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Increasing Safety and Visibility for all Pedestrians



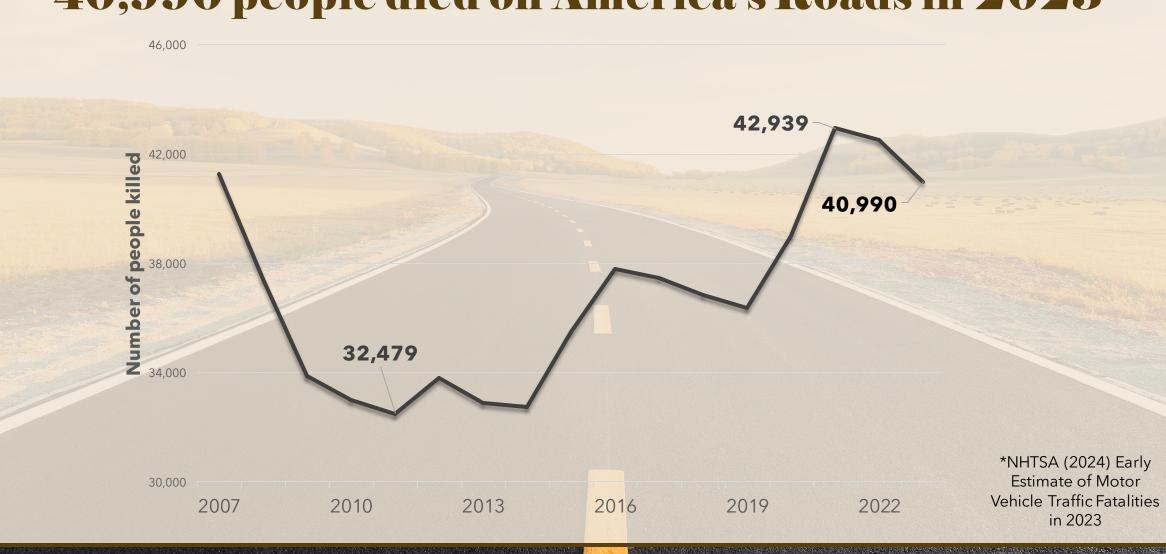


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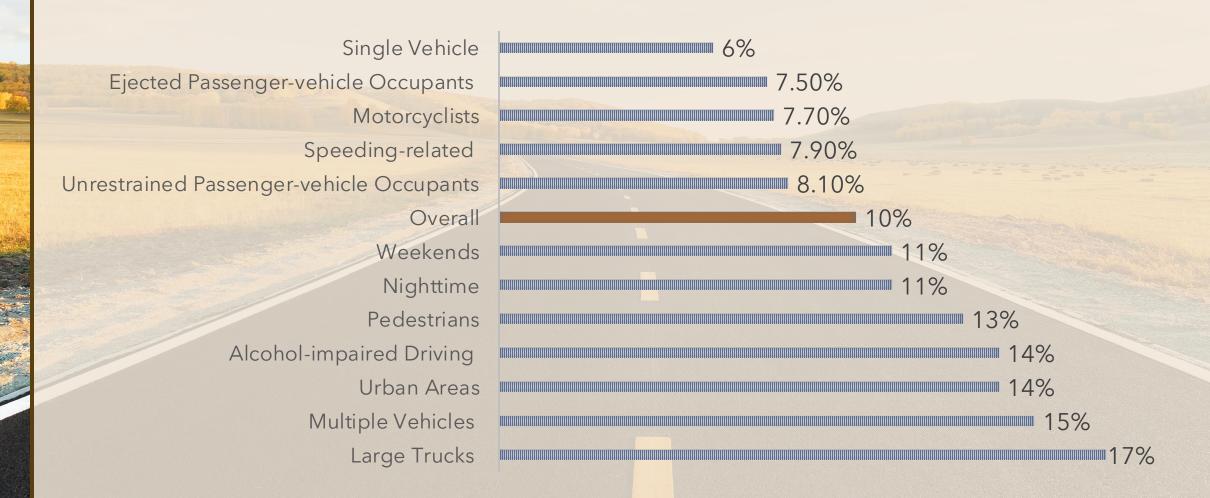
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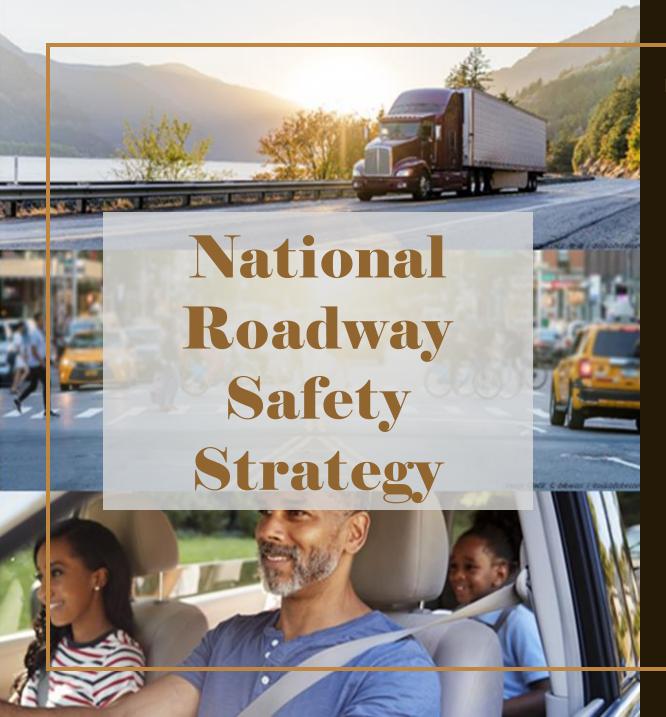
40,990 people died on America's Roads in 2023*



Increases in Traffic Fatalities Between 2020 and 2021



Texas Between 2019 and 2021, Texas saw a Texas accounted for 11.1% of 26% increase in pedestrian fatalities, pedestrian fatalities in 2019 in the US, but only accounted for while the was an 18% rise nationally. 8.9% of the population. (Ranked 7th out of the 9 Pedestrian and Bicyclist Focus Approach States). Number of Fatalities Year



U.S. DOT's comprehensive approach to significantly reducing serious injuries and deaths on our Nation's highways, roads, and streets.



