



City of Hagerstown Safety Action Plan

April 23, 2025

Public Meeting



Purpose of the Plan



Eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2050



Identify high-risk areas and recommend targeted safety improvements



Position the city to apply for federal funding through the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) program

Meeting Agenda



01

**WELCOME
PUBLIC OUTREACH
SURVEY RESULTS
PROJECT OVERVIEW**

04

**PROJECT AND STRATEGY
DEVELOPMENT**

02

**SAFE STREETS FOR ALL
(SS4A) UPDATE**

05

NEXT STEPS

03

**ACTION PLAN KEY
COMPONENT**

Welcome and Introductions



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SAP Schedule



AUGUST 2024

Stakeholder Meeting #1

- Project Kickoff
- Safety Action Stakeholder Committee
- Crash Trends Analysis
- Policy and Processes Assessment

Public Outreach
Survey

NOVEMBER 2024

Stakeholder Meeting #2

- Survey Results
- Safety Analysis
- Crash Analysis Updates

MARCH / APRIL 2025

Stakeholder Meeting #3

- Draft Safety Action Plan
- 30-day public comment period
- Public Meeting

Public Comments
4/2-5/2

Public Meeting
4/23

SEPTEMBER /
OCTOBER 2024

Public Outreach

- MetroQuest Survey
- Public Engagement
- Interactive Mapping

DECEMBER - FEBRUARY
2025

High Injury Network

- Priority Safety Corridors
- Potential Countermeasures
- Project and Strategy Development

MAY 2025

Final Safety Action Plan

Hagerstown City Council
Adoption



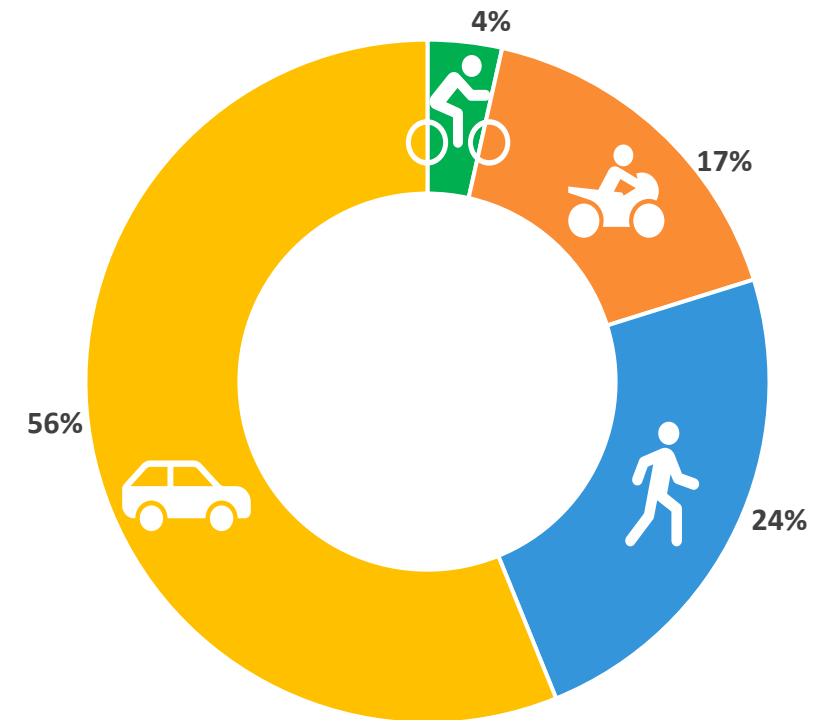
Public Meetings

Hagerstown Crash History (KSI)

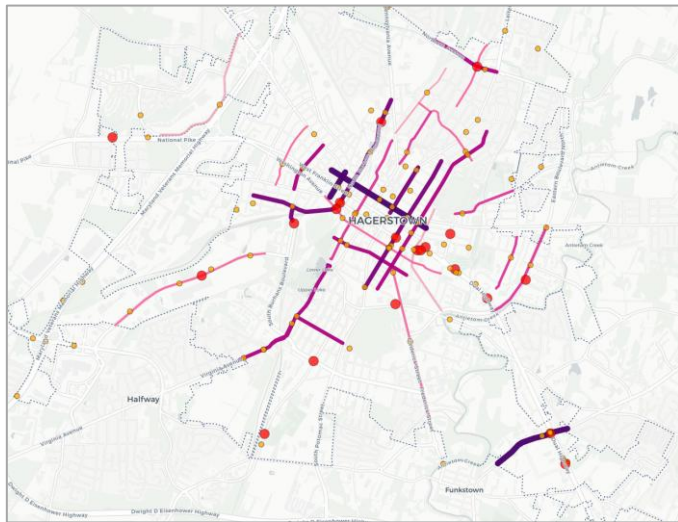


From 2019 to 2023, the Hagerstown had a total of 3,873 non-interstate crashes, **114 resulted in a person being killed or severely injured (KSI).**

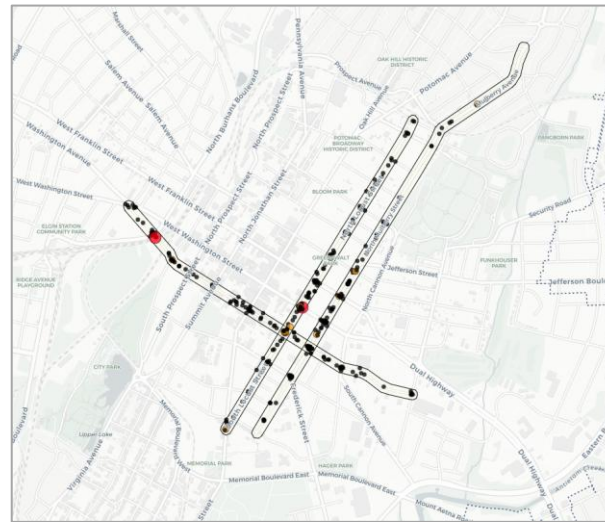
Hagerstown 2019-2023 Non-Interstate KSI Collisions by Mode



Key Outcomes



High Injury Network



Priority Corridors



Potential Countermeasures

Survey Results

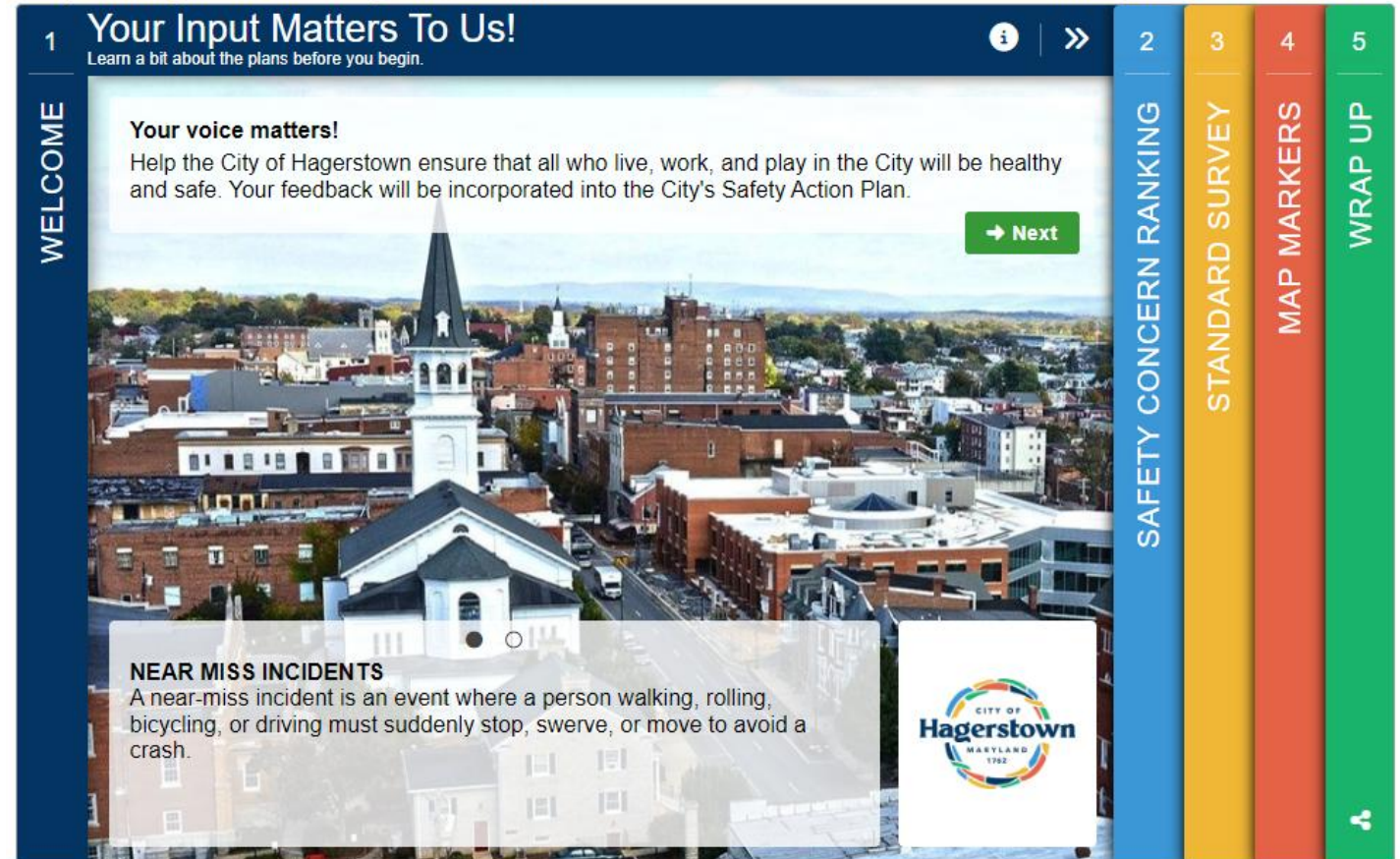


1,927 Respondents

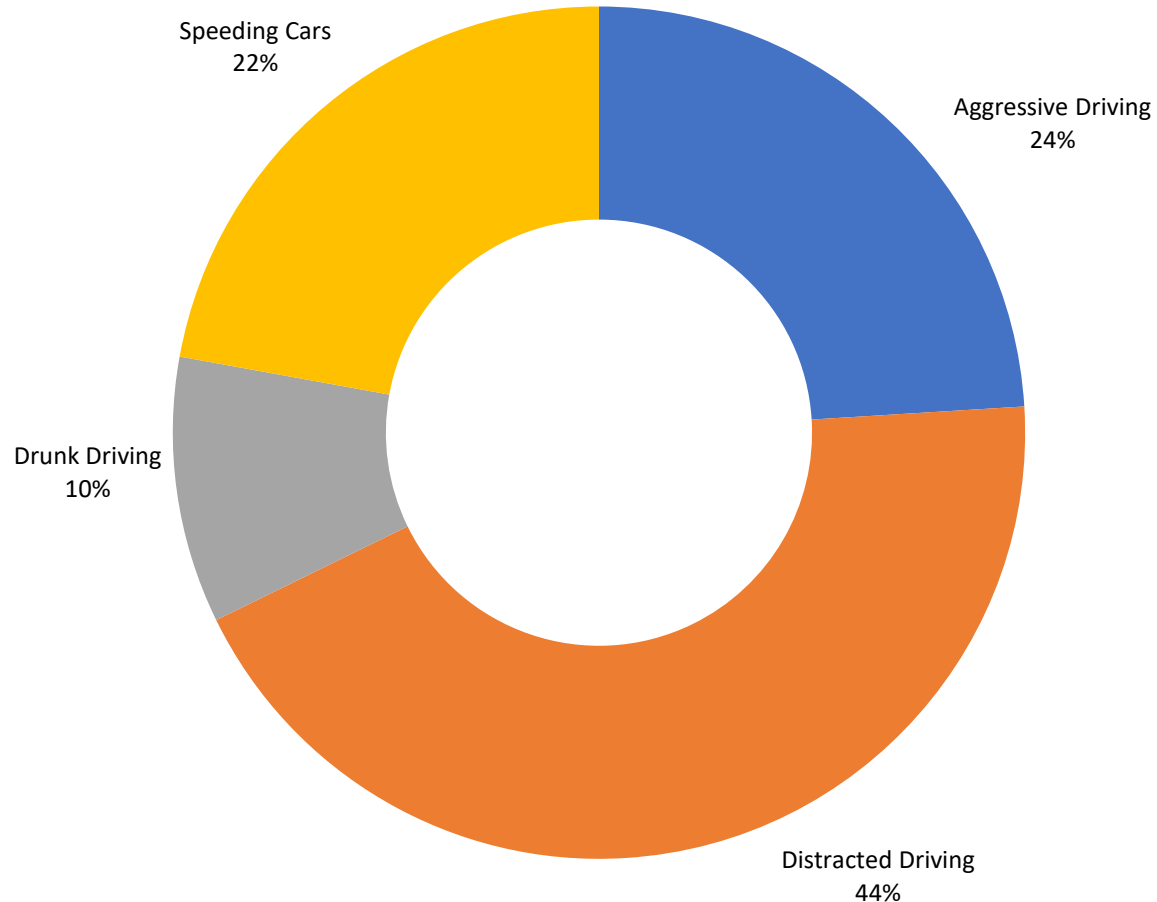
- Opened – September 4th
- Closed – October 4th

