

Advisory Committee Meeting #4

June 23, 2025



Welcome and Introductions

Safety Action Plan - Advisory Committee	Representative
Dutchess County Dept of Public Works (DPW)	Steve Gill, Traffic Engineer
Dutchess County Traffic Safety Board (TSB)	Bill Johnson, Traffic Safety Administrator
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Dutchess County Dept of Health (DOH)	Hisieni Sacasa, Biostatistician
Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO)	Mike Dampf, Lieutenant
NYS Police	Sgt. Howard Dorner, Troop K Traffic Supervisor Sgt. Todd Kara, Troop K
NYSDOT Region 8	Mo Islam, Pedestrian/Bicycle Coordinator
Town of Pleasant Valley Highway Dept	John Baxter, Highway Superintendent
Town of Fishkill Highway Dept	Carmine Istvan, Highway Superintendent
City of Poughkeepsie	Rich DuPilka, City Engineer
Village of Red Hook	Karen Smythe, Mayor Melkorka Kjarval, Deputy Mayor
Bard College	Jeffery Smith, Manager of Transportation Services
Wappingers Central School District	Dr. Dwight Bonk, Superintendent



Agenda

Status Update

- Review of Project Schedule and Milestones Achieved

Task 1 – Outreach Activities

- Public Engagement Findings

Task 4 – Data Collection and Analysis

- Network Screening Hotspot Locations
- Systemic Screening Locations
- Priority Location Investigations
- Behavioral Recommendations

Task 5 – Countermeasure Selection and Stakeholder Workshop

- Countermeasure Toolkit Review

Task 6 – Project Identification, Goal Setting, and Performance Measures

Task 7 – Stakeholder Meeting #2

Task 8 – Safety Action Plan

Open Discussion, Closing and Next Steps

Status Update

Task 1 Project Management, Communication, Scope and Schedule, and Public Outreach

- Draft and Final Outreach Plan
- Draft and Final Project Management Plan
- Public Outreach Activities and Summary Reports

Complete

- Advisory Committee Meetings (6)
- Committee Presentations and Summary Reports
- Monthly update meetings, reports, and invoices

Ongoing

Task 2 Dutchess County Context and Document Review

- Draft and Final Document Review Report

Complete

Task 3 Data Collection

- Draft and Final Data Collection Report

Complete

Task 4 Crash and Roadway Data Analysis

- Draft and Final Safety Data Analysis Report

In Progress

Task 5 Countermeasure Selection and Stakeholder Workshop

- Draft and Final Safety Countermeasure Toolkit
- Stakeholder Workshop #1

In Progress

Complete

Task 6 Project Identification, Goal Setting, and Performance Measures

- Draft (1st, 2nd) and Final Priority Location Report
- Draft and Final Systemic Countermeasures Report
- Draft and Final Performance Plan

Task 7 Study Finalization and Stakeholder Outreach

- Stakeholder Workshop #2

Task 8 Final Transportation Safety Action Plan (SAP) and Executive Summary

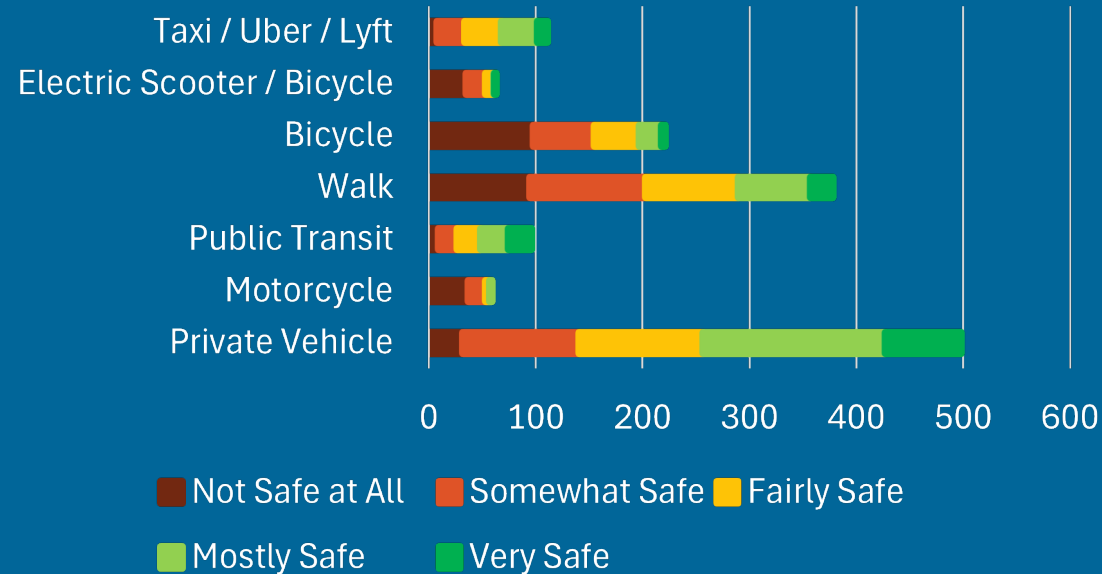
- Draft and Final SAP Outline
- Draft and Final SAP
- SAP Presentation to Advisory Committee

Public Outreach

Transportation Safety Survey

Total Surveys Collected: 507

How safe do you feel while using:



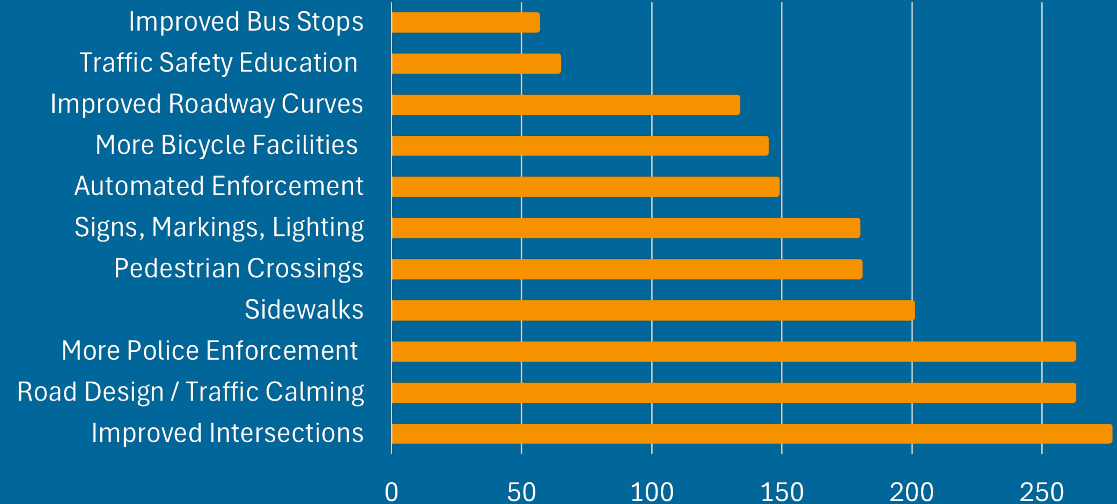
Feel most safe while using:

- Private Vehicle
- Public Transit
- Taxi / Uber / Lyft

Feel least safe while using:

- Motorcycle
- Bicycle
- Walking
- Electric Scooter / Bicycle

What would make you feel safer:



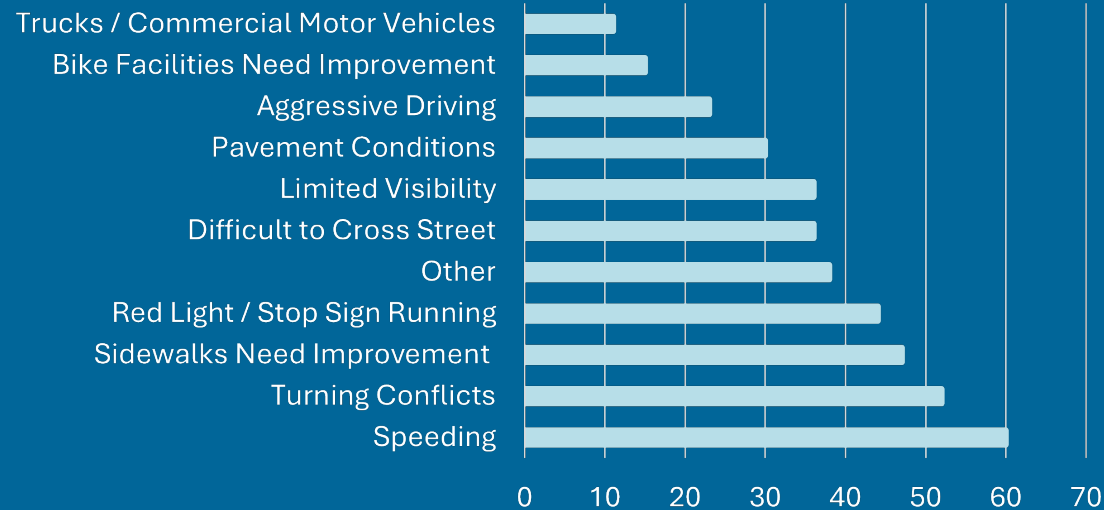
Countermeasures suggested by survey participants:

- Improved Pedestrian / Bike Infrastructure
- Enforcement / Consequences
- Improved Roadway Design
- Improved Access to Public Transit
- Roadway Lighting
- Additional Signage
- Roundabouts