Sets a vision and goal for the safety of the Nation's roadways

Adopts the Safe System Approach to guide our safety actions

Identifies new priority actions and notable changes to existing practices that target our most significant and urgent problems

The Safe System Approach



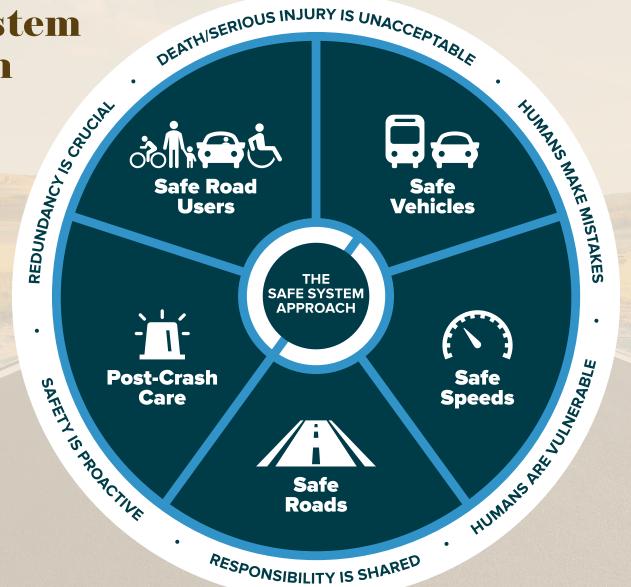
Death/serious injury is unacceptable



Humans make mistakes



Humans are vulnerable





Responsibility is shared



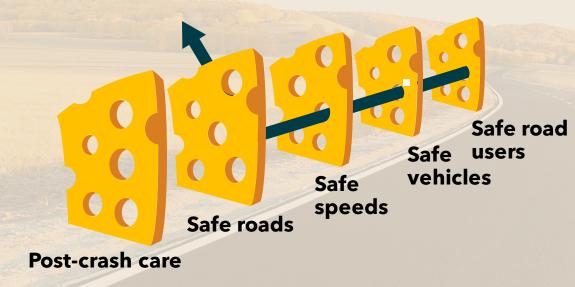
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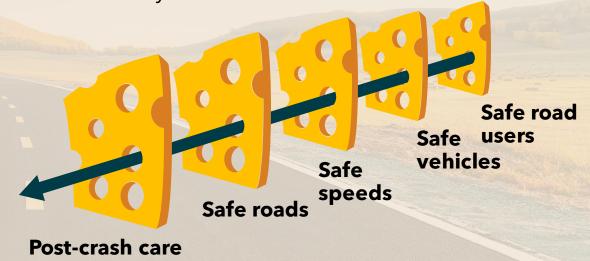
Redundancy is crucial

Safe System Elements Create Redundancy

The "Swiss Cheese Model" of redundancy creates layers of protection

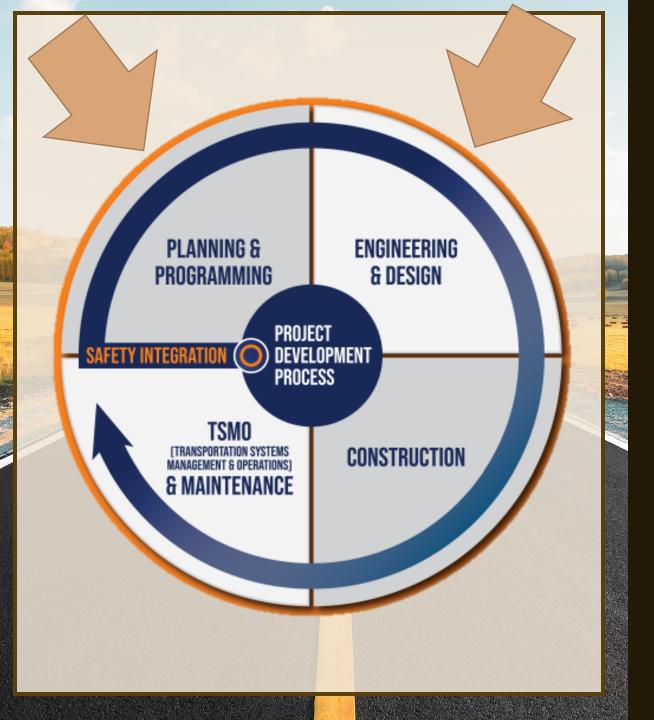


Death and serious injuries only happen when all layers fail



Adapted from James Reason's model for analyzing accident causation https://royalsocietypublishing.org/doi/10.1098/rstb.1990.0090

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Safety is proactive

Safety is proactive: Transportation agencies should use proactive and data-driven tools to identify and mitigate latent risks in the system, rather than waiting for crashes to occur and reaction afterwards.



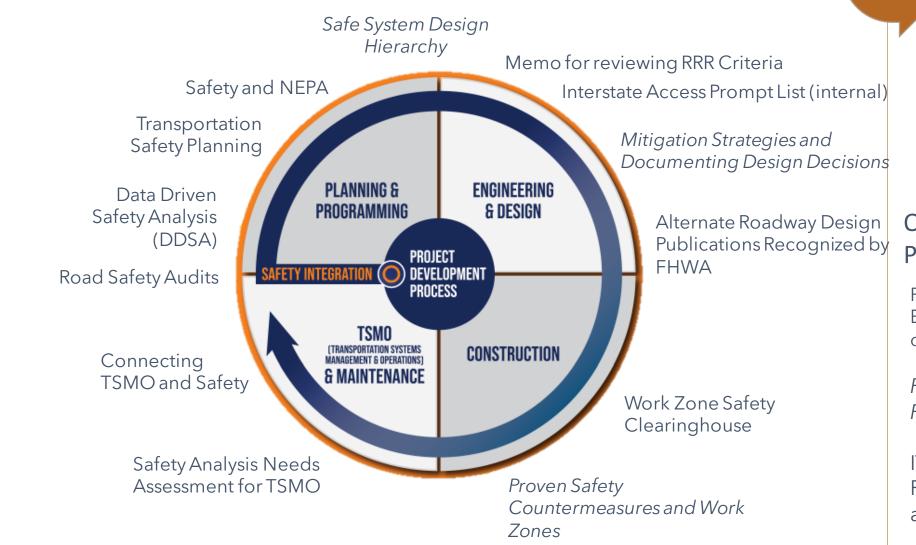
Identify risks



Eliminate (i.e. "Design Out") or Mitigate risks

FHWA has numerous technical resources to integrate safety in all project development phases

Use this code to connect to specific safety resources





Organizational Safety Culture & Programmatic Safety Integration

Performance-based Design and Evaluation of Interchanges - NHI online (NEW!)