City of Hagerstown Safety Action Plan

More at: <https://www.hagerstownmd.org/>



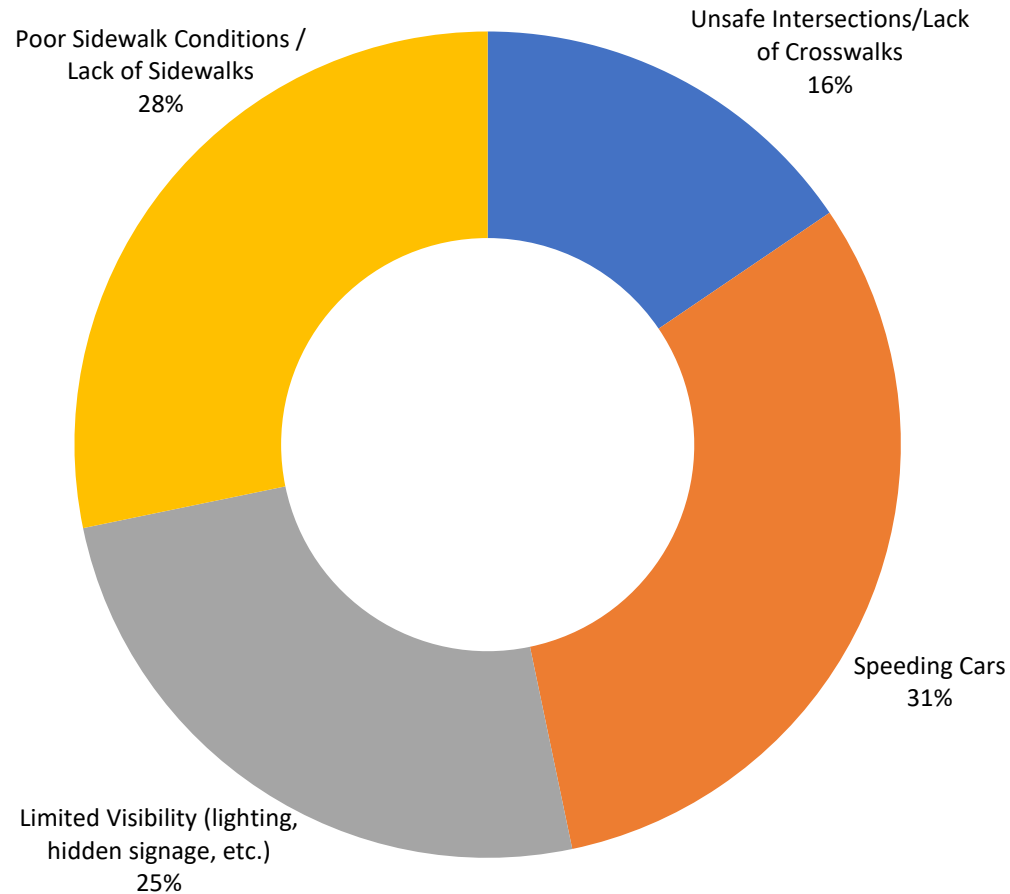
Survey Results – Driver Concerns



Additional Comments:

- Poorly marked lanes
- No Signage
- Phone Use
- Alcohol & Recreational Drugs
- Running Red Lights

Survey Results – Pedestrian Concerns



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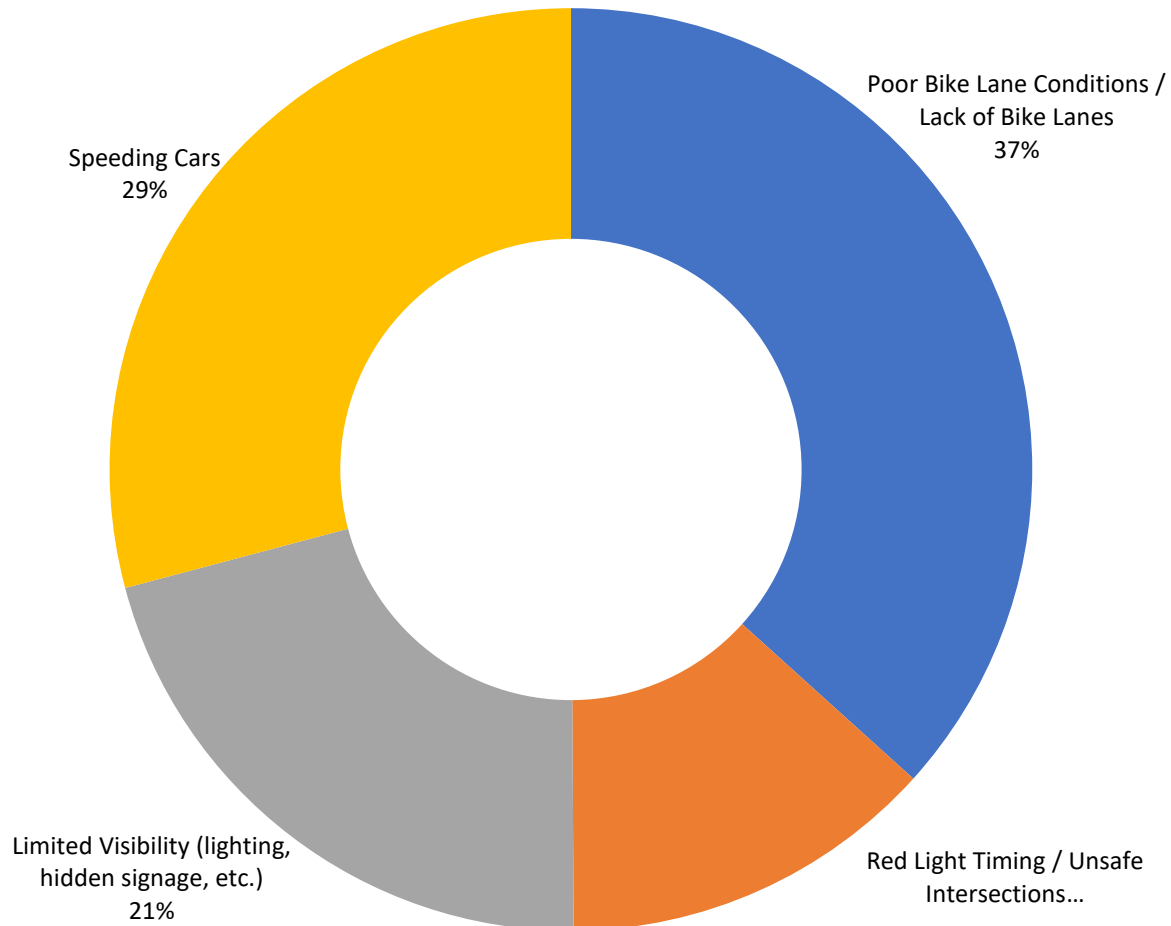
- Pedestrians not using crosswalks
- Pedestrians not paying attention
- Pedestrians walking into traffic/not using sidewalks
- Vehicles running stop signs

Survey Results – Bike Concerns

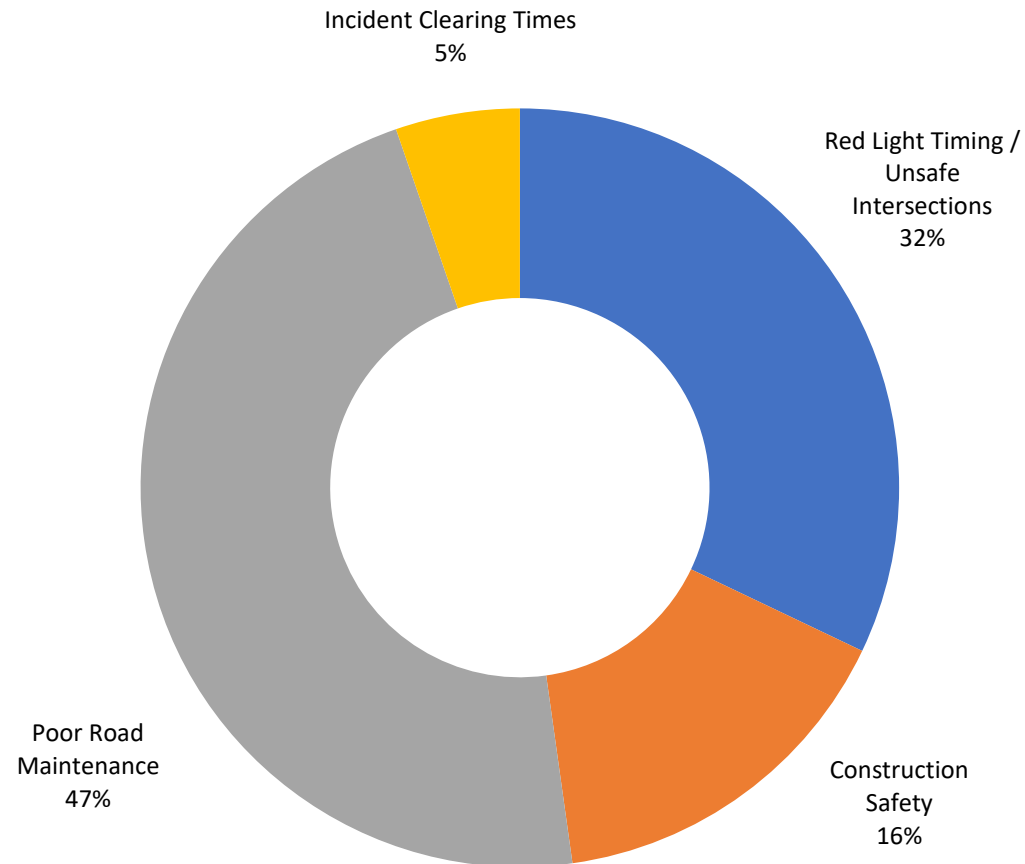


Additional Comments:

- Cars not sharing road with bikes/scooters
- Riding head on into cars
- Not adhering to traffic rules
 - Running red lights & stop signs
- Use of bikes in unsafe manor
 - Wheelies, weaving in and out of traffic



Survey Results – Road Conditions



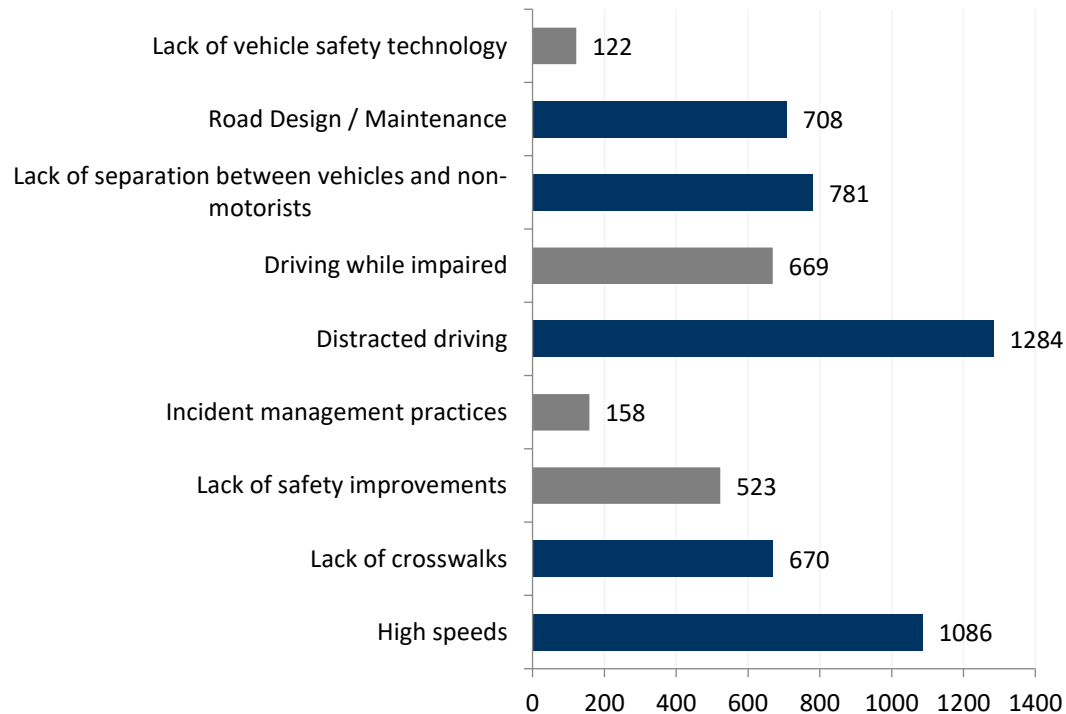
Additional Comments:

- Speed bumps
 - No signs
 - Crashes
- Traffic Lights
 - No left turn arrow
- Construction Delay
- Poorly Marked Lanes

Survey Results – Pedestrian Safety

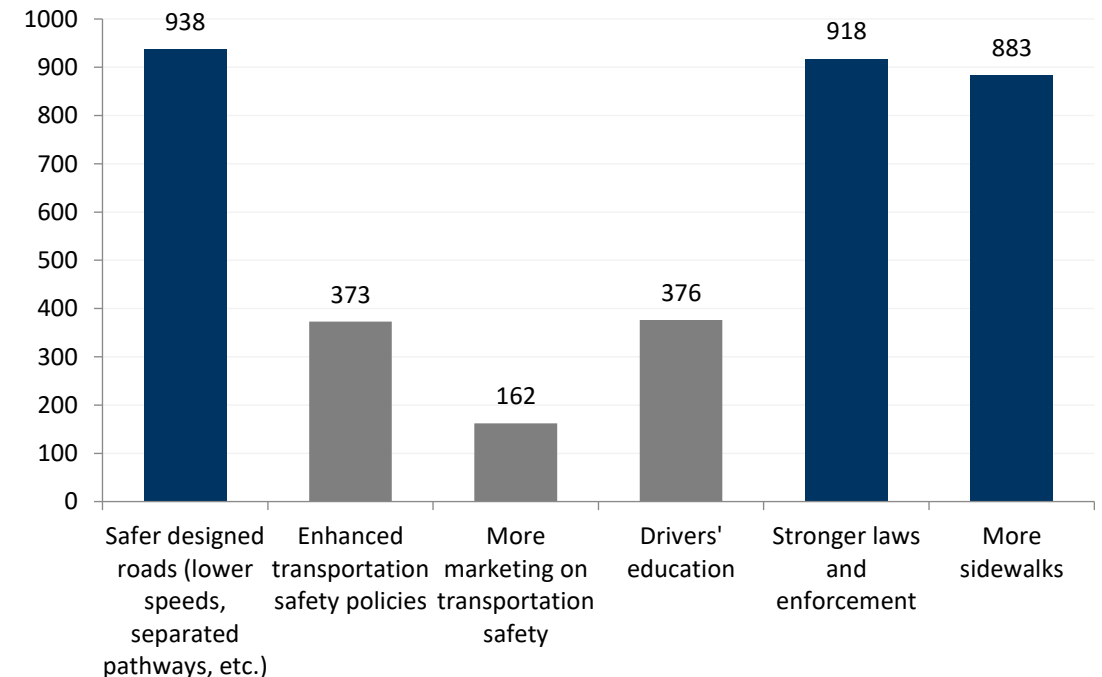


What do you think are the top five contributors of safety problems for those who choose to walk?