Public Outreach

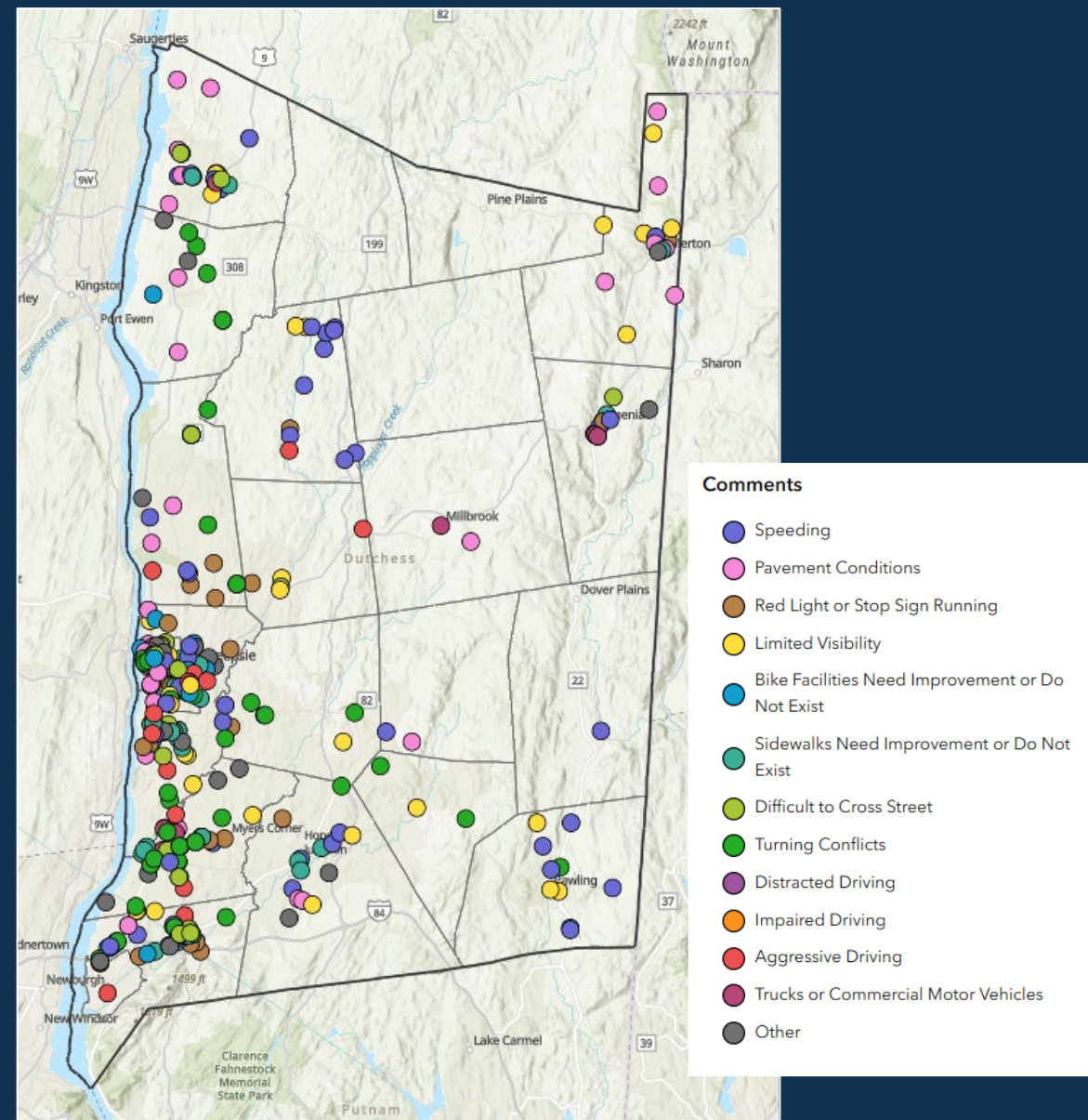
Interactive Safety Mapping Tool

Traffic Safety Issues Reported (n=393)

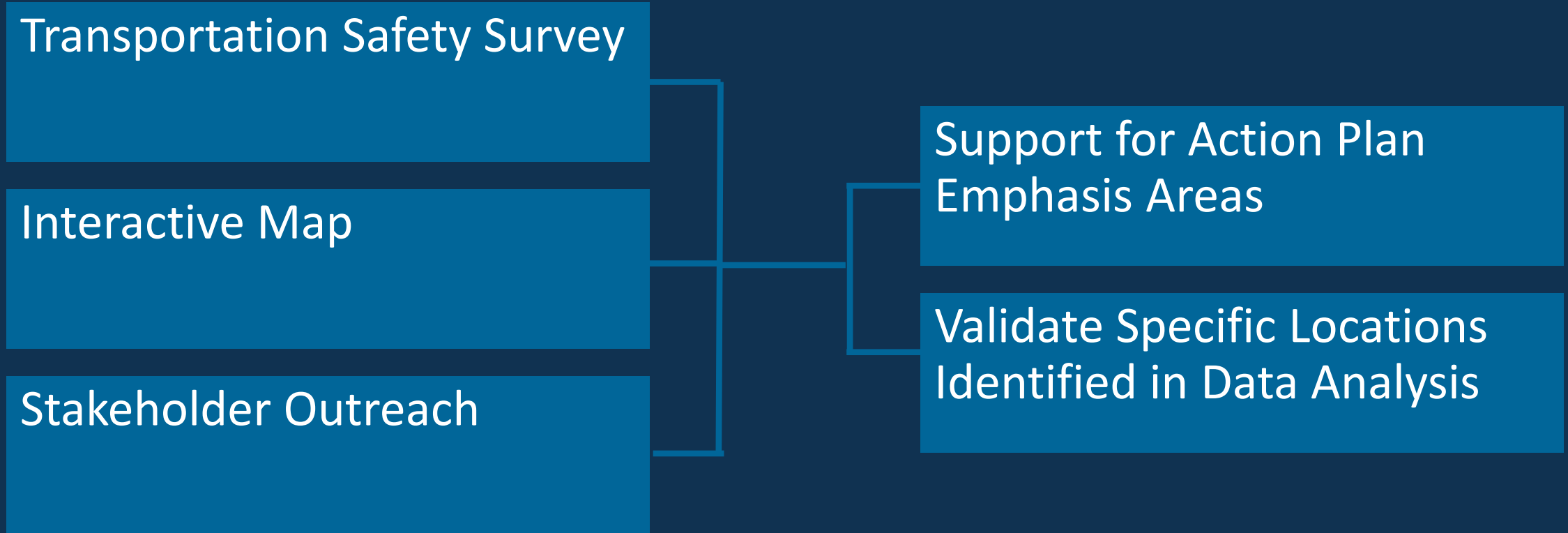


“Other” Comments Included:

- Increasing Traffic
- Traffic Signal Issues
- Missing Pavement Markings
- Uneven Road Surface
- Narrow Shoulders



Public Outreach



Network Screening Process - Hotspots

Initial Hotspot Screening

Top 25 Priority Locations (all roads)
Based on SAP Scoring

Local Priority Locations
Based on SAP Scoring

Network Screening Scoring

CLEAR LOSS
Equity

NYSDOT VRU High Risk Areas
NYSDOT Rwd Hotspots

Municipal
Vetting

NYSDOT
Vetting

Final Hotspot Lists

State Locations Based on
NYSDOT Scoring

Local Priority Locations

County Priority Locations

Network Screening Hotspot Results

Hotspot Screening Results

State-
Owned
Roadways
Map

Locally-
Owned
Roadways
Map

County-
Owned
Roadways
Map

Systemic Screening Analysis

» Goal: Predict Future Crash Areas

» Process: Screen Entire System (based on NYSDOT guidance)

Focus Crash Types

Most common crash types

Focus Facilities

Over-represented roadway types
where these crashes occur

Risk Factors

Common characteristics at those
locations

List of Facility Types and Risk
Factors

Where Future Crashes are More Likely

Candidate Locations Across
Dutchess County

To Add Systemic Safety Countermeasures

Systemic Screening: Focus Crashes, Facilities, and Factors

Intersection Crashes

47% of all fatalities and serious injuries*

- Urban Signalized Cross-Intersections (including Intersections with 5 or More Legs)
- Urban Signalized Y-Intersections and T-Intersections
- Rural Stop-Controlled Cross-Intersections

Pedestrian Crashes

8% of all fatalities and serious injuries*

- Urban Arterials (Excluding Freeways)
- Rural Arterials (Excluding Freeways)
- Urban Major Collectors
- Rural Major Collectors

Roadway Departure Crashes

23% of all fatalities and serious injuries*

- Urban Signalized Cross-Intersections
- Urban Signalized T-Intersections and Y-Intersections
- Urban Stop-Controlled Intersections

Speeding Crashes

22% of all fatalities and serious injuries*

- Rural Arterials (Excluding Freeways)
- Urban Major Collectors
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- Rural Major Collectors

Intersection Factors

- Traffic control types
- Left-turn lane types
- Right-turn channelization types
- Crosswalk types
- Intersection skew angles (degree)
- Pedestrian signal types
- Total entering vehicles (TEV)

Pedestrian Factors

- Presence of Lighting
- Left-Turn Lane Type
- Crosswalk Type
- Pedestrian Signal Type
- Total Entering Vehicles
- Intersection Skew Angle (degree)
- Average Daily Pedestrian Trips within the Census Tract
- VRU High-Risk Area

RwD Factors

- Number of through lanes
- Annual average daily traffic (AADT)
- Shoulder width (feet)
- Posted speed limit (MPH)
- Divided
- Median width (feet)
- Median types
- Access control types
- Truck route types

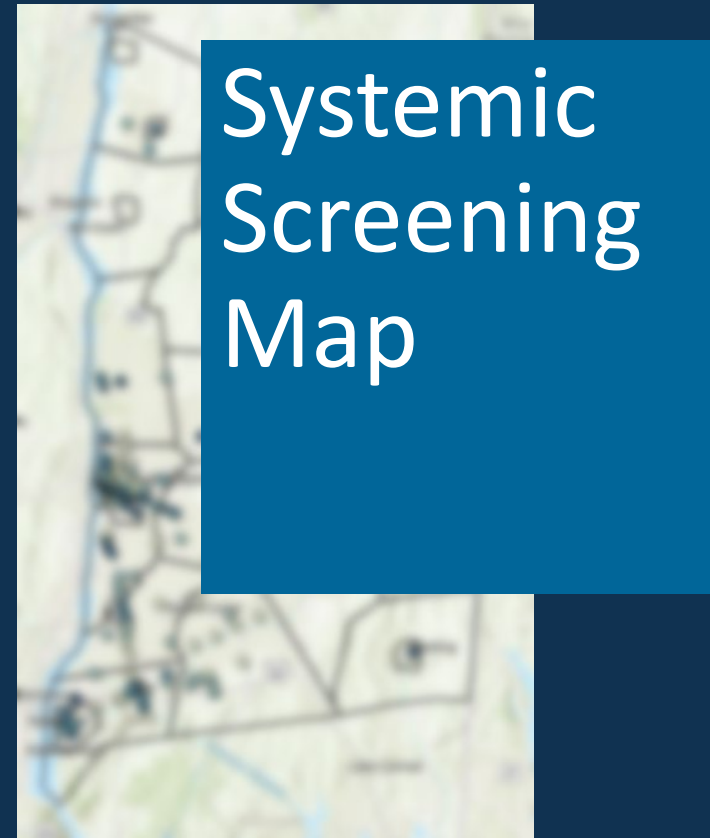
Speed Factors

- Number of Through Lanes
- AADT
- Shoulder Width (ft)
- Posted Speed Limit (MPH)

Systemic Screening Results

Systemic Screening Results

- » Extensive opportunities throughout the county for Systemic Improvements
- » Forthcoming Systemic Countermeasure Toolkit



Priority Location Investigations

Final Hotspot Lists

State Locations
Based on NYSDOT
Scoring

Local & County
Priority Locations

- » Scoring
- » Geographic diversity
- » Project and countermeasure diversity

Priority Location List

Sites
1 - 7

Other
Sites

Field
Investigations

Desktop
Investigations

Guests
welcome!