Prioritizing Safety in All Programs and Projects

ITE Integration of Safety in the Project Development Process and Beyond

- System Managers
 - Planners, designers, builders, operators, maintenance workers
- Vehicle manufacturers
- Law enforcement personnel
- Traffic Incident Management personnel
- System users

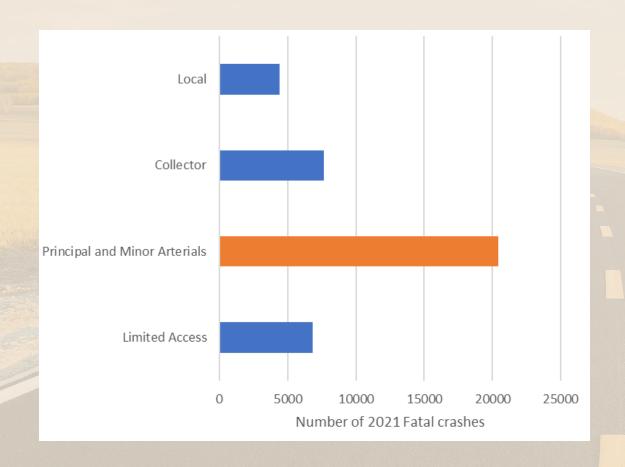
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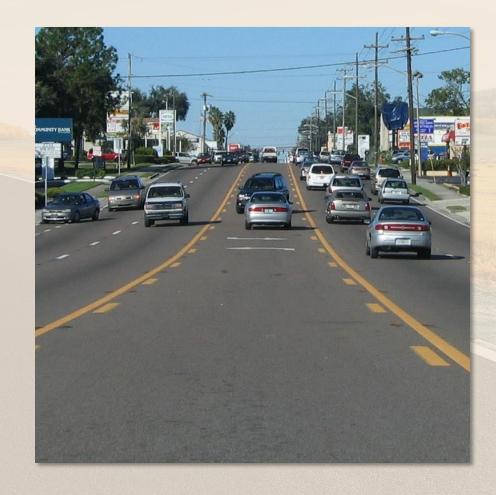
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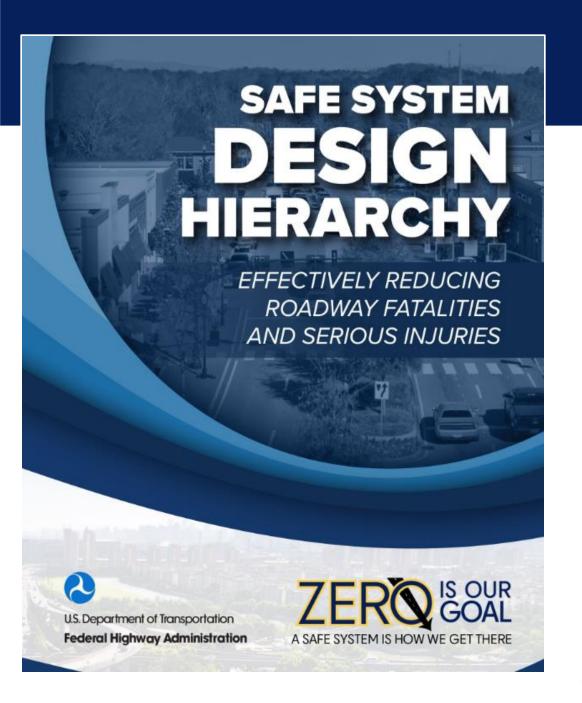
Safety is a shared responsibility



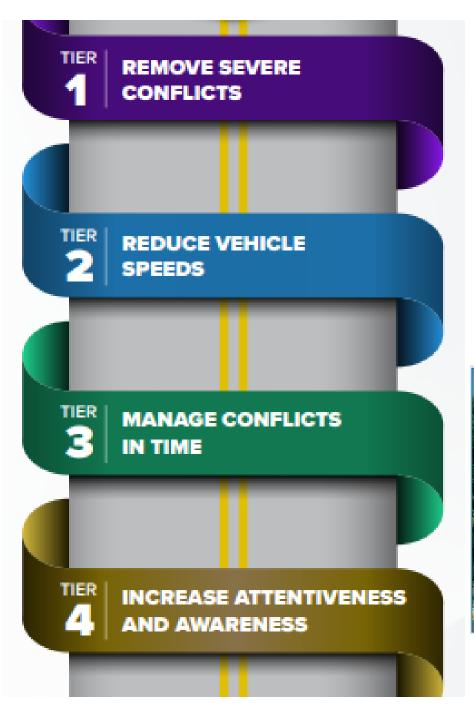
Types of roadways: arterials are deadly







" ... introduces the Safe System Design Hierarchy as a tool to characterize engineering and infrastructure-based countermeasures and strategies relative to their alignment with the goal of eliminating fatalities and serious injuries to support implementation of a Safe System Approach."



Safe System Design Hierarchy









HOW CAN THE HIERARCHY ADVANCE COMPLETE STREETS EFFORTS?



Transportation agencies are strongly encouraged to consider widespread implementation of **Proven Safety Countermeasures** to accelerate the achievement of local, State, and National safety goals.