57% Walk in their Area

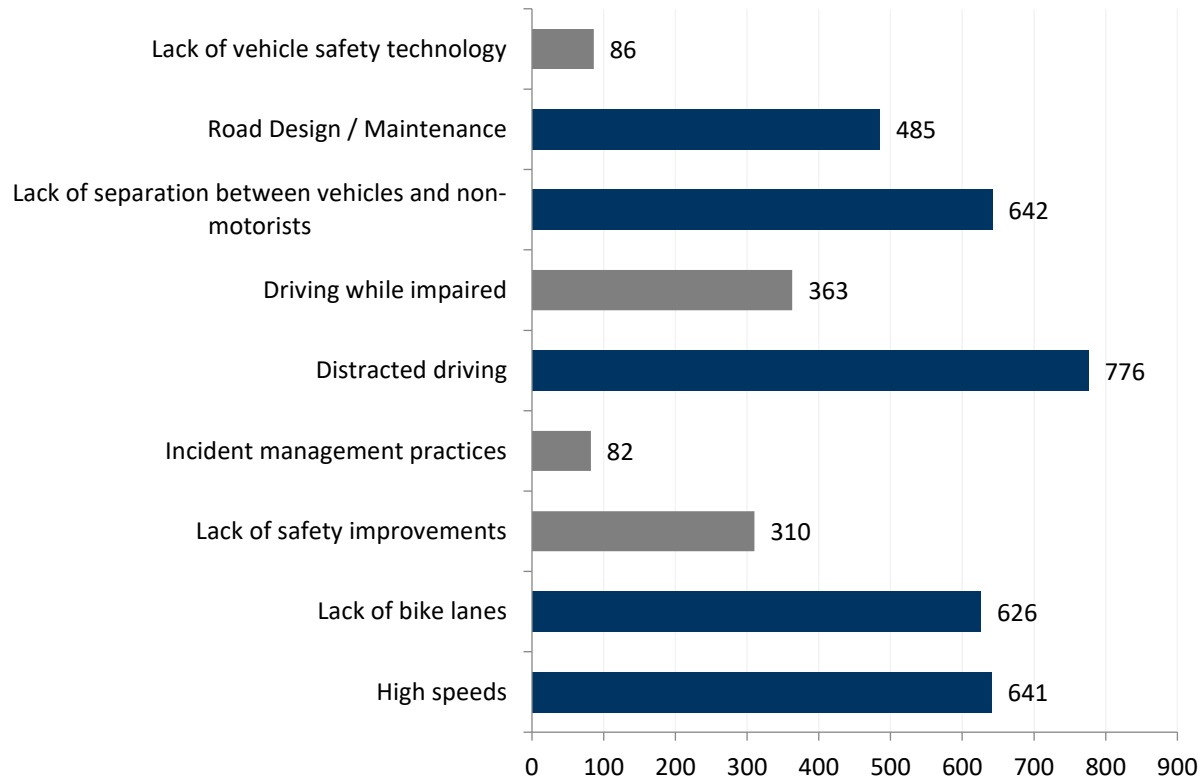
What three contributors would make you feel safer choosing to walk?



Survey Results – Bike Safety

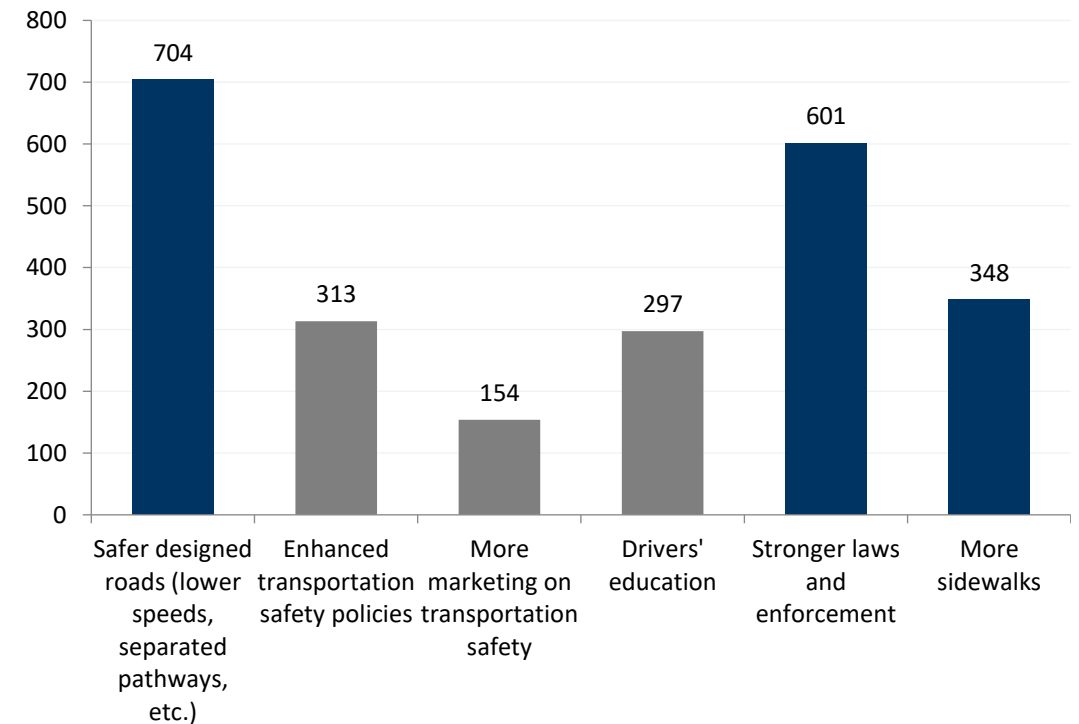


What do you think are the top five contributors of safety problems for those who choose to bike?



17% Bike in their Area

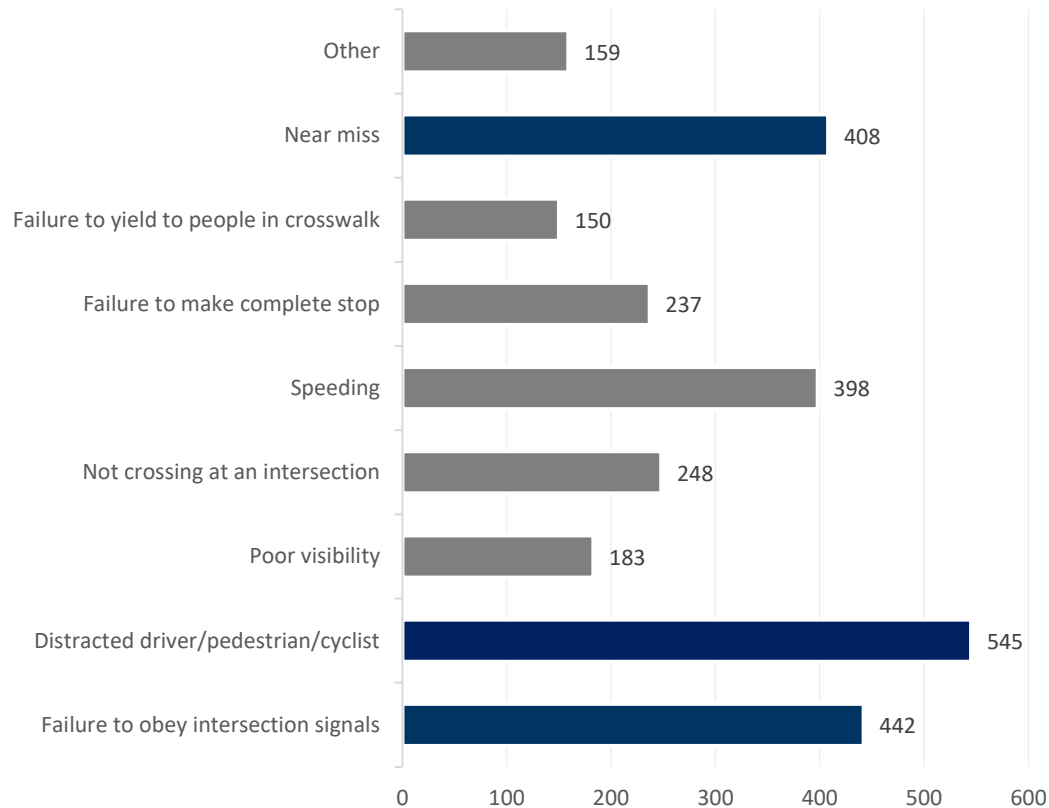
What three contributors would make you feel safer choosing to bike?



Survey Results – Safety Incidents

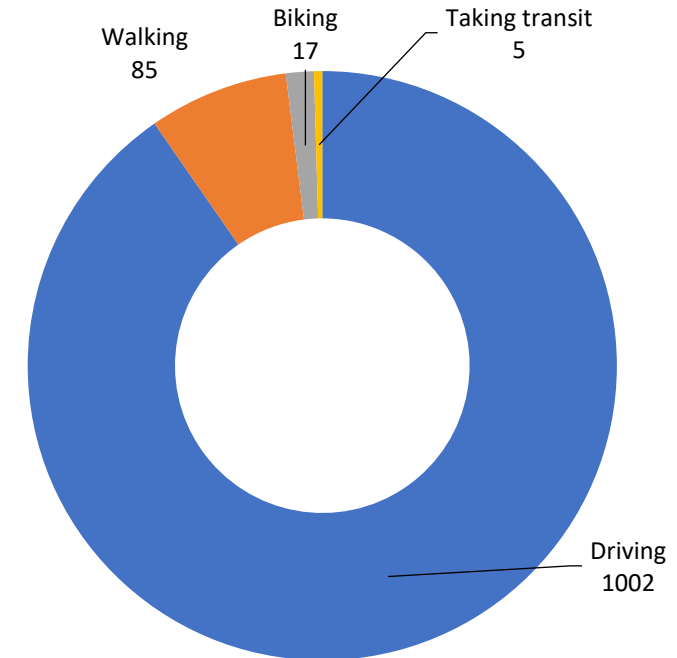


What was the nature of the incident? Check all that apply.



68% Experienced a Safety incident within last year

What was your mode of transportation?