Priority
Location
Report

Safety Action Plan Emphasis Areas

Safer Roads	Safer Speeds	Safer Vehicles	Safer People
• Intersections • Roadway Departure	• Speeding	• Motorcyclist Safety	• Vulnerable Road Users • Older Drivers • Distracted Driving • Impaired Driving • Aggressive Driving
Post-Crash Care			
Large Trucks?			

What is a Countermeasure Toolkit?

» Guidebook of commonly used Safety Measures

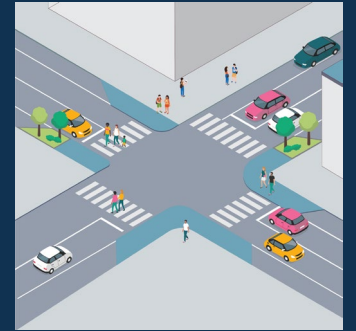
» Curated for Dutchess County

- National Guides and Standards
- Data Analysis
- Public Outreach
- Stakeholder Involvement

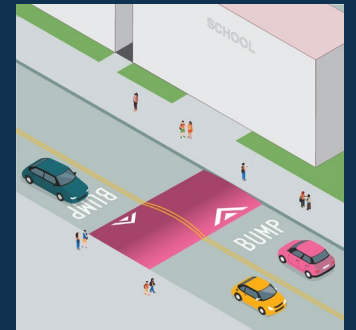


List of Included Countermeasures (31)

- » Access Management
- » ADA-Compliant Sidewalk & Curb Ramps
- » All-Way Stops
- » Automated Enforcements
- » Bike Lanes
- » Bike Boulevard/
Neighborhood Greenway
- » Centerline/Edge Line/
Parking Lane Striping
- » Curb Extension
- » Dedicated Left- and Right-
Turn Lane
- » Flashing Stop Signs
- » High-Friction Pavement
- » High-Visibility Crosswalks
- » Intersection Daylighting
- » Lane Narrowing
- » Leading Pedestrian Intervals
- » Medians and Pedestrian
Refuge Islands
- » Pedestrian Warning Signage
- » Raised Crossing/Crosswalk/
Intersections
- » Rectangular Rapid Flashing
Beacon (RRFB)
- » Road Diets (Roadway
Reconfiguration)
- » Roundabout
- » Rumble Strips
- » Signal Progression
- » Speed Cushions/Humps/
Tables
- » Speed Radar/Feedback Sign
- » Speed Limit Reduction
- » Street Lighting
- » Street Tress/Landscaping
- » Traffic Signage and
Markings
- » Turn Hardening
- » Turning Movement
Restrictions



Curb Extension



Speed Hump

How to Use the Toolkit?

AUTOMATED ENFORCEMENT

Intersections, roadway departures, safer speeds, motorcyclists safety, vulnerable users, older drivers, distracted driving, impaired driving, aggressive driving, post-crash care

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Description

Automated enforcement uses cameras to capture images of vehicles running red lights or speeding. At intersections with traffic lights, automated cameras take photographs of vehicles entering the intersection on a red light. Automated speed cameras take photographs of vehicles exceeding the speed limit. Citations are then sent to the vehicle's registered owner.

Reference Documents

- » FHWA: [Red Light Camera Systems - Operational Guidelines](#)
- » NHTSA: [Speed Safety Camera Enforcement](#)
- » NYSDOT: [Automated Work Zone Speed Enforcement Program](#)
- » New York State Senate: [Section 1180-E](#)

Safety Benefits

Crashes:

- » 16% to 25% reduction for all injury crashes from red light cameras and speed cameras.
- » 17% reduction in pedestrian crashes under NYC's school zone SSC program.
- » According to the Crash Modification Factor (CMF) Clearinghouse, automated enforcement can reduce crashes by up to 14.9%.

Speed Reduction:

- » 63% reduction in speeding during school hours.
- » Speeding violations and citations provide greater deterrence of speeding.

Volume Reduction:

- » Automated enforcement reduces congestion that may result from traditional traffic stops or from speeding-related crashes.

Other:

- » Automated enforcement reduces red light running and speeding cases. It also reduces right angle crashes at intersections and speeding-related crashes outside peak traffic flow times.

Application Context

- » Local roads; major and minor collector; major arterial.

Design Guidance

- » Red light automated enforcement is recommended for intersections with previously observed red light running.
- » Installing signage warning motorists in advance is recommended for the first red light or speed camera on a corridor.
- » It is recommended to place speed cameras in school zones away from traffic signals, stop signs, yield signs, freeway ramps, curves with advisory speeds, or established speed transition zones.
- » New York Vehicle & Traffic Law § 1180-E authorizes the establishment of an automated work zone speed enforcement program. As a result, automated enforcement can be implemented in construction or maintenance zones on New York State controlled access highways and parkways.

Local Example

New York City's school zone speed camera program led to a **17% reduction in pedestrian crashes**.