SPEED MANAGEMENT



<u>Speed Safet</u> <u>Cameras</u>



Variable Speed Limits



Appropriate Speed Limits for All Road Users

ROADWAY DEPARTURE



<u>Wider Edge Lines</u>



Enhanced Delineation for Horizontal Curves



Longitudinal Rumble Strips and Stripes



Roadside Design Improvements at Curves



Median Barriers

INTERSECTIONS



Backplates with Reflective Borders

Reduced Left-Turn Conflict Intersections



Corridor Access Management



Left- and Right-Turn Lanes at Two-Way Stop-Controlled Intersections





Systemic Application of Multiple Low Cost Countermeasures at Stop-Controlled Intersections

PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLIST



<u>Crosswalk Visibility</u> <u>Enhancements</u>



<u>Bicycle Lanes</u>



Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons

Source: FHWA



<u>Leading Pedestrian</u> <u>Interval</u>



Medians and Pedestrian Refuge Islands in Urban and Suburban Areas





Road Diets (Roadway Reconfiguration)



<u>Walkways</u>

CROSSCUTTING



Pavement Friction Management



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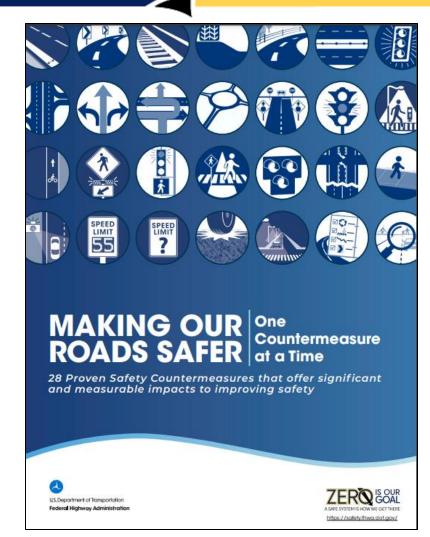
Road Safety Audits



"Double-down" on what works

History of the Proven Safety Countermeasure initiative (PSC*i*)

- ✓ Version 1 debuted in 2008
 - First "proven safety countermeasures" totaled 9
 - Envisioned as a means to boost systemic implementation.
- ✓ Version 2 released in 2012
 - Updated four of original nine
 - Added five new countermeasures for a total of 14
- ✓ Version 3 released in 2017
 - Added six new countermeasures for a total of 20
 - Developed new informational one-pagers and a bookletstyle handout
- ✓ Version 4 released in 2021
 - Added eight new countermeasures and updated one for a total of 28
 - Enhanced functionality of webpages and updated all onepagers



Source: FHWA

Proven Safety Countermeasures Crash Type Fatalities That Can Reduce Crashes by Percent Roadway • Median Barriers: 97% 50% **Departures** • Rumble Strips: 51-64% **Solutions** With • Roundabouts: 82% **Intersections** Significant 27% • Managing Corridor Access: 31% Crashreduction • Speed safety cameras: 47% Speeding 29% **Potential** • Variable speed limits: 51% **Pedestrians** • Sidewalks: 89% 20% & Cyclists • Adding bicycle lanes: 49%

2021

PSCs – Pedestrian/Bicyclist



Bicycle Lanes



Crosswalk Visibility Enhancements



Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB)



Leading Pedestrian Interval



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Walkways



Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons

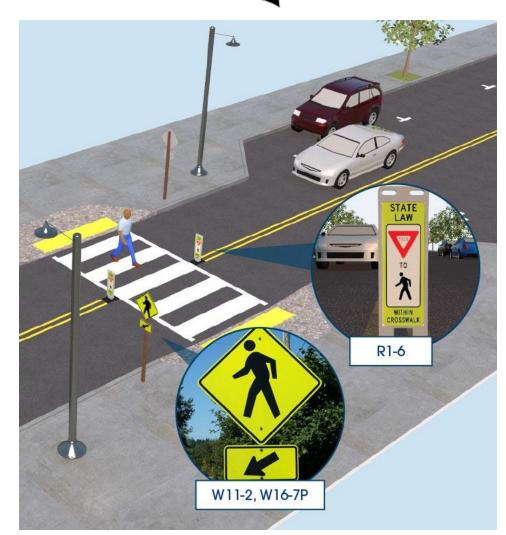




Crosswalk Visibility Enhancements



- ✓Improved intersection lighting
 - Place luminaires in forward locations
- → High visibility crosswalks
 - Consider at all midblock and uncontrolled crossings
 - Use inlay or thermoplastic tape (instead of paint or brick)
- →Advance Yield or Stop signage and markings
 - 20-50 feet in advance of marked crosswalk
 - Stop bar or Yield markings
 - Better sight lines to reduces multi-threat crashes
- √See MUTCD for information on crosswalk markings (<u>Chapter 3C</u>) and in-street signing (<u>Sections 2B.19 and 2B.20</u>)
- →Table 1 of Guide for Improving Pedestrian Safety
 at Uncontrolled Crossing Locations

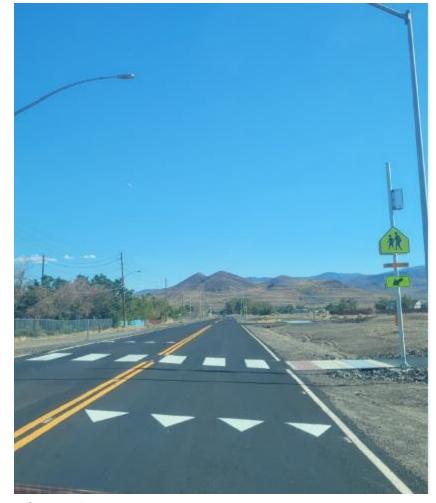


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Effectiveness



- ✓ Intersection lighting
 - Up to <u>42% reduction</u> in pedestrian crashes (CMF ID 436)
- → High-visibility crosswalks
 - Up to <u>40% reduction</u> in pedestrian injury crashes (CMF ID 4123)
- → Advance yield or stop markings and signs
 - Up to 25% reduction in pedestrian injury crashes (CMF ID 9017)



Source: FHWA





Leading Pedestrian Interval (LPI)



- →Provides pedestrians 3-7 second head start in crosswalk
- →Reduce conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles
- ✓Improve visibility of pedestrians in the crosswalk
- ✓Increased likelihood of driver yielding
- ✓ Enhanced safety for slower moving pedestrians
- →Agencies that prioritize intersections, consider the following factors:
 - Crash history
 - Pedestrian crossing volumes
 - Vulnerable populations
 - One-way streets or at T-intersections
 - Intersection Visibility
- ◄Very low cost only require adjustments to the signal
- **≺**MUTCD <u>Section 4I.06</u>



Source: FHWA

Effectiveness



→Up to <u>13% reduction</u> in pedestrian-vehicle crashes at intersections (CMF ID 9918)