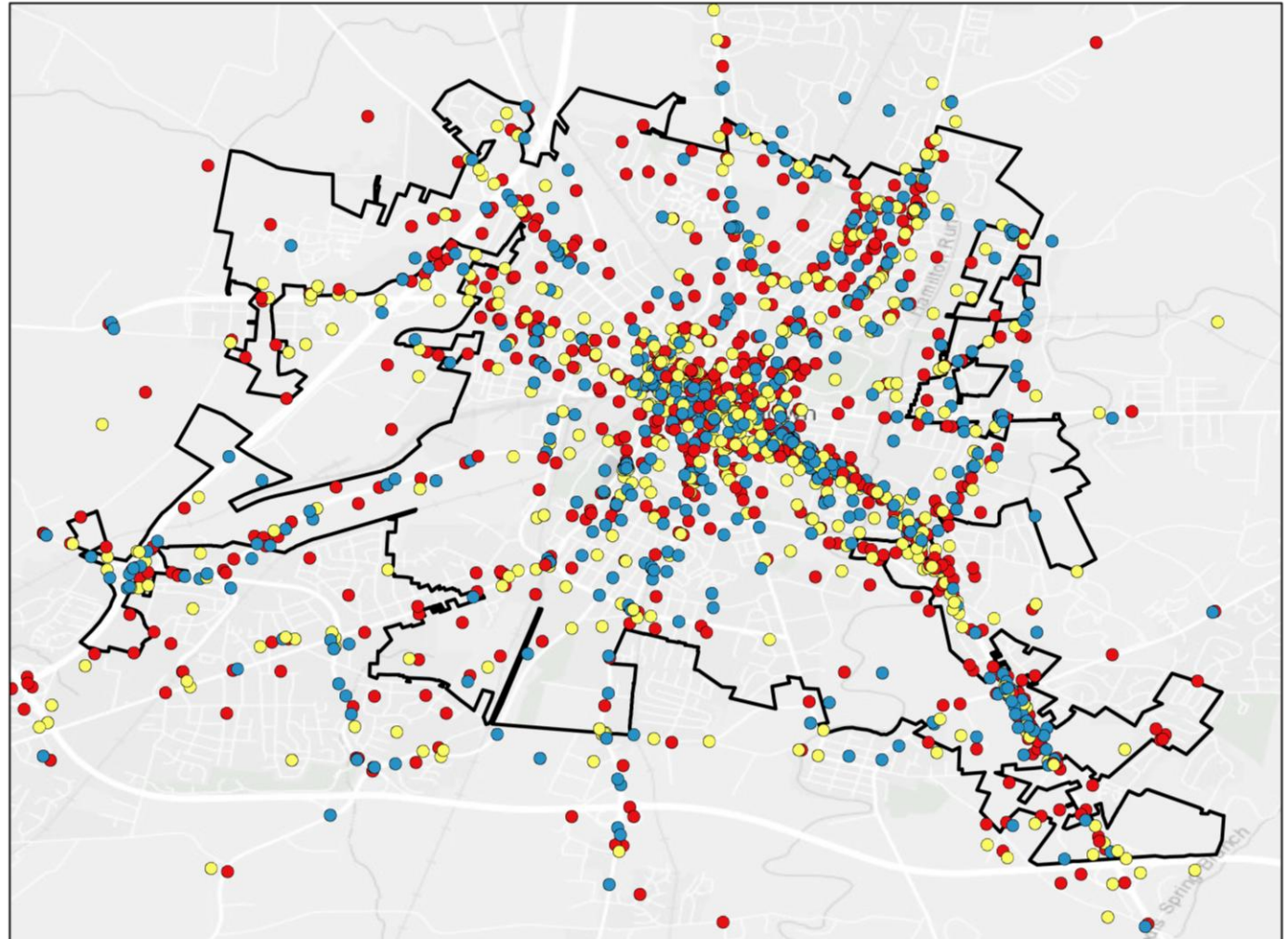
Survey Results – Mapping



2,192 Markers

- Improvement Ideas - 535
- Near Misses - 622
- Safety Issues - 958

[Hagerstown SAP](#) - Data Map

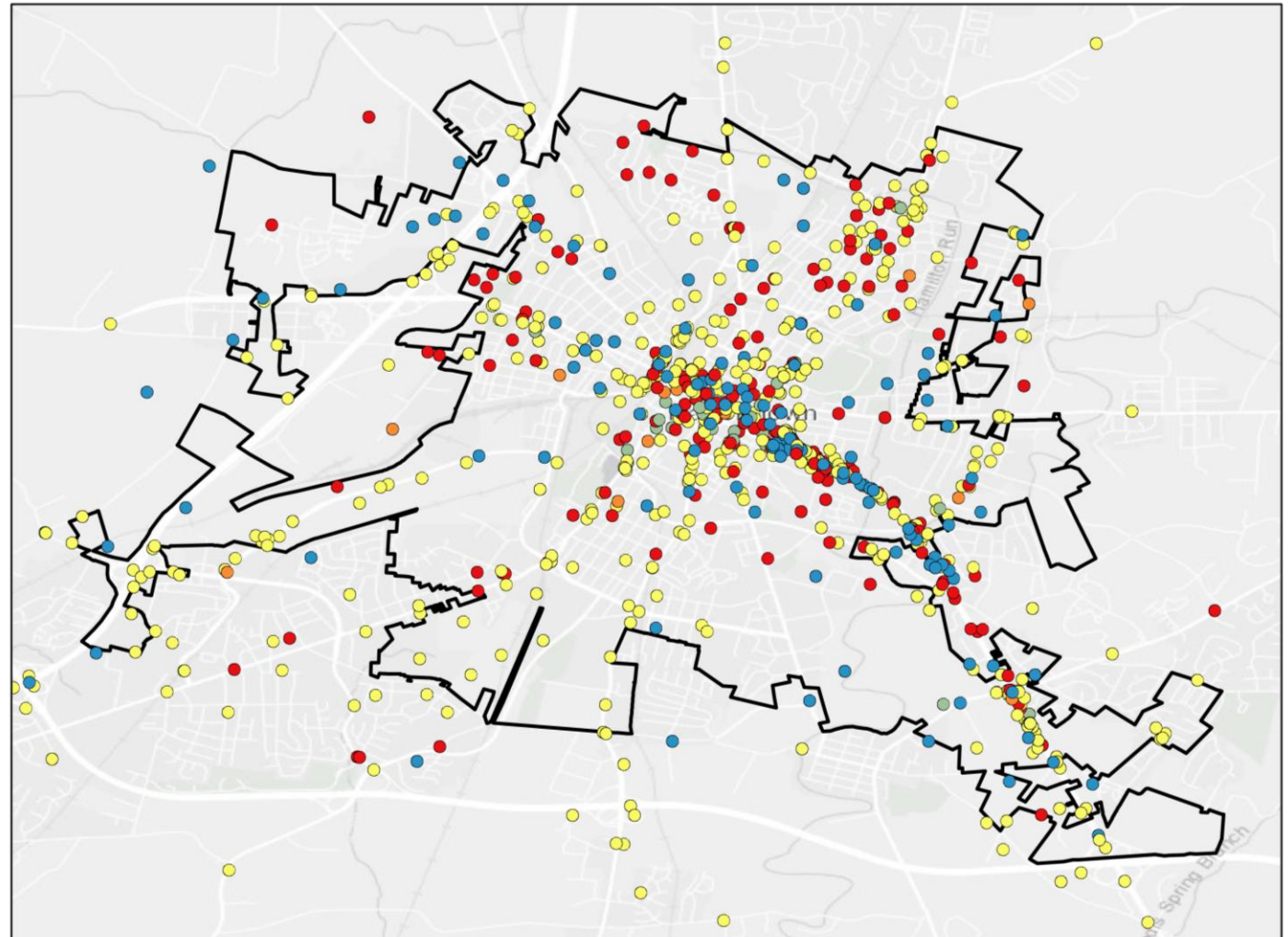


Survey Results – Safety Issue



958 Markers

- Biking Concern - 28
- Driving Concern - 585
- Transit Concern - 16
- Walking Concern - 200
- Not specified - 129



Survey Results – Walking Concern

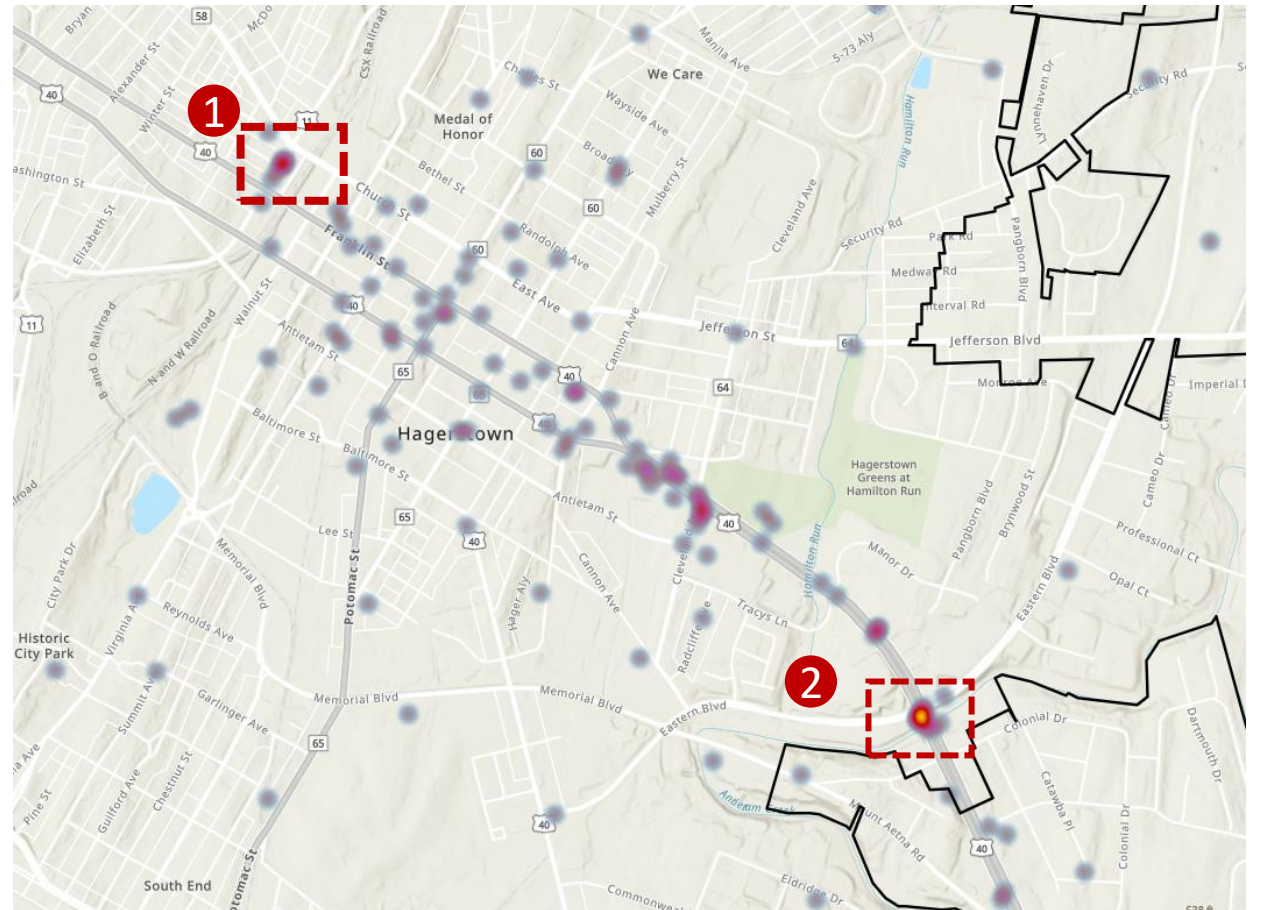


1 US 11 (US 40 to Church Street)

- “Pedestrians not using proper crosswalks and walking into traffic.”
- “Pedestrians do not follow designated crosswalks. They should be funneled to certain areas for their safety and the safety of driver.”
- “Walkers who walk in front of car.”
- “Pedestrians are not navigating to crosswalks. They cross in between cars.”
- “People crossing the road unsafely.”

2 US 40 @ Eastern Blvd

- “Walking out into oncoming traffic when the traffic signal is green.”
- “People do not use a crosswalk.”
- “Panhandling”
- *Unsafe Intersection*
- *Lack of Sidewalks/Sidewalk Conditions*



Survey Results – Driving Concerns

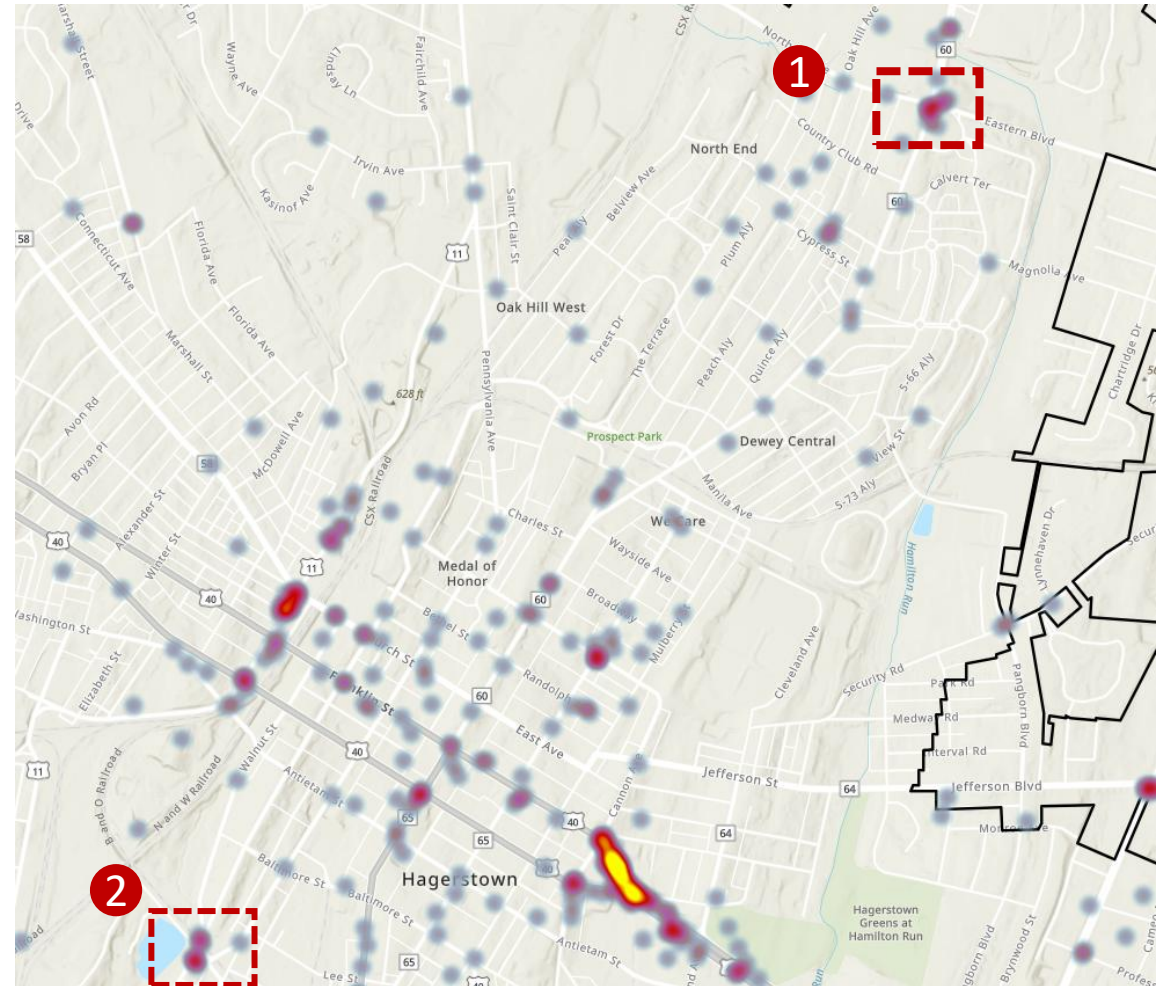


1 Potomac Ave @ Eastern Blvd

- “Cars regularly try to illegally pass at intersection. Cars speed through yellows and I have seen cars run red lights (and cause accidents).”
- “Getting passed from the right turn lane and getting cut off going straight through the light, both ways on Potomac.”
- *Unsafe Intersection*
- *Speeding*
- *Aggressive Driving*

2 Roundabout (Virginia Ave)

- “The majority of drivers coming off of Virginia Ave do not obey the yield sign to vehicles already traveling in the circle I have almost been hit multiple times because my right of way was ignored.”
- “That intersection is too confusing for people unfamiliar with it.”
- “People stop in the middle of the roundabout and can't make up their mind of where they're going.”
- “This roundabout is a bit complicated, and lots of speeding in the area. Maybe patrol to slow it down near the park.”



