets		Rapid Implementation:	Community Support: NA
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike:	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted: Yes	Speeding:
Notes and Resources: Evaluate when completing pavement and rehabilitation and HEP projects. https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/provencountermeasures/wider-edge-lines.cfm					

SAFE PEOPLE

Public agencies - offer defensive driving programs for employees					
Lead(s): All					
Category: Program		Subcategory: Safe People		Rapid Implementation:	Community Support: NA
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike:	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding:
Notes and Resources: Research has shown modest benefits from defensive driving training.					

SAFE VEHICLES

Vehicle Safety - Upgrade Fleet Vehicles with Advanced Safety Features					
Lead(s): All					
Category: Project		Subcategory: Safe Vehicles		Rapid Implementation:	Community Support: NA
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike:	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding:
Notes and Resources: Complete with planned vehicle replacements.					

CROSSCUTTING

Monitoring and Evaluation - Update SS4A NCC at least every five years					
Lead(s): All					
Category: Supplemental Planning		Subcategory: Crosscutting		Rapid Implementation:	Community Support: High
Addressed crash type:					
Aggressive:	Yield:	Pedestrian/Bike:	Drugs/Alcohol:	Distracted:	Speeding:
Notes and Resources:					

IMPLEMENTATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY

MEASURING AND REPORTING PROGRESS

Type	Performance Measure	Description
Outcomes	Number of serious injuries	The number of serious injuries as the result of a vehicular crash
	Serious Injuries per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT)	The rate of serious injuries
	Number of fatalities	The number of fatalities as a result of a vehicular crash
	Fatalities per 100 million VMT	The rate of fatalities
	Nonmotorized fatalities and serious injuries	The number of pedestrians killed and serious injuries as a result of a vehicular crash
	Percentage of people within NCC who have access to a low-stress pedestrian / bicycle facility	The portion of our region's population living close to a connected pedestrian/bicycle route.
Outputs	Construct safety improvements on the HIN	Completed projects/funding.
	Construct safety improvements on the HIN in Mobility Challenged Areas	Completed projects/funding.

Appendices: Under Development

- A. Supplemental crash mapping and analysis
- B. Public outreach results
- C. Safety TIP/CTP Projects
- D. Regional Transportation Plan Projects on HIN