Source: City of Toronto



Source: FHWA

Case Studies and Resources



≺Case Studies

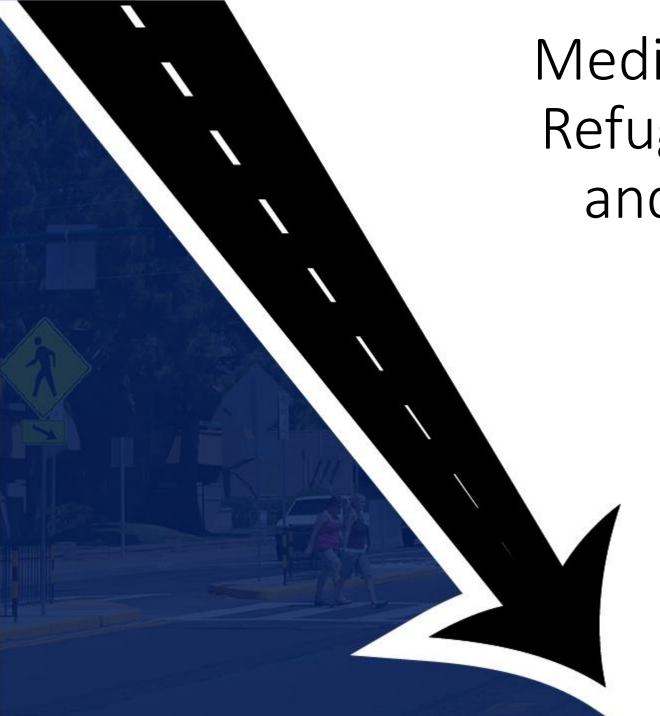
- City of Austin (TX) implemented LPIs at 110 of 135 downtown signalized intersections
 - Level of effort (12 person-hours)
 - Survey: 87% felt safer crossing at an intersection with an LPI, 60% more likely to use a crosswalk knowing it has an LPI
- Seattle DOT (WA) policy requires evaluation of LPI for all new signals and all signal maintenance
 - Installed 527 LPIs (50% of traffic signals citywide as of 1/1/23)
 - 48% reduction in pedestrian turning collisions and 34% reduction in fatal and serious injury pedestrian collisions

≺Resources

- Safe Transportation for Every Pedestrian (STEP) LPI Tech Sheet
- STEP Educational Video
- PEDSAFE LPI
- NACTO Urban Street Design Guide
- <u>Caltrans Implementation Guidelines</u>



Source: Seattle DOT



Medians and Pedestrian Refuge Islands in Urban and Suburban Areas



Medians and Pedestrian Refuge Islands in Urban and Suburban Areas





Source: City of Charlotte, NC

- →Reduces overall crossing length and exposure to vehicle traffic when crossing a multilane road
- →Allows pedestrians to cross one direction of traffic at a time
- ✓Minimum 4' wide, though preferable 8' wide
- →Supplement with a high-visibility crosswalk
- → Highly desirable for midblock pedestrian crossings on roads with 4+ travel lanes, speed limits greater than 35 mph, and vehicle volumes greater than 9,000 vehicles per day
- **→**Applications
 - Mid-block crossings.
 - Approaches to multilane intersections.
 - Areas near transit stops or other pedestrian-focused sites.

Effectiveness



- → Median with Marked Crosswalk
 - Up to <u>46% reduction</u> in pedestrian crashes (CMF ID 175)
- →Pedestrian Refuge Island
 - Up to <u>56% reduction</u> in pedestrian crashes (CMF ID 175)



Source: www.pedbikeimages.org

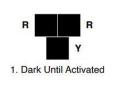






Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons

- →When activated, the beacon displays a sequence of flashing and solid lights that indicate the pedestrian walk interval and when it is safe for drivers to proceed
- →Assigns right of way and provides positive stop control
- ✓Must also include a marked crosswalk and pedestrian countdown signal
- ✓Mid-block Crossings and Uncontrolled Intersections on roads with 3+ travel lanes, speed limits greater than 35 mph, and vehicle volumes greater than 9,000 vehicles per day
- **≺**MUTCD Chapter 4J









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5. Alternating Flashing Red During

Pedestrian Change Interval





Y Flashing yellow SR Steady red

FR Flashing red

SY Steady vellow

Source: MUTCD



Source: FHWA

Effectiveness



- →Up to <u>55% reduction</u> in pedestrian crashes (CMF ID 9020)
- ✓Up to 29% reduction in total crashes (CMF ID 2911)
- →Up to 15% reduction in fatal and serious injury crashes (CMF ID 2917)



Source: FHWA



Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons



Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs)



- →Pedestrian-actuated conspicuity enhancement
- ✓Used at uncontrolled, marked crosswalks
 - Effective at multilane crossings with speed limits less than 40 mph
- ≺Supplements Pedestrian, School, or Trail Crossing post-mounted warning signs
- ✓Solar-powered or hard wired
- ✓For any approach, two RRFBs are required, one on left-side and one on right-side of roadway
 - If used on divided highway, should be installed on left-side of median if practical, rather than far leftside of roadway



Source: Peter Eun

≺MUTCD Chapter 4L

Effectiveness



- →Up to <u>47% reduction</u> in pedestrian crashes (CMF ID 9024)
- ✓Up to <u>98% increase</u> in motorist yielding rates



Source: VHB



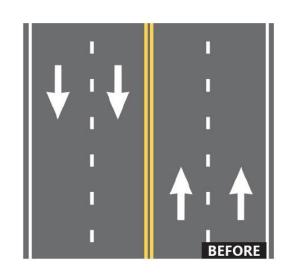
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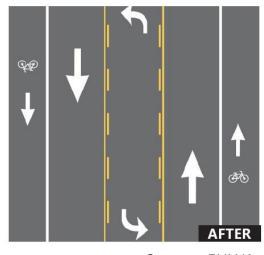


Road Diets (Roadway Reconfiguration)



- ◄Typically involves converting an existing four-lane undivided roadway to a three-lane roadway consisting of two through lanes and a center two-way left-turn lane (TWLTL)
- →Reduce crossing distances and exposure
- ◄Traffic calming and more consistent vehicle speeds
- **≺**Promote Complete Streets
- →Provide space for installing pedestrian refuge islands, bicycle lanes, on-street parking, or transit stops