Survey Results – Biking Concerns

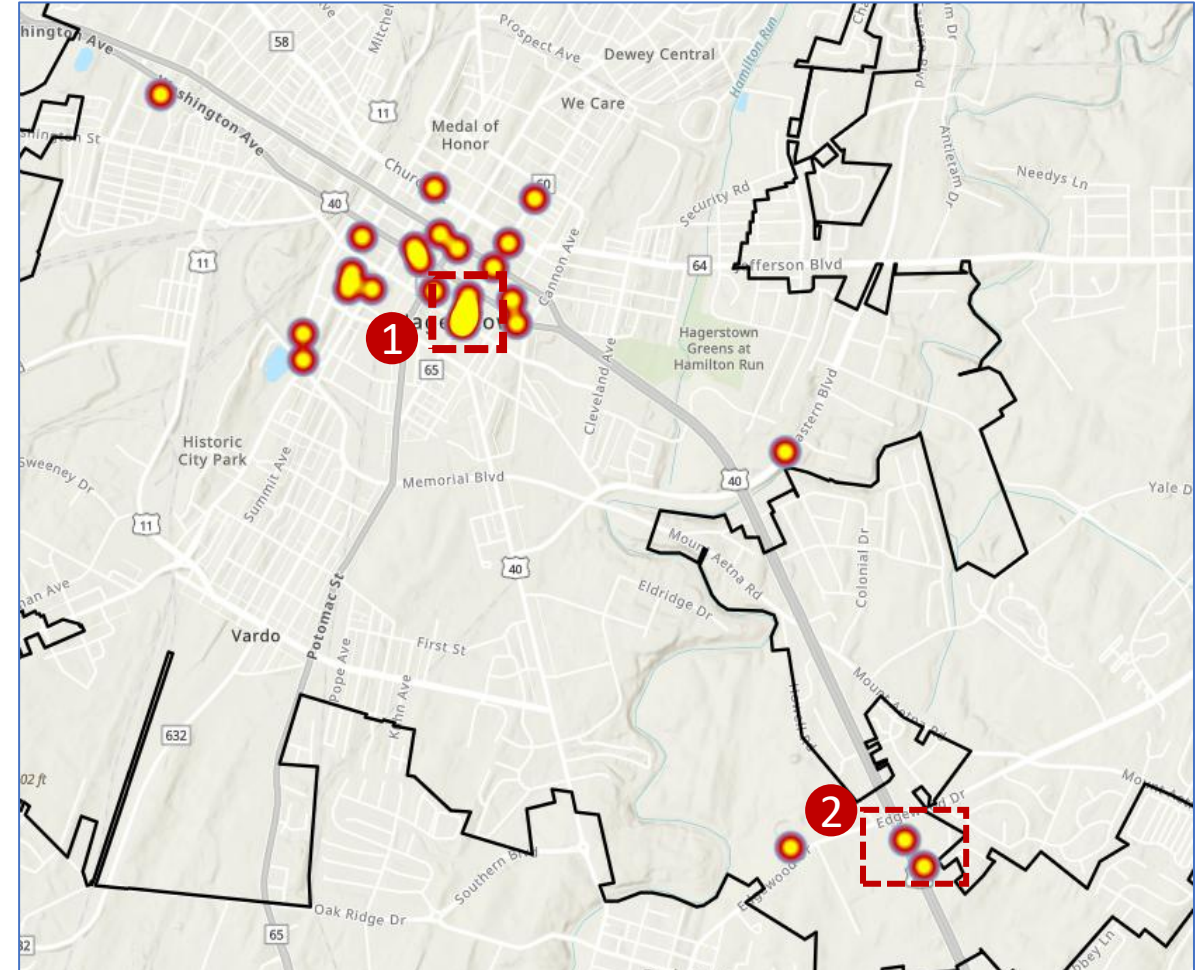


1 MD 65 (Antietam Ave to Matthew Ave)

- “Cyclists run the red light consistently.”
- “Bikers are aggressive and doing stunts between Antietam and Broadway at night.”
- “Riding in bike lane the wrong way.”
- *Speeding*

2 Dual Hwy (Hebb Rd to Edgewood Dr)

- “Proximity of bike lanes in the middle of vehicle lanes.”
- “The bike lanes here are dangerous, being sandwiched between 2 vehicle travel lanes and people making a left from the opposite side of 40 into the Liquor Locker or one of the other stores. The turn lane to go to Martin's is great, but the other turn lane.”

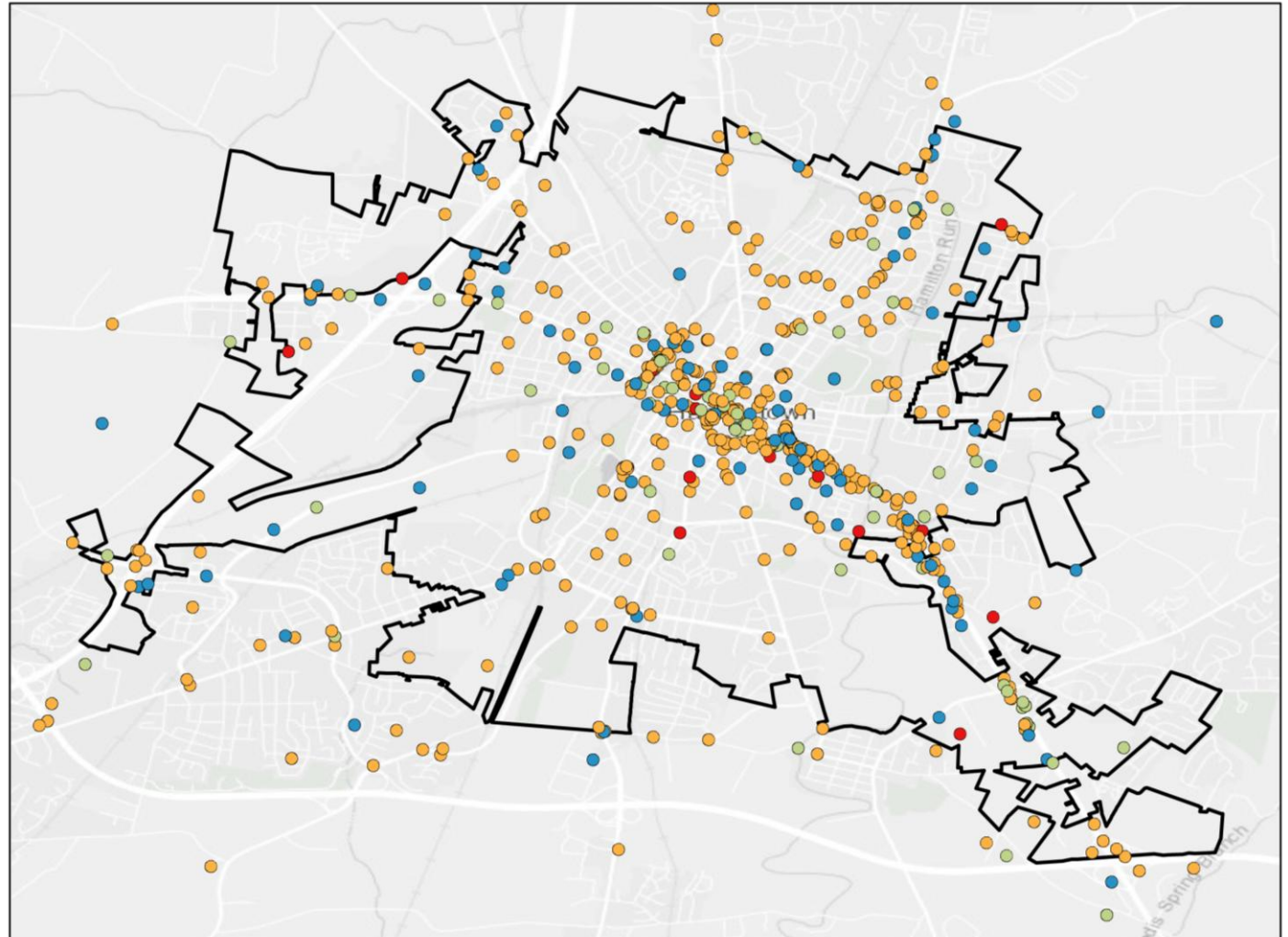


Survey Results – Near Misses



622 Markers

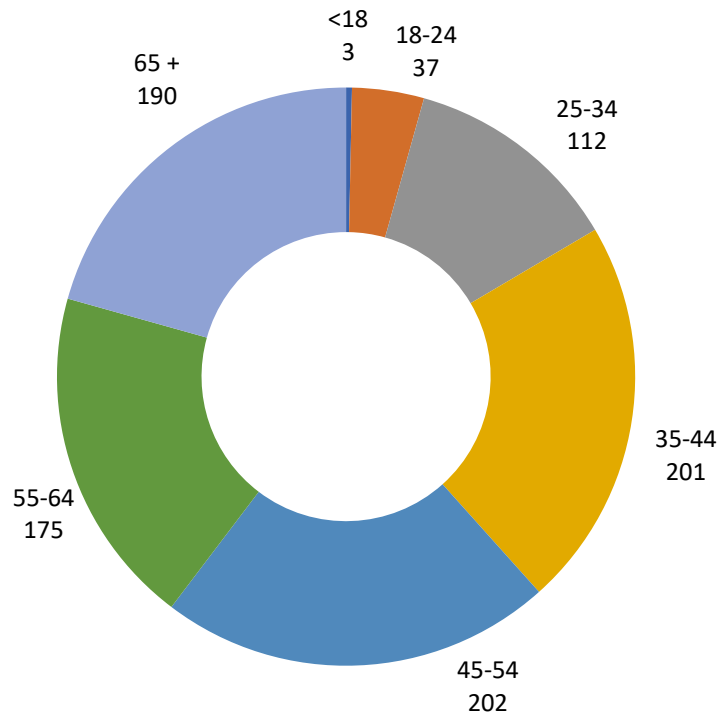
- In the past 1-2 years - 65
- In the past 6 months - 437
- Over 2 years ago - 15
- Not specified - 105



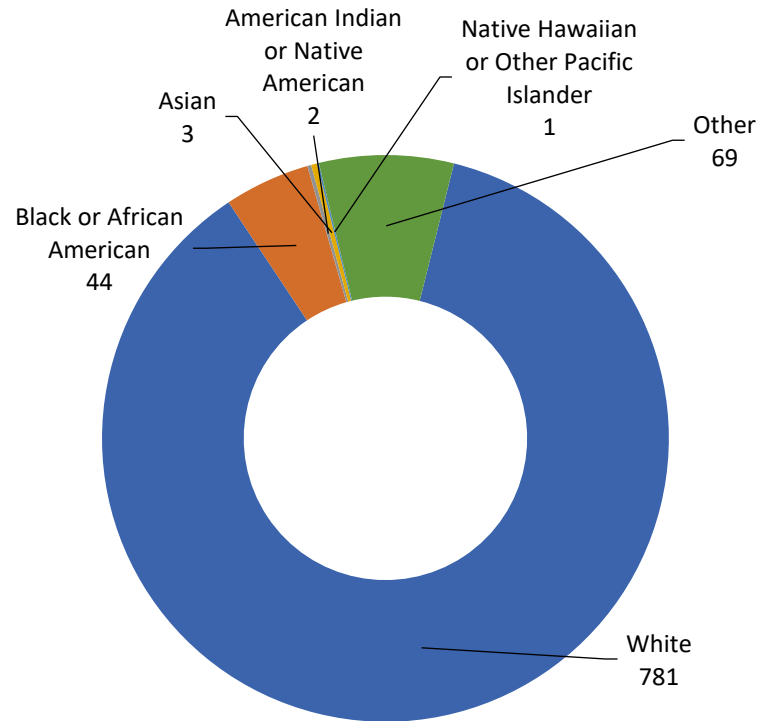
Survey Results - Respondents



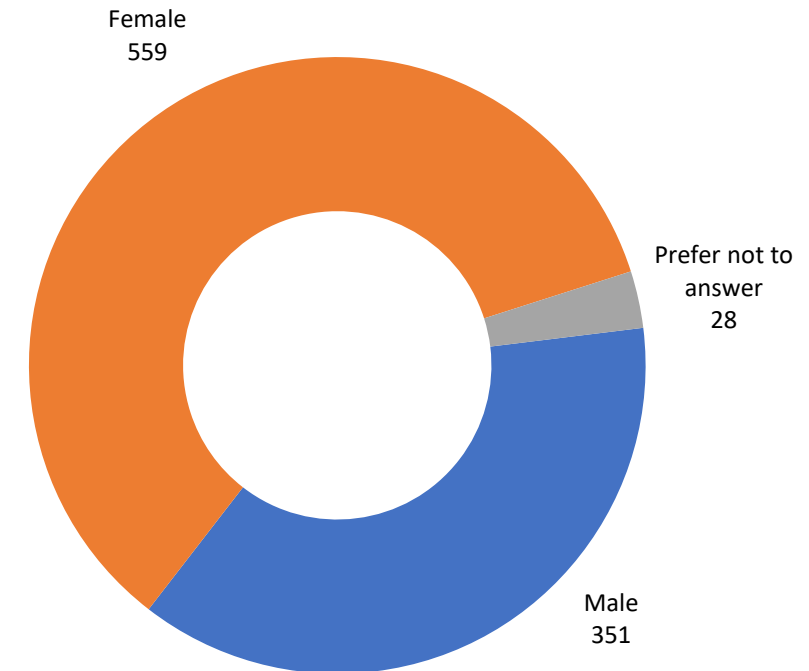
What is your age?