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4 SAFETY COUNTERMEASURES TOOLKIT

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TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ACTION PLAN

Emphasis Areas

Highlights the safety issue(s) that the countermeasure addresses.

Examples: Intersections, Older Drivers, Aggressive Driving, etc.

Implementation Time & Cost Estimates

Implementation time is either short-term (one clock), medium-term (two clocks), or long-term (three clocks).

Cost estimates are low-cost (\$), medium-cost (\$\$), and high-cost (\$\$\$).

User Profile

Road user groups that benefit from the countermeasure - pedestrians, people in wheelchairs, bicyclists, motor vehicles, buses, and trucks.

Safety Action Plan Goal-Setting

» Safety Goals for the Overall Action Plan

» Emphasis Area Goals

Fatalities

Fatalities in Dutchess County will decrease 100% from 23 in 2023 to **0 by 2050**

Serious Injuries

Serious injuries in Dutchess County will decrease 50% from 287 to **143 by 2050**

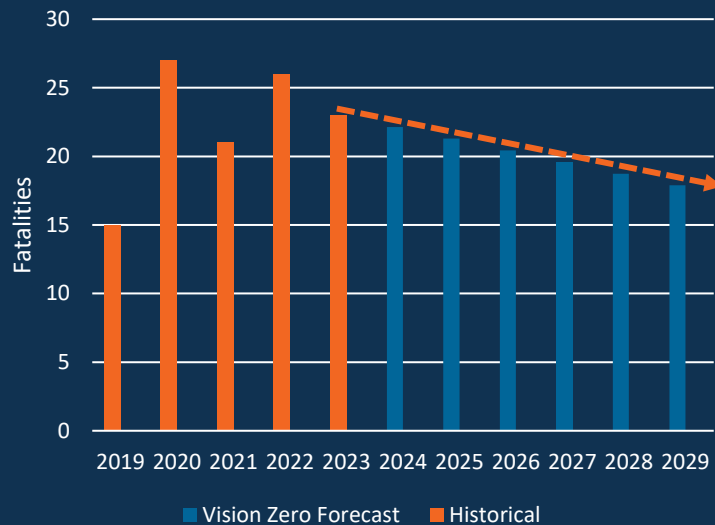
Non-motorist Fatalities and Serious Injuries

Pedestrian + bicyclist (combined) fatalities and serious injuries in Dutchess County will decrease 50% from 36 in 2023 to **18 by 2050**

Safety Action Plan Goal-Setting

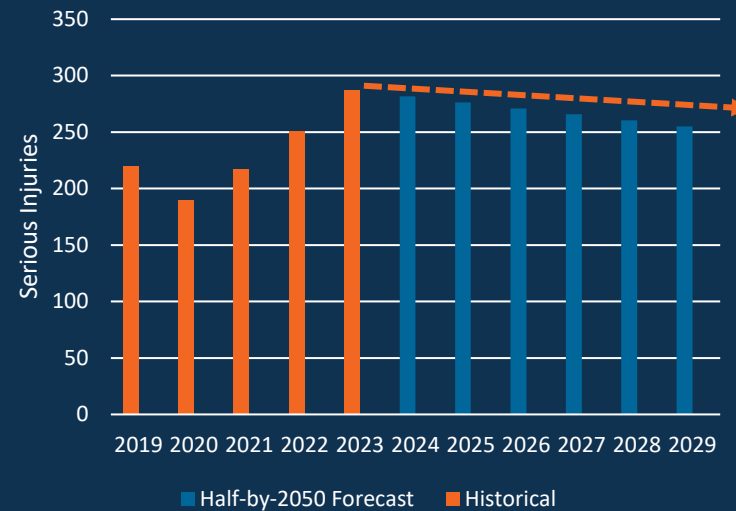
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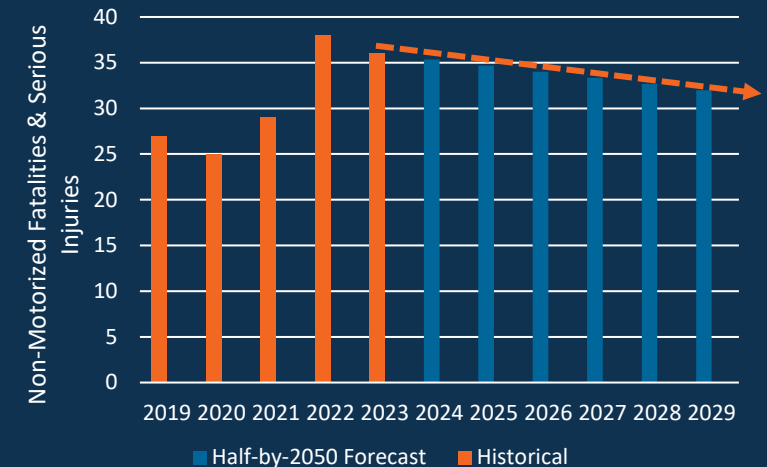
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Next Stakeholder Meeting (#2)

» Virtual

» Combined or same day as a Public Meeting #2

» Will share scheduling considerations

» Agenda items:

- Countermeasure recommendations
- Project Prioritization
- Plan Strategies
- Plan Goals and Performance Measures

Behavioral Recommendations

» Typical recommendations include:

- More traffic enforcement, especially High-Visibility Enforcement
- Public Education Communications
- Community Programs
- Driver Training
- Law Enforcement Training

The following technical memorandum has been developed to summarize proven countermeasures to address the issue of **distracted driving** throughout Dutchess County.