Source: FHWA

Effectiveness



- ◄4-Lane to 3-Lane,
 Road Diet Conversions
 - Up to <u>19% reduction</u> in total crashes (urban areas) (CMF ID 5554)
 - Up to <u>47% reduction</u> in total crashes (suburban areas) (CMF ID 2841)
 - Up to <u>37% reduction</u> in injury crashes (CMF ID 11231)



Source: Leidos



Walkways



Walkways





Pedestrian Walkway

- Continuous way designated for pedestrians
- Typically located outside of the road right-of-way and/or not directly adjacent to a street

Source: Chester County



Shared Use Path

- Bikeway or pedestrian walkway physically separated from motor vehicle traffic by space or barrier
- Within roadway right-of-way or within an independent right-of-way

Source: Ohio DOT



Sidewalk

- Dedicated space intended for use by pedestrians that is safe, comfortable, and accessible to all
- Physically separated from the roadway by a curb or unpaved buffer space

Source: FHWA



Paved/Roadway Shoulder

- Paved area for pedestrians and bicyclists to use next to the roadway
- Shoulder is delineated by pavement markings
- Used in rural or suburban areas where other walkway types are not feasible

≺Considerations

- Along both sides of roadways in urban areas, particularly near schools and transit locations.
- Seek direct and connected networks (avoid gaps and abrupt changes)

Effectiveness



→Paved Shoulders

• Up to **71% reduction** in crashes involving pedestrians walking along roadways.



• Up to <u>65-89% reduction</u> in crashes involving pedestrians walking along roadways.



Source: FHWA



Opportunity for Widespread Deployment



- √67% of pedestrian fatalities in 2021 occurred where no sidewalks were indicated on the crash reports.
- ✓Many jurisdictions have sidewalks that are not functionally acceptable, too narrow, or missing along major streets.



Source: FHWA





Yellow Change Intervals



Yellow Change Intervals

- →Warn drivers of impending change in right-of-way assignment
- →Proper Timing is important
 - See the MUTCD Section 4F.17
- ✓Interval timing should consider:
 - Speed of approaching and turning vehicles
 - Driver perception-reaction time
 - Vehicle deceleration
 - Intersection geometry
- →Automated traffic signal performance measures (ATSPMs)
 - Continuous performance monitoring capability
 - Modify timing based on actual performance, without requiring expensive modeling or data collection



Source: FHWA

Effectiveness



- →Up to <u>36-50% reduction</u> in red light running
- →Up to <u>8-14% reduction</u> in total crashes (CMF ID 380)
- →Up to <u>12% reduction</u> in injury crashes (CMF ID 384)



Source: FHWA

PSCs – Crosscutting



Lighting



Local Road Safety Plans



Pavement Friction Management



Road Safety Audit

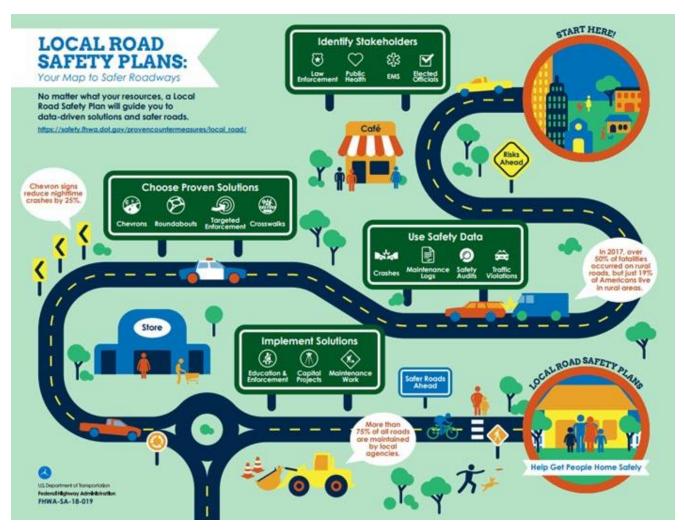
Local Road Safety Plans



Local Road Safety Plans (LRSP)



- →Framework for identifying, analyzing, and prioritizing safety improvements
- → Engages multiple stakeholders
- → Uses data-driven approach
- →Results in a list of issues, risks, actions, and improvements
- →LRSP Do-It-Yourself website



Source: FHWA 49

Effectiveness



- →Agencies have experienced the following benefits after LRSP implementation
 - <u>25% reduction</u> in county road fatalities in Minnesota.
 - <u>17% reduction</u> in fatal and serious injury crashes on county-owned roads in Washington.
 - <u>35% reduction</u> in severe curve crashes in Thurston County, WA.



Source: Nevada County (CA)



Source: Elmore County (AL)

Road Safety Audit



Road Safety Audit (RSA)



- →Formal safety performance examination
 - What elements of the road may present a safety concern: to what extent, to which road users, and under what circumstances?
 - What opportunities exist to eliminate or mitigate identified safety concerns?
- ✓Independent, multidisciplinary team
- →Can be performed at any point in the project development process
- → Concludes with formal report