What is your race/ethnicity?



What is your gender?



SS4A NOFO

- Adopted Hagerstown SAP enables local agencies to apply for a SS4A grant (<https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>)
 - Additional planning work
 - Demonstration activity
 - Implementation
- NOFO Released March 28, 2025
- Grant Application deadline – June 26, 2025
- Funding Priority Re-Focus (previous Equity area)
 - Areas of Persistent Poverty
 - Demonstrate economic benefits

SS4A Grant Criteria



Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Element Criteria		How the City of Hagerstown Achieved It	
1	Governing body in the jurisdiction is publicly committed to an eventual goal of zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries.	The Hagerstown City Council is the governing body that reviews and approves the plan.	
	Set targets to achieve significant declines in roadway fatalities and serious injuries.	Outlined in Chapter 1: Need for a Roadway Safety Plan. The region's goal is to reach zero traffic fatalities and severe injuries by 2050.	
2	To develop the Action Plan, a committee, task force, implementation group, or similar body is established and charged with the plan's development, implementation, and monitoring.	Stakeholder Advisory Committee was formed to help outline the plan and develop strategies. Outlined in Chapter 2: Plan Development and Engagement.	
3	Analysis of existing conditions and historical trends to baseline the level of crashes involving fatalities and serious injuries across a jurisdiction, locality, Tribe, or region.	An online map was created to show 2019–2023 Crashes in the City of Hagerstown and outlined in Chapter 3: Understanding Crash Trends and Roadway Safety in Hagerstown.	
	Analysis of systemic and specific safety needs is performed as needed (e.g., high risk).	Outlined in Chapter 3: Understanding Crash Trends and Roadway Safety in Hagerstown.	
	Analysis of the location where there are crashes, the severity, as well as contributing factors and crash types.	Outlined in Chapter 3: Understanding Crash Trends and Roadway Safety in Hagerstown.	
	A geospatial identification (geographic or locational data using maps) of higher risk locations.	A High Injury Network (HIN) was created and shown on a map in Chapter 3: Understanding Crash Trends and Roadway Safety in Hagerstown.	
4	Engagement with the public and relevant stakeholders, including the private sector and community groups.	The team met with Stakeholders through a series of meetings. There were also a public outreach survey, comment period and a public meeting. Outlined in Chapter 2: Plan Development and Engagement.	
	Incorporation of information received from the engagement and collaboration into the plan.	Feedback from an outreach survey was incorporated into the plan's strategies.	
		Coordination that included inter- and intragovernmental cooperation and collaboration, as appropriate.	Outlined in Chapter 2: Plan Development and Engagement.
		Considerations of different communities using inclusive and representative processes.	Identifying communities of need was a key factor in public outreach, safety analysis, the policy assessment, and project and program prioritization. Outlined in Chapter 2: Plan Development and Input.
5	Identified underserved communities through data.	The Action Plan used USDOT's Equitable Transportation Community Explorer tool and results during analysis and outreach. Outlined in Chapter 2: Plan Development and Input.	
	Community analysis in collaboration with appropriate partners, focused on initial community impacts.	As part of the Stakeholder meetings discussed in Chapter 2, the Stakeholders reviewed the analysis inputs.	
6	The plan development included an assessment of current policies, plans, guidelines, and/or standards to identify opportunities to improve how processes prioritize safety.	The policy and benchmarking assessment was conducted to gauge the region's alignment with the SSA and safety best practices. The assessment reviewed existing plans, reports, and studies from the county and region. Outlined in Chapter 3: Understanding Crash Trends and Roadway Safety in Hagerstown.	
7	The plan identifies a comprehensive set of projects and strategies to address the safety problems in the Action Plan, time ranges when projects and strategies will be deployed, and explain project prioritization criteria.	Outlined in Chapter 4: Project and Strategy Development	
8	A description of how progress will be measured over time that includes, at a minimum, outcome data.	Outlined in Chapter 5: Plan of Action and Monitoring Progress	
	The plan is posted publicly online.	The Plan is available on the City's website.	
9	The plan was finalized and/or last updated between 2018 and 2025	The Plan was finalized in May 2025.	

Plan Overview



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Chapter 4: Project and Strategy Development

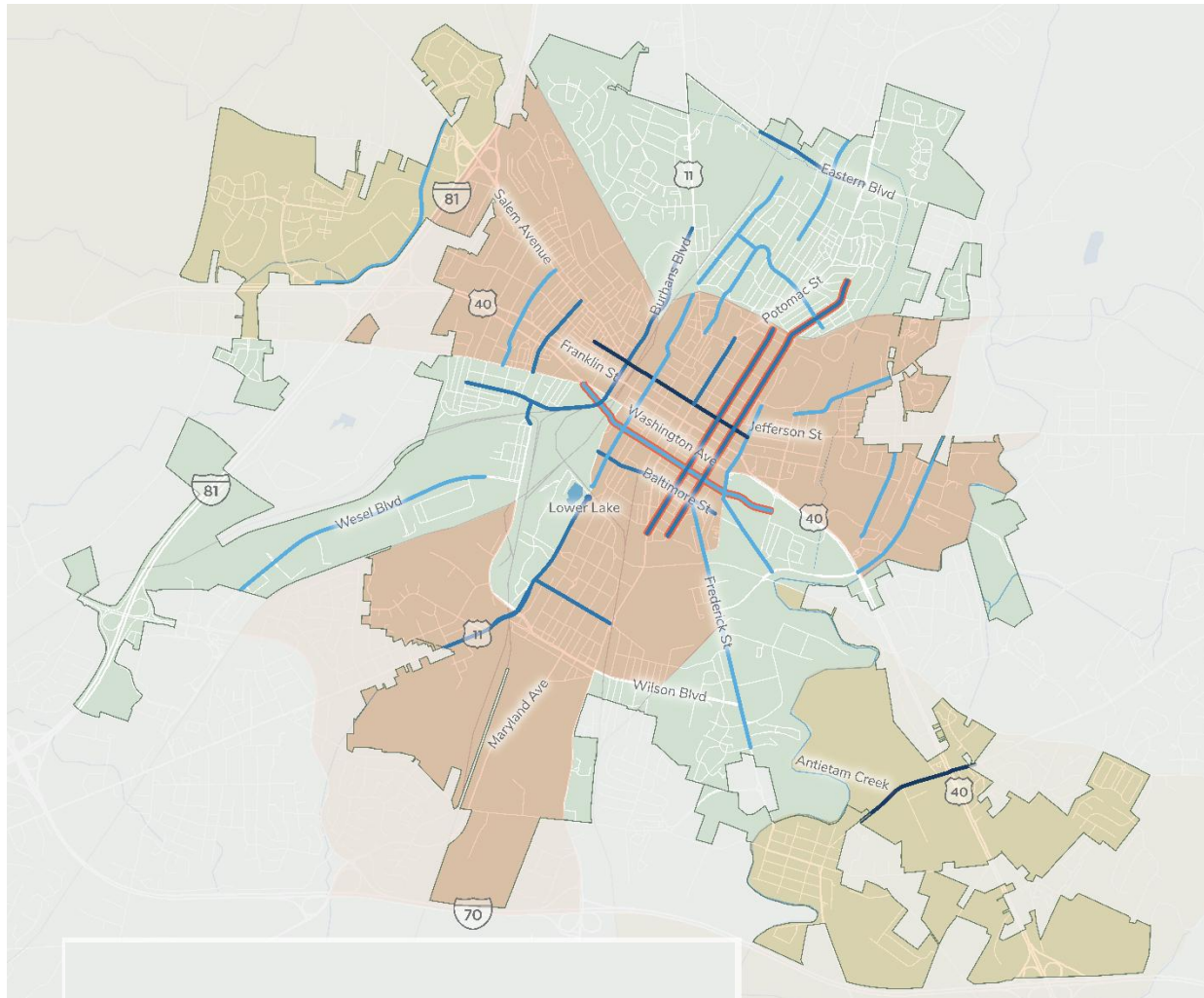
Chapter 5: Plan Of Action And Monitoring Progress

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Appendix B – Countermeasure Details & Cost Estimates

Appendix C – Technical Memos

Final HIN

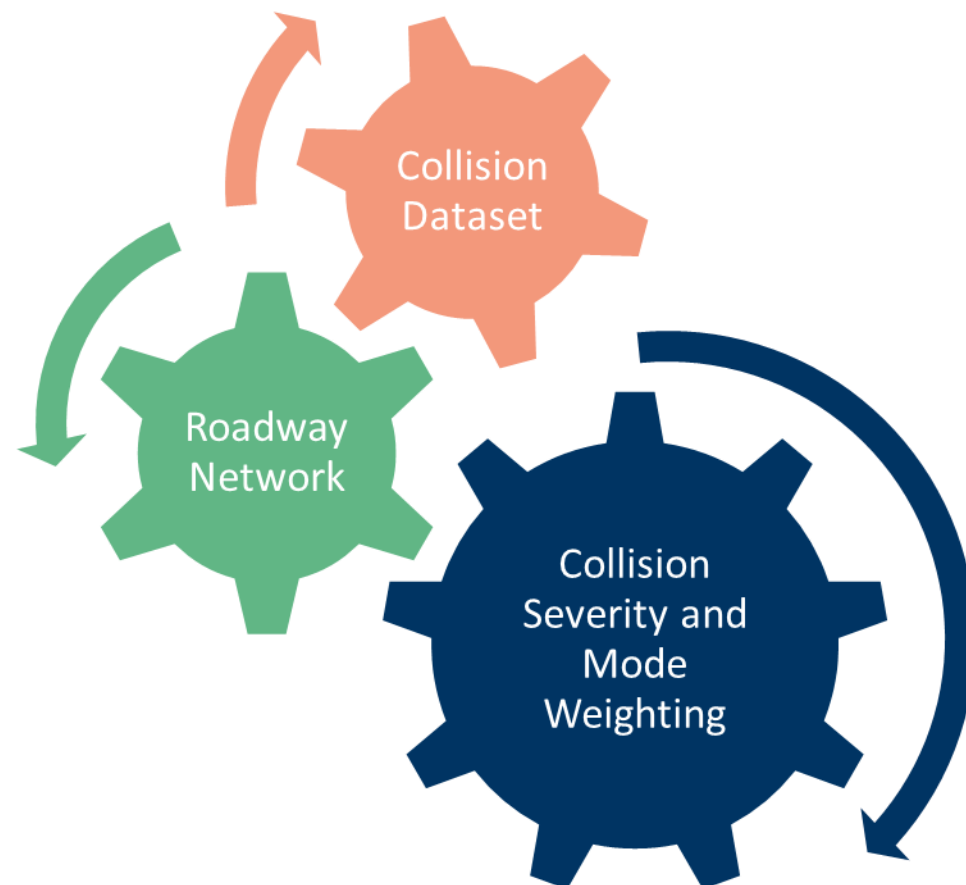


Legend

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| — HIN High Score | Low to Moderate Community Need Areas |
| — HIN Medium Score | Moderate-High Community Need Area |
| — HIN Low Score | High Community Need Area |
| — Priority Corridors | |