Distracted Driving Countermeasures

- **Cell Phone Laws:** New York State bans handheld cell phone use and texting while driving with a first offense yielding a \$50 - \$200 fine. Many studies have proven wireless device use behind the wheel increase the odds of a crash. In addition to laws at the State level, Dutchess County localities can consider their own municipal distracted driving ordinances with additional penalties. For example, Lynnwood, Washington has a general inattentive driving [ordinance](#), while Sparks, Nevada passed an [ordinance](#) to cover distracted driving not covered by state law.
- **High-Visibility Enforcement (HVE):** The objective of HVE is to deter cell phone use by increasing the perceived risk of getting caught. This model combines dedicated law enforcement with paid and earned media supporting the enforcement activity. Law enforcement officers actively seek out cell phone users through special roving patrols or through a variety of enforcement techniques such as the spotter technique where a stationary officer will radio ahead to another officer when a driver using a cell phone is detected. Dutchess County law enforcement agencies should seek funding for HVE from the [New York Governor's Traffic Safety Committee](#) (GTSC).
- **Employer Programs:** This countermeasure involves programs that address job-related distracted driving, which may pose a liability risk to employers. Employers can protect themselves by implementing policies that prohibit distracted driving and by monitoring compliance. Examples include UPS, which [implements](#) intensive driver training to avoid distracted driving, and Amazon, which recently began [distributing](#) a digital safety tip delivery drivers. Key large fleet employers in Dutchess County include Amazon and Gap. The DCTC could engage the Dutchess County [Regional Chamber of Commerce](#) to seek potential corporate partners.
- **Communications on Outreach and Distracted Driving** Separate from HVE, driving communications and outreach campaigns such as ["Put the Phone Away or Don't Drive Distracted. Eyes Forward"](#) are directed to the general public to educate risks of distracted driving. DCTC, law enforcement agencies, and partners can seek for communications and outreach from the [GTSC](#).

Additional Resources:

- Dutchess County Traffic Safety Board Driver Safety Website: [Distracted Driving](#)
- New York Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC): [Distracted Driving Resources](#)
- National Distracted Driving Coalition: [Sample Workplace Policies](#) for Distracted Driving

NYS Cell Phone Law: [Section 1225-D Use of portable electronic devices](#)

Under New York State law, you cannot use a hand-held mobile telephone or portable electronic device while you drive. Illegal activity includes holding a portable electronic device and doing any of the following:

- talking on a handheld mobile telephone
- composing, sending, reading, accessing, browsing, transmitting, saving, or retrieving electronic data such as e-mail, text messages, or webpages
- viewing, taking, or transmitting images
- playing games

Safety Action Plan Development

» Relatively short, public-facing, 40-50 pages

» Technical Memos as appendices

• Cover Page • MPO Resolution • Introduction • Leadership Commitment and Goal Setting • Safety Analysis Summary	• Engagement and Collaboration Findings • Equity/Demographic Analysis • Key Policy and Process Changes • Strategy and Project Selections • Progress Tracking and Transparency • Conclusion	• Appendices: • Key Terms and Acronyms • Task 1 Public Engagement Report • Task 2 Document Review Report • Task 3 Data Catalogue • Task 4 Data Report 1 • Task 4 Data Report 2	• Task 4 Behavioral Profiles • Task 5 Countermeasure Toolkit • Task 7 Priority Location Report • Task 7 Systemic Countermeasure Report • Task 7 Performance Plan • SS4A Checklist
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Safety Action Plan Formatting



Our changing climate affects how we play in Dutchess County. Some of us already feel these impacts in how we heat and cool our homes, how much we pay for power, or even how we think about the future. Our transportation system is no different. Events like superstorms, hurricanes, heat waves, extreme winds, and snowstorms damage our infrastructure and disrupt transportation services. How and where we have built infrastructure and provided services may no longer be adequate. And while the impacts of a changing climate may not be all negative, they still require us to adjust the way we build, maintain, and think about our transportation system. These changes present us with challenges, as well as opportunities, to create a more resilient transportation system and better prepare us to meet the uncertainties of

Overview

Overview
The Dutchess County Transportation Council (DCTC) is considering a transportation system to better handle future climate uncertainty. Ways Forward (RWF) to better understand and address climate change. 2 summarizes the key objectives and the climate hazards. Three key questions guided RWF and the development of:

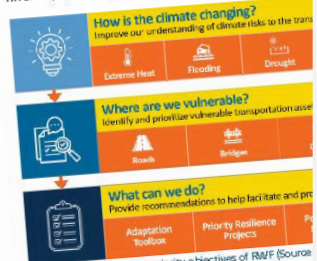


Figure 2. Summary of the priority objectives of the study.

Resilient Ways Forward: TRIP

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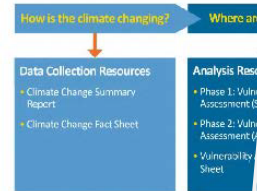


Figure 3. Key questions that guided RMF and the re

This report, the Resilient Ways Forward Tran summarizes the study's findings and outlines recommendations for making our transport report also satisfies the requirements outline Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving T in the non-federal cost share for transport grant in the future.^{1,2}

Vulnerability Assessment

The RWF TRIP relies on a two-phased Clim scope of its recommendations. [Phase 1](#) of our transportation system to six climate conditions, and landslides; this helped identify further in Phase 2. [Phase 2](#) provided criticality for those highly sensitive hazards in calculating a vulnerability score for each methodology used many of the best practices ([FHWA's Vulnerability Assessment and Air](#) transportation agencies.

