



# Welcome

SRTC FEBRUARY BOARD



WELCOME TO THE 02/08/24

# SRTC Board of Directors Meeting



**2023 SRTC Board President Betsy Wilkerson & 2024 SRTC Board President Al French**

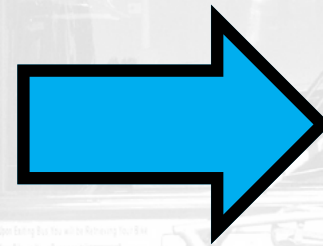




# STA WANTS YOUR FEEDBACK!

Division Street BRT will convert  
Route 25 to Bus Rapid Transit service

Give your feedback on station  
locations by taking a short survey



[spokanetransit.com/ brtsurvey](http://spokanetransit.com/brtsurvey)



WELCOME TO THE 02/08/24

# SRTC Board of Directors Meeting



Lois at the Greater Spokane Inc. Olympia Fly-In - Jan 17



# Welcome TO SRTC

Benjamin  
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## TRANSPORTATION EQUITY WORKING GROUP

**Share your voice with local governments!**

The Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) is looking for representatives from Spokane County's diverse communities to share your voice with elected officials.

**Including:**

- BIPOC & Hispanic
- Low Income
- People with Disabilities
- Rural & Urban Populations

Convening January 2024  
Bi-Monthly Meetings | Hybrid Format  
Time to be determined by the group  
All are welcome to join!



Interested or want to  
learn more? Visit  
[srtc.org/title-vi-ej-ada/](https://srtc.org/title-vi-ej-ada/)

Questions can be  
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**SRTC**  
Spokane Regional Transportation Council

421 Riverside Ave, Suite 500  
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Open M-F, 8am to 5pm



Learn more here!

**The Equity Working Group is open to new participants!**

# Transportation Performance Management: PM1 - Safety

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# Requested Action

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**Approval of Resolution R-24-05 (Attachment) establishing annual performance targets for safety.**



# Recap

- **Highway Safety Improvement Program**
  - ~\$3B / year nationally for investments in safety projects.
  - WA State : approximately \$30M / year.
  - Historically, 2-3 projects get funded each year in our region.
  - Since 2014, the average amount awarded to the region is about \$2.5M/year.
- **Transportation Performance Management**
  - a strategic approach that uses system information to make investment and policy decisions to achieve seven national performance goals

# Safety





1. Fatalities

2. Fatalities per 100M vehicle miles traveled