Source: FHWA

Effectiveness



10-60%

Reduction in total crashes



Source: FHWA



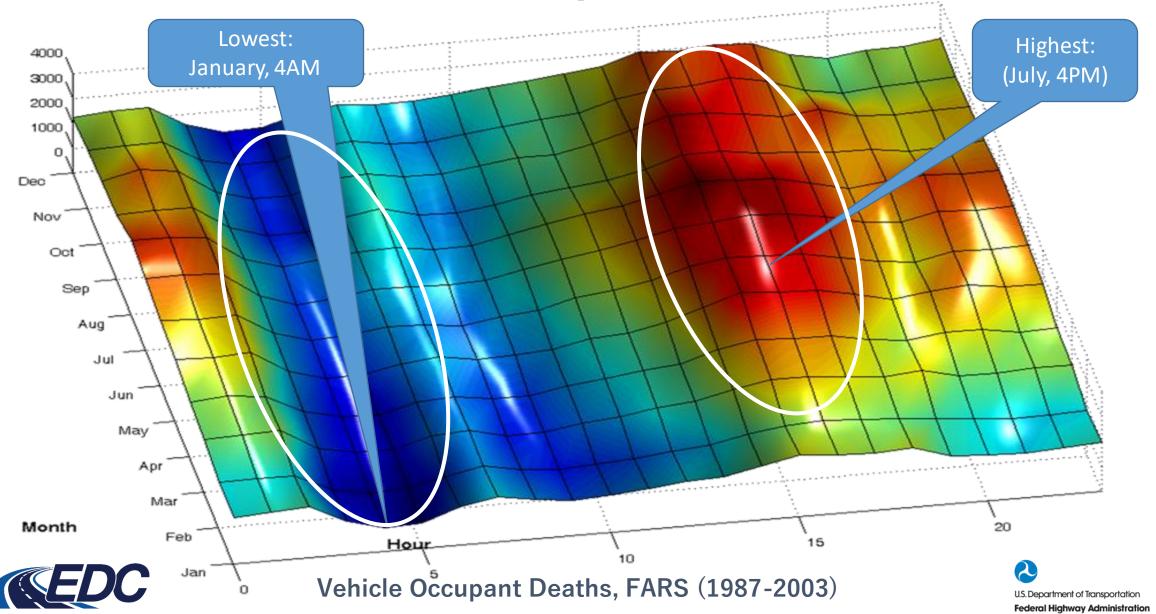
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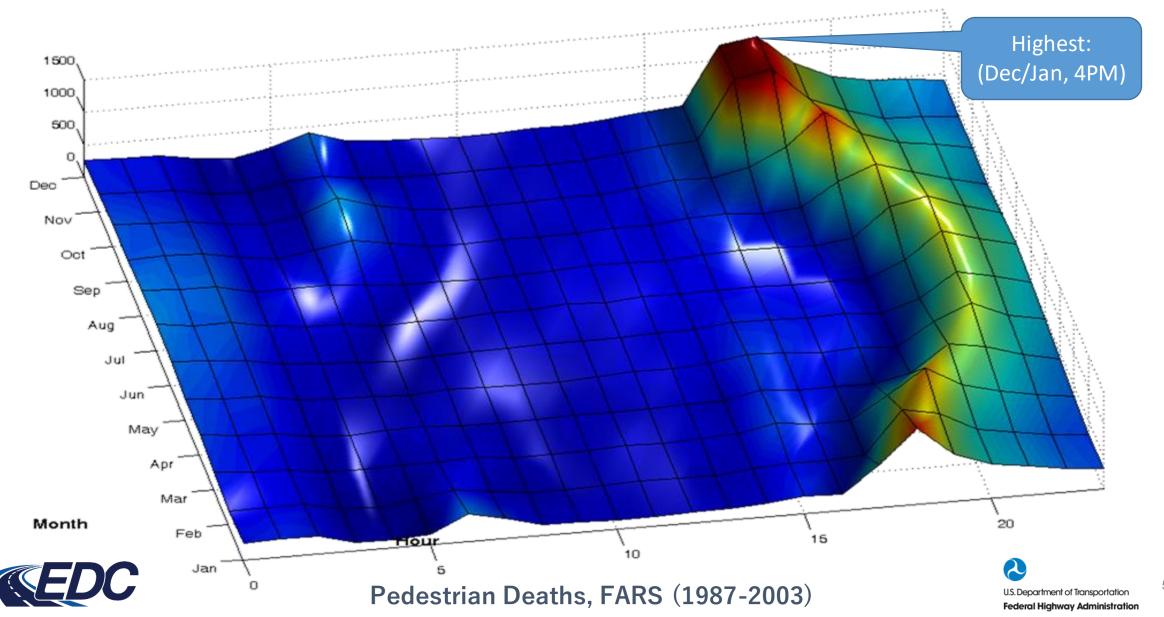
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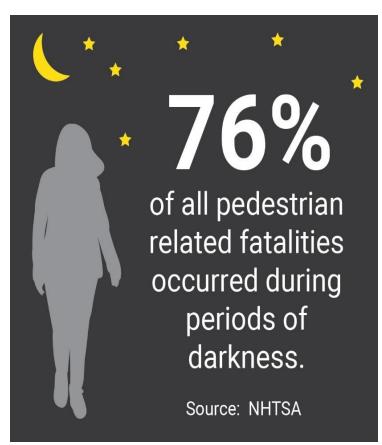
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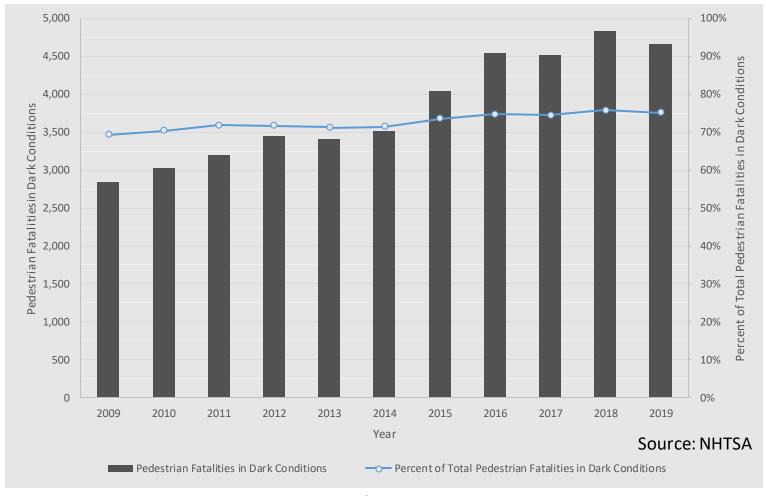
Pedestrian/Vehicle Crashes – Implications of Darkness



Pedestrian Fatalities in Dark Conditions



Graphic. Infographic for nighttime pedestrian fatalities.