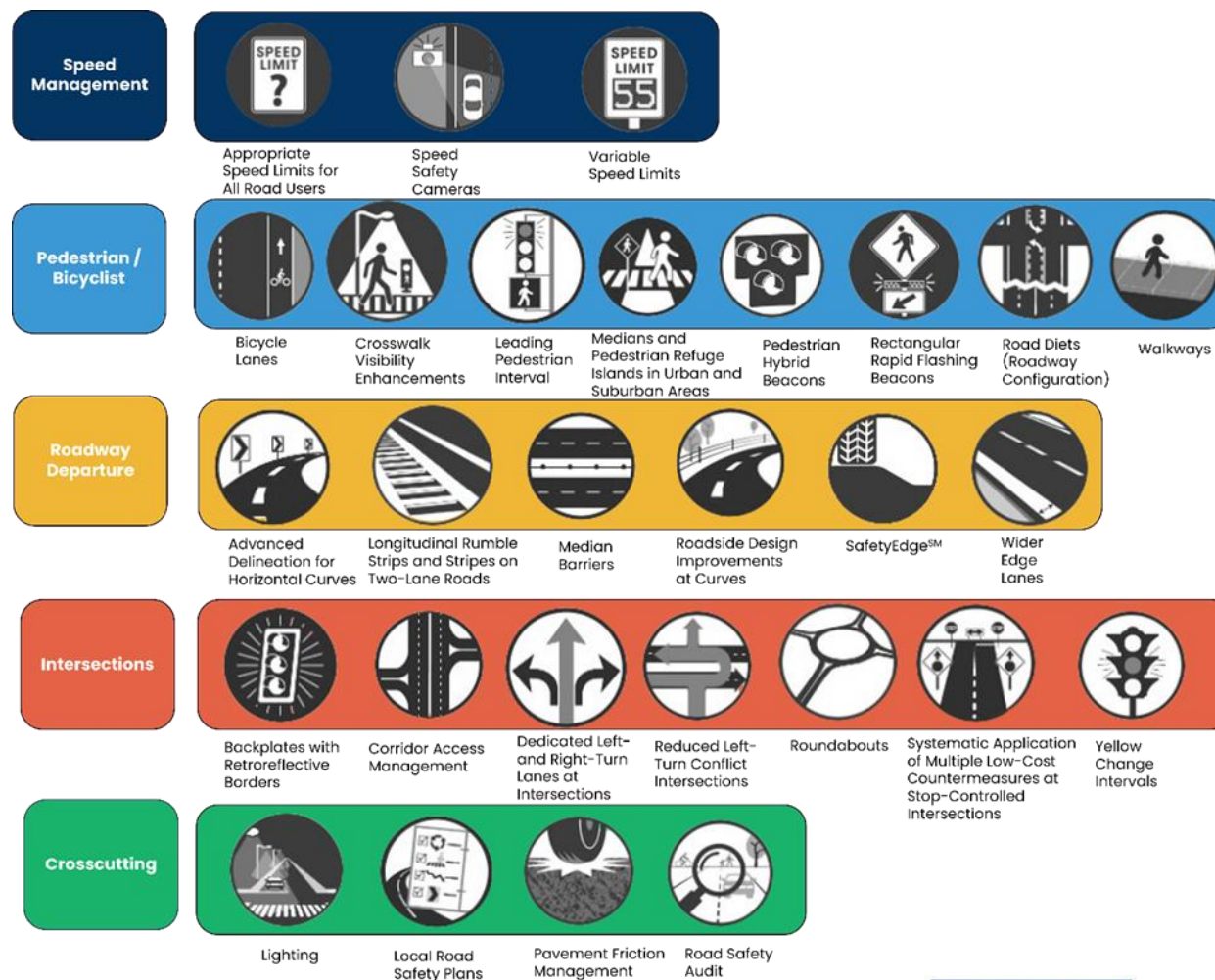
Hagerstown Top Ten HIN Corridors

Rank	Road Name	Extents	Miles	VRU Crashes	KSI Crashes	Transportation Disadvantage Community ¹
1	Edgewood Drive	City Boundary to Langley Drive	0.69	5	5	Yes
2	East Avenue	Potomac Street to Cannon Avenue	0.34	5	2	Yes
3	Church Street	Norway Avenue to Potomac Street	0.63	11	2	Yes
4	Locust Street	Potomac Street to McComas Street*	1.28	9	7	Yes
5	Burhans Boulevard	Ridge Avenue to Hillcrest Road	1.57	6	8	Yes
6	Lanvale Street	East Place to Burhans Boulevard	0.37	1	1	Yes
7	Potomac Street	East Avenue to Wayside Avenue	0.41	6	1	Yes
8	Virginia Avenue	City Boundary to Key Street	1.48	5	5	Yes
9	Northern Avenue	Fountain Head Road to Potomac Avenue	0.63	5	2	No
10	Mulberry Street	Ray Street to Irvin Avenue	1.67	15	4	Yes

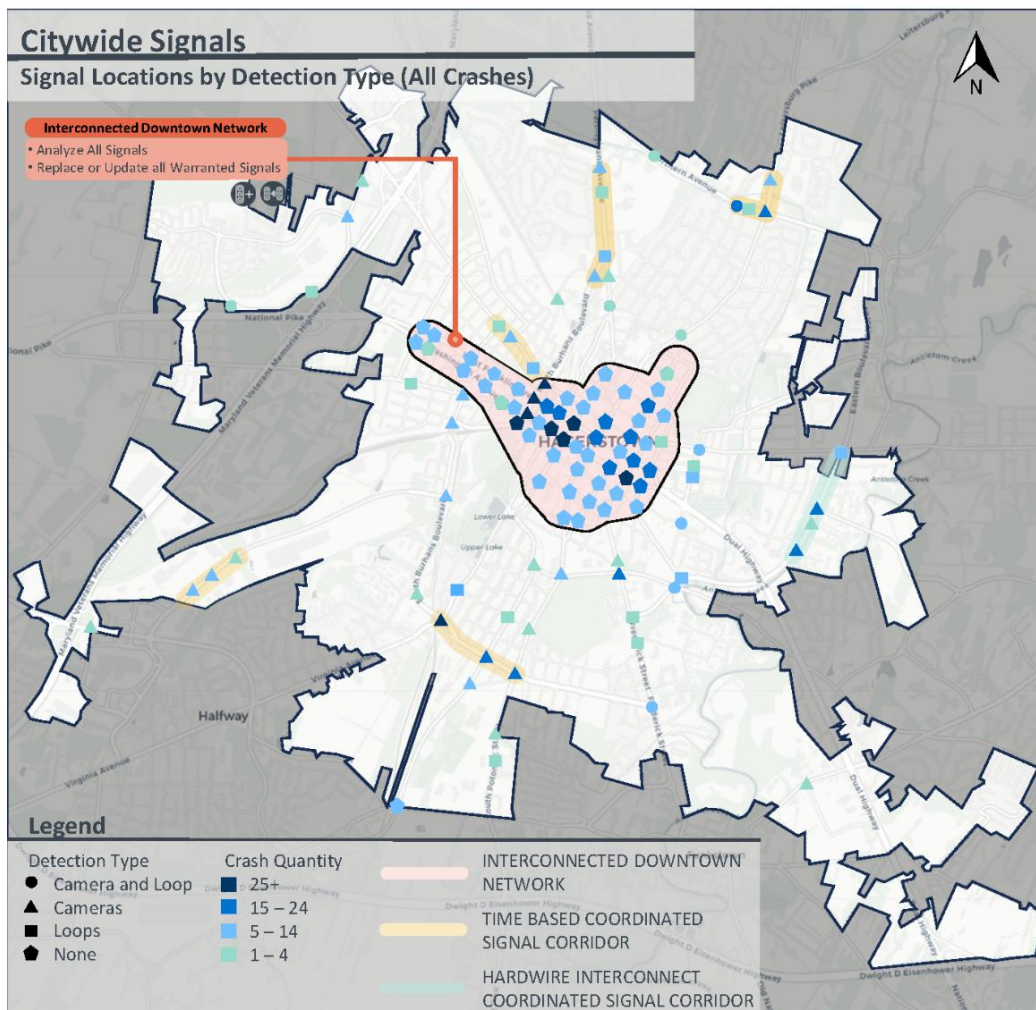


Priority Citywide Systemic Safety

- Safety Analysis Evaluation
 - Crash Trends
 - Safety Concerns
 - Potential Countermeasures
- Signalized Intersections
- Midblock Pedestrian Crossings
- Speeding



Priority Citywide Signal Strategy



Countermeasures

- Analyze All Signals**
- Conduct Turning Movement Traffic Counts
 - Conduct Traffic Signal Warrant Analysis
- Replace or Update All Warranted Signals**
- Pedestrian Heads and APS
 - High Visibility Crosswalks
 - Vehicular Detection
 - FRA/Variable Mode (for Left Turn Lanes)
 - Retroreflective Backplates
 - Green Bike Lane Crossing Pavement Markings
 - Update Phasing and Timing

Collision History (2019-2023)



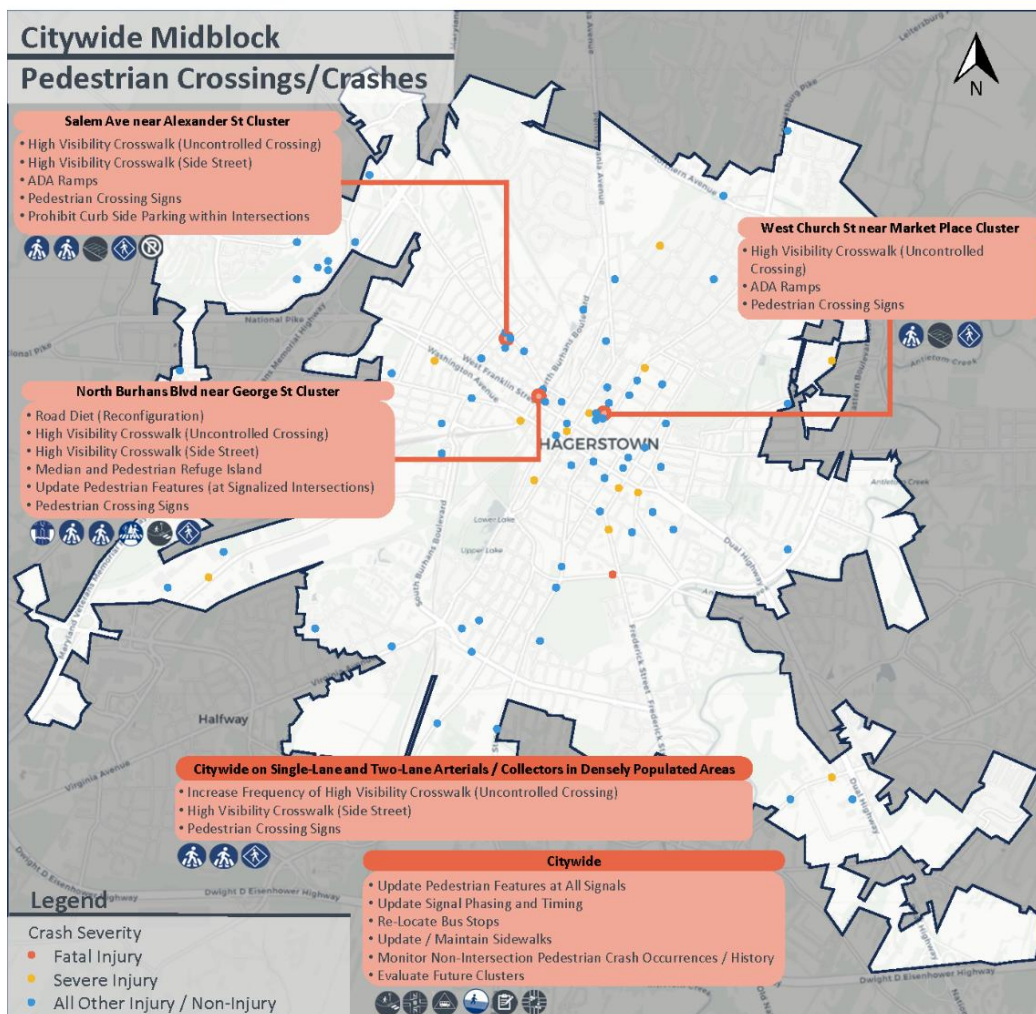
Notable Collision Patterns



Planned Work

- Long Range Transportation Plan
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 - MD 60 – Multi-Lane Urban Reconstruction
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 - Prospect St and Washington St

Priority Citywide Mid-Block Pedestrian Crossings / Crashes



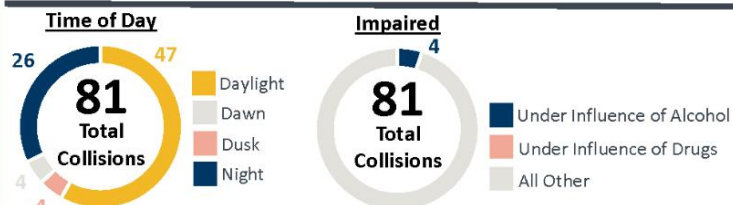
Countermeasures

- ADA Ramps
- Encourage Safe Crossing at Nearby Signalized Intersections
- Update Pedestrian Features at All Signals
- Update Signal Phasing and Timing
- Evaluate Future Clusters
- High Visibility Crosswalk (Side Street)
- High Visibility Crosswalk (Uncontrolled Crossing)
- Median and Pedestrian Refugee
- Monitor Non-Intersection Pedestrian Crash Occurrences / History
- Pedestrian Crossing Signs
- Prohibit Curbside Parking within Intersection
- Re-Locate Bus Stops
- Road Diet (Reconfiguration)
- Update / Maintain Sidewalks

Collision History (2019-2023)