We integrated the results from Phase 2 allows infrastructure owners and managers resilience projects to address these vul

¹ FHWA. 2022, July 29. Promoting Resilient OI (PROTECT) Formula Program Implementation.

² FHWA. 2022. Promoting Resilient Operations Discretionary Grant Program. <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/sus>

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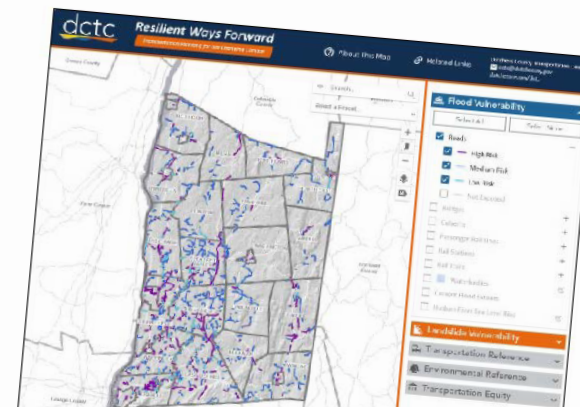


Figure 4. Snapshot of the RWF Map Viewer (Source: DCTC Resilience Research Center)

Resilience Recommendations

To support our long-range vision of creating a safer, more reliable transportation system, we developed a suite of resilience recommendations. These recommendations are designed for agencies to evaluate and implement, aiming to reduce the vulnerability to climate change impacts. Enhancing systemwide resilience across asset-level infrastructure improvements and local- and county-level encourage the implementation of resilience activities. As such, we present a suite of resilience recommendations that includes:

- **Adaptation measures** for infrastructure owners and service providers at vulnerable locations (Figure 5). The adaptation measures are: Toolbox.
- **Policy-based measures** that jurisdictions and agencies can control to increase resilience (Figure 5).
- **Priority resilience project ideas** that partner agencies are considering.



First Responders on scene at a rollover crash on Mines Road

Our Goal to Zero

A single death on Webb County and Laredo roadways is one too many. This Comprehensive Safety Action Plan provides a path toward achieving the Goal of reaching **Zero fatalities and serious injuries by 2040**, identifying tools, investments, and actions we can take to ensure we have safe streets and roads for all our neighbors, family, and friends.



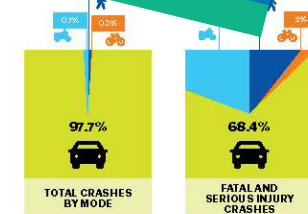
People killed or seriously injured in traffic crashes in Webb County and Laredo

CHAPTER 3: PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT
The Action Plan

The Action Plan's **public engagement plan** is organized around an incremental and layered approach, where members of the project team, established a Working Group made up of key stakeholders, and collaborated with community partners and elected officials. **In-person engagement** was supplemented by **virtual and digital campaigns** designed to bring awareness to the plan itself as well as engagement related activities.

Brand Development
The Veterinarian

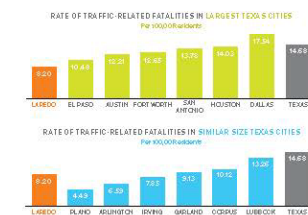
The Vision Zero brand helps to generate visibility and familiarity in an effort to achieve campaign participation community wide. The Winter Park brand is easily recognizable, incorporating the character of the city into the larger vision zero goal: to reduce the number of fatalities and severe injuries on the transportation system to zero by 2060.



In Webb County, **Vulnerable Road User** crashes are 15 to 20 times more likely to result in a fatality or serious injury compared to motor vehicle-only crashes. The situation is even worse when a commercial vehicle is involved—in Webb County, 50% of bicycle and motorcycle crashes and 32% of pedestrian crashes with a commercial vehicle resulted in a fatality or serious injury.

By comparison to the largest cities in Texas, the rate of traffic fatalities per 100,000 residents in Laredo is much lower, illustrating that achieving the goal of Zero fatalities and serious injuries by 2040 can be done by continuing to work together.

By comparison to similarly sized cities in Texas, the rate of traffic fatalities per 100,000 residents in Laredo is about average, illustrating there is still much work to be done in order to achieve the Goal to Zero.



Source: NHTSA 2022.

All our neighbors in Laredo and Webb County are worth protecting. We must all work together to slow down, pay attention, and take responsibility for making our streets and roads safer for all.

Open Discussion

Next Steps

	Advisory Committee	Project Milestones
July/August	• Selecting Priority Locations for Further Investigation • Task 7 Virtual Stakeholder/Public Meeting #2 • Field Investigations with Local Invitees	• Task 4 Data Report Finalized • Task 5 Countermeasure Toolkit Finalized • Task 6 Priority Location Investigations and Report • Task 6 Systemic Countermeasures Report and Performance Plan
September	• Advisory Committee Meeting #5	• All Project Tasks Completed • Task 8 Development of Safety Action Plan
October	• Advisory Committee Meeting #6	• Task 8 Safety Action Plan Finalization

Thank You!

DUTCHESS COUNTY
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Better ways from here to there

CAMBRIDGE
SYSTEMATICS