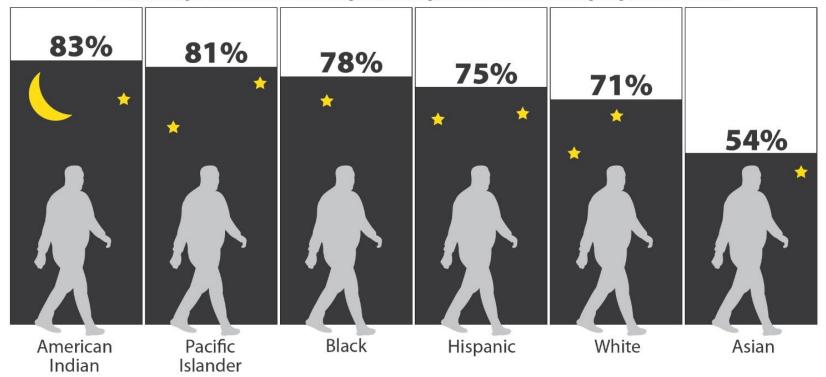
Dark condition pedestrian fatalities/year and dark condition pedestrian fatalities/year as a percentage of total pedestrian fatalities



Equity and Nighttime

10-Year Nighttime Pedestrian Fatalities Percentage by Race

for combined Light Conditions of Dark-Not Lighted, Dark-Lighted, and Dark-Unknown Lighting (FARS 2008-2018).

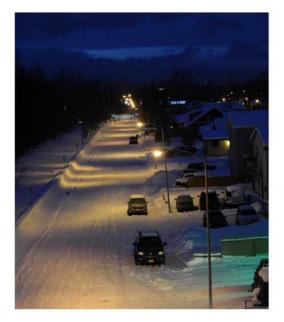


Source: NHTSA FARS (2008–2018)



FHWA's EDC 7 Approach

- Apply cost-effective and proven lighting and traffic control device countermeasures with known safety benefits to reduce fatalities for all road users.
- Improve nighttime visibility to safely connect people to community resources and essential services







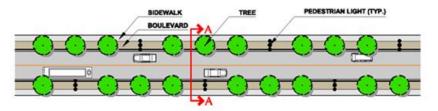
EDC-7 Nighttime Visibility for Safety

- Focus on locations with known crash history and/or near target locations such as near schools, activity centers, parks, entertainment, transit stops etc.
- Improvements include:
 - Enhanced conspicuity of traffic control devices
 - Geometric enhancements
 - Well-designed lighting

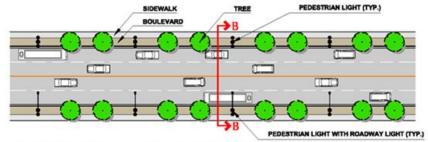




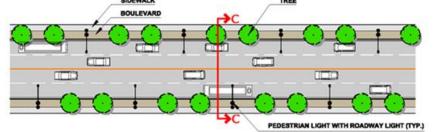
Urban Streetscape Design



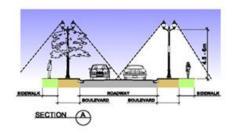
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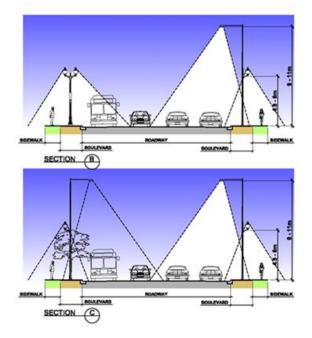


4 LANE URBAN ROAD - PEDESTRIAN AND OVERHEAD LIGHT



4 LANE URBAN ROAD - PEDESTRIAN AND OVERHEAD LIGHTS, BOTH SIDES







<u>Effectiveness</u>

- ✓Intersections Urban, suburban, and rural signalized and unsignalized
 - Up to <u>42% reduction</u> in nighttime injury pedestrian crashes at intersections (CMF ID 436)
 - Up to <u>33-38% reduction</u> in nighttime intersection crashes (CMF IDs 2376 and 433)
- →Segments Rural and Urban highways
 - Up to <u>28% reduction</u> in nighttime injury crashes on urban highways (CMF ID 193)



Source: WSDOT



Source: FHWA

Access FHWA Lighting Resources

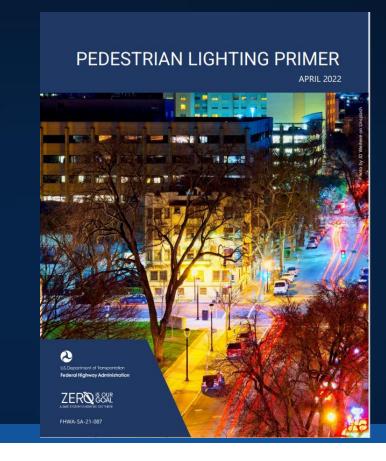
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Lighting Handbook



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Tools for Practitioners



Roadway Area Type

Average Annual Daily Traffic Vehicular Volume

Medium (2.000-15.000)

Search PSCs by Keyword(s)

Apply

High (> 15,000)

Arterial Collector

Problem(s) to be Addressed

Excessive Speeds

Inadequate Visibility, Con 🛦

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Non-Compliance (yielding

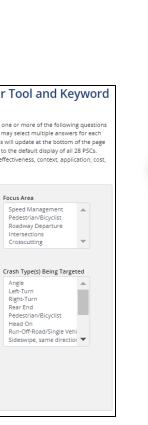
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Suburban

Rural

https://highways.dot.gov/safety/proven-safety-countermeasures



Focus Area

Pedestrian/Bicyclist

Roadway Departure

Crosscutting

Angle

Left-Turn

Right-Turn

Pedestrian/Bicyclist

Rear End



Source: FHWA

Funding PSCs

FUNDING SAFETY FOR ALL.

FHWA encourages implementation of projects and programs that improve safety, equity, and accessibility for all road users. Take the first step toward exploring federal funding opportunities for your Complete Streets Network.

Federal Transit Administration Grant Programs

National Highway Performance Program

Surface Transportation Block Grant Program

Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program

Highway Safety Improvement Program

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program

Bridge Investment Program

Transportation Alternatives

Carbon Reduction Program

Tribal Transportation Program

Metropolitan Planning Funds

PROTECT

Railway-Highway Crossing Program

Statewide Planning and Research

Recreational Trails Program

Bridge Formula Program

Railroad Rehabilitation & Improvement Financing

TIFIA Program

Federal Lands and Tribal Transportation Programs Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund

ATTAIN

RAISE Discretionary Grants

INFRA Grants

Safe Streets and Roads for All Grants

Transit Oriented Development

Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program

Areas of Persistent Poverty Program

National Scenic Byways Program

Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program



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Source: FHWA

You have the Data and Tools to Save Lives



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