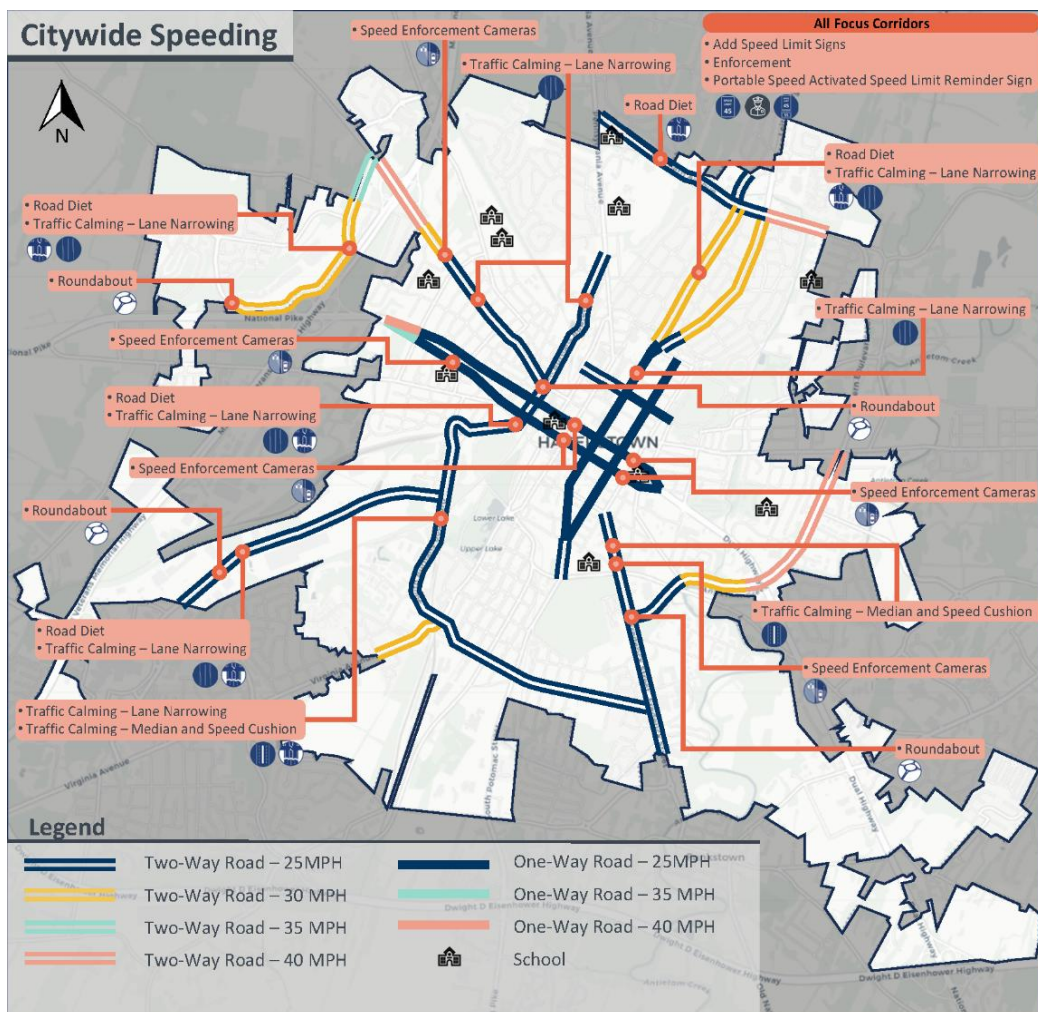
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Priority Citywide Speeding



Countermeasures

- Add Speed Limit Signs
- Enforcement
- Road Diet
- Roundabout
- Portable Speed Activated Speed Limit Reminder Sign
- Speed Enforcement Cameras
- Speed Feedback Signs
- Traffic Calming – Lane Narrowing
- Traffic Calming – Median and Speed Cushion

Citywide Speeding Collision History (2019-2023)



Citywide Speeding Notable Collision Patterns

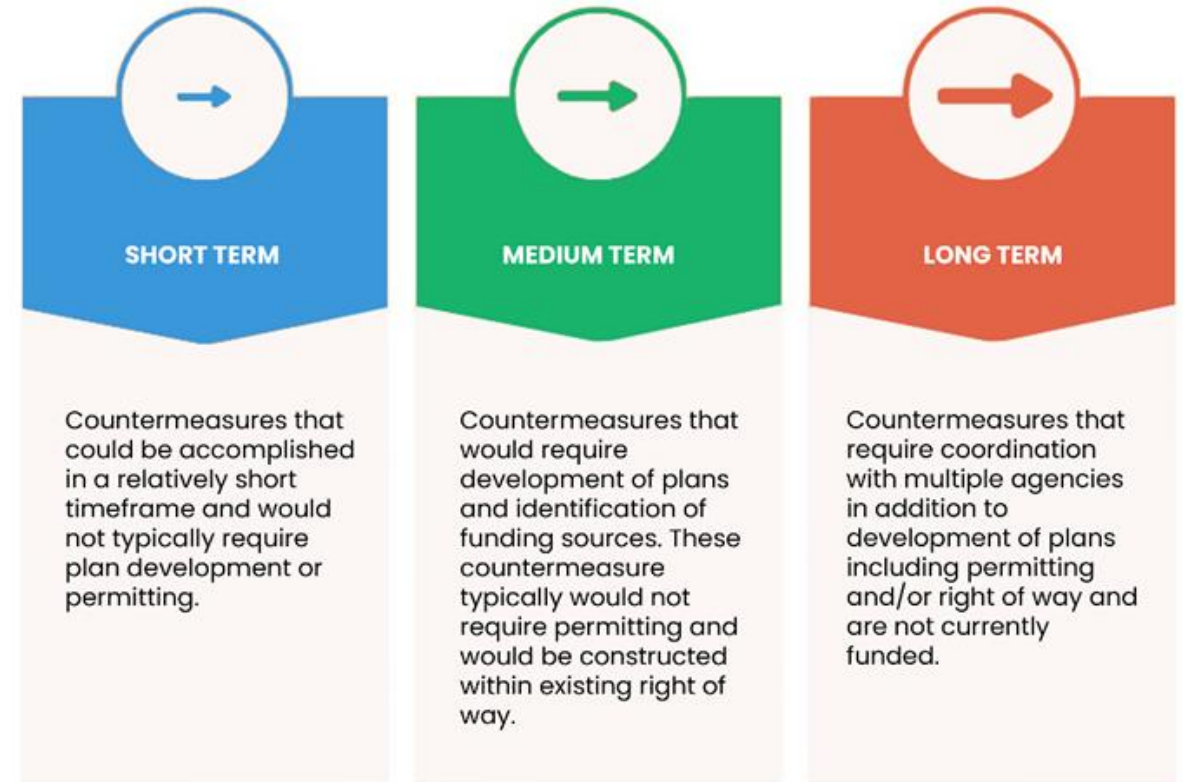


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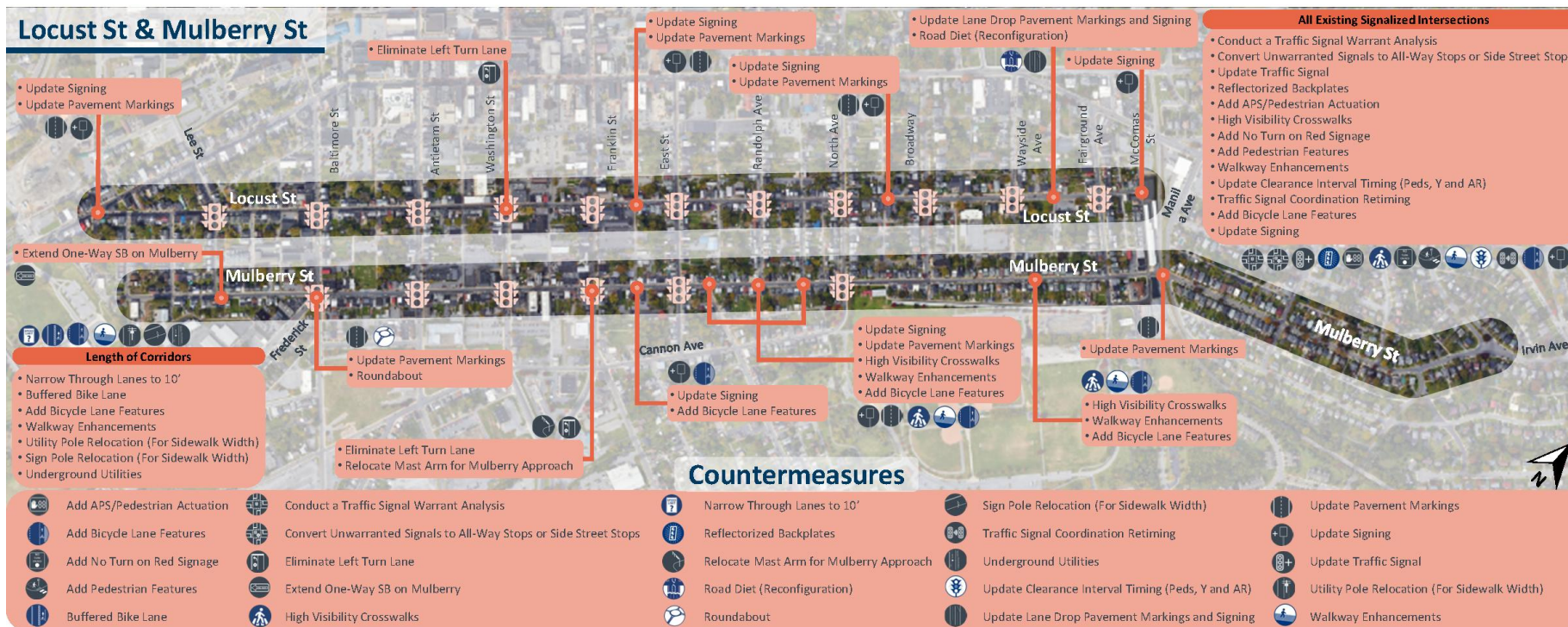
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Priority Corridor Profiles

- **Appendix B: Countermeasure Summaries and Costs**
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Locust Street and Mulberry Street

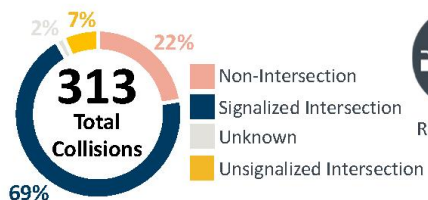


Collision History (2019-2023)



	Total Collisions	Fatal or Severe Injury
	286	7
	4	1
	12	2
	11	1

Notable Collision Patterns



Rear End at Signal

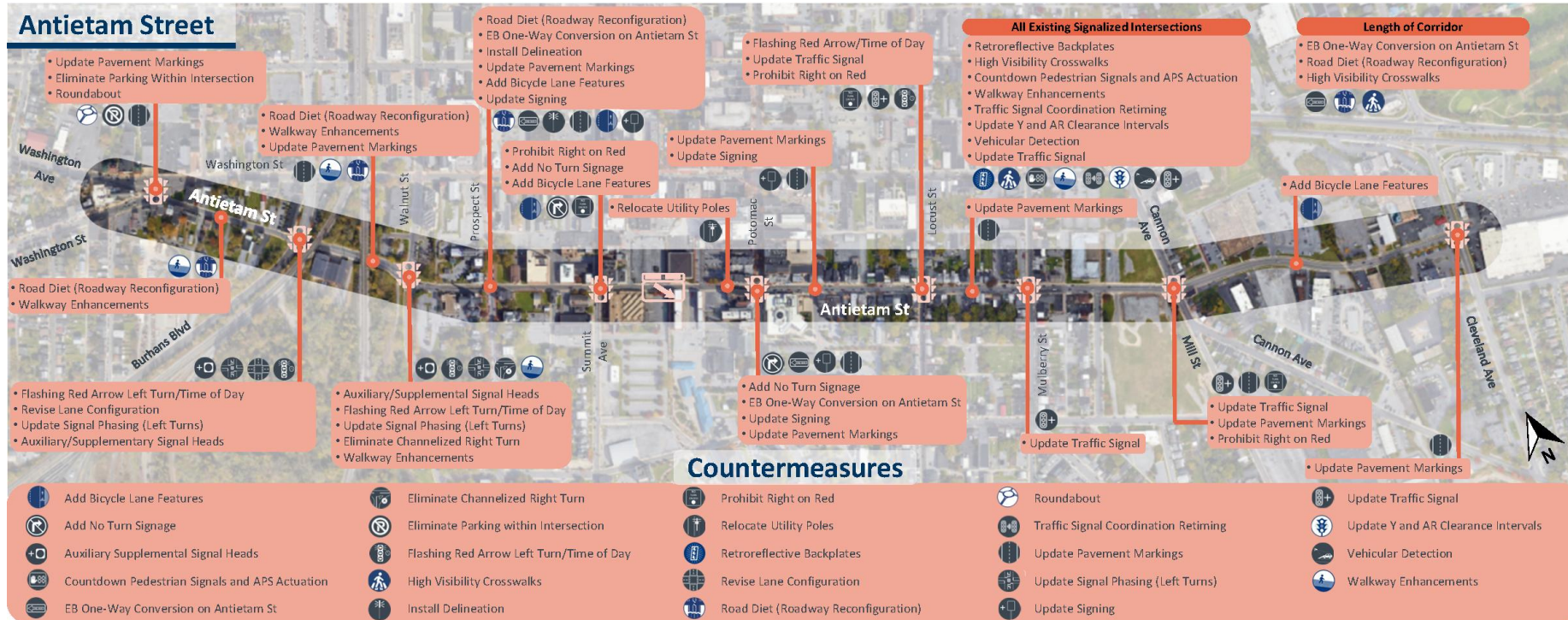


Angle at Signal

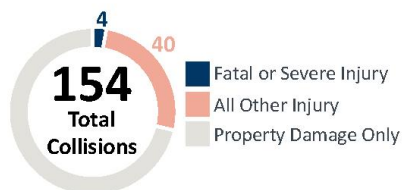
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Antietam Street



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	Total Collisions	Fatal or Severe Injury
	147	4
	1	0
	2	0
	4	0

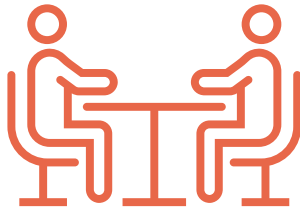
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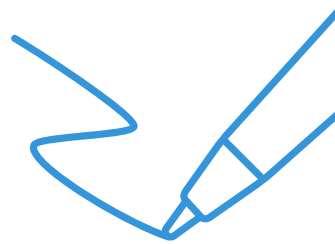
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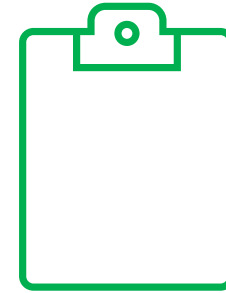
NEXT STEPS



Public Comment Period ends 5/2
Public Meeting 4/23
Respond to Public Comments
Finalize Hagerstown SAP



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Deadline 6/26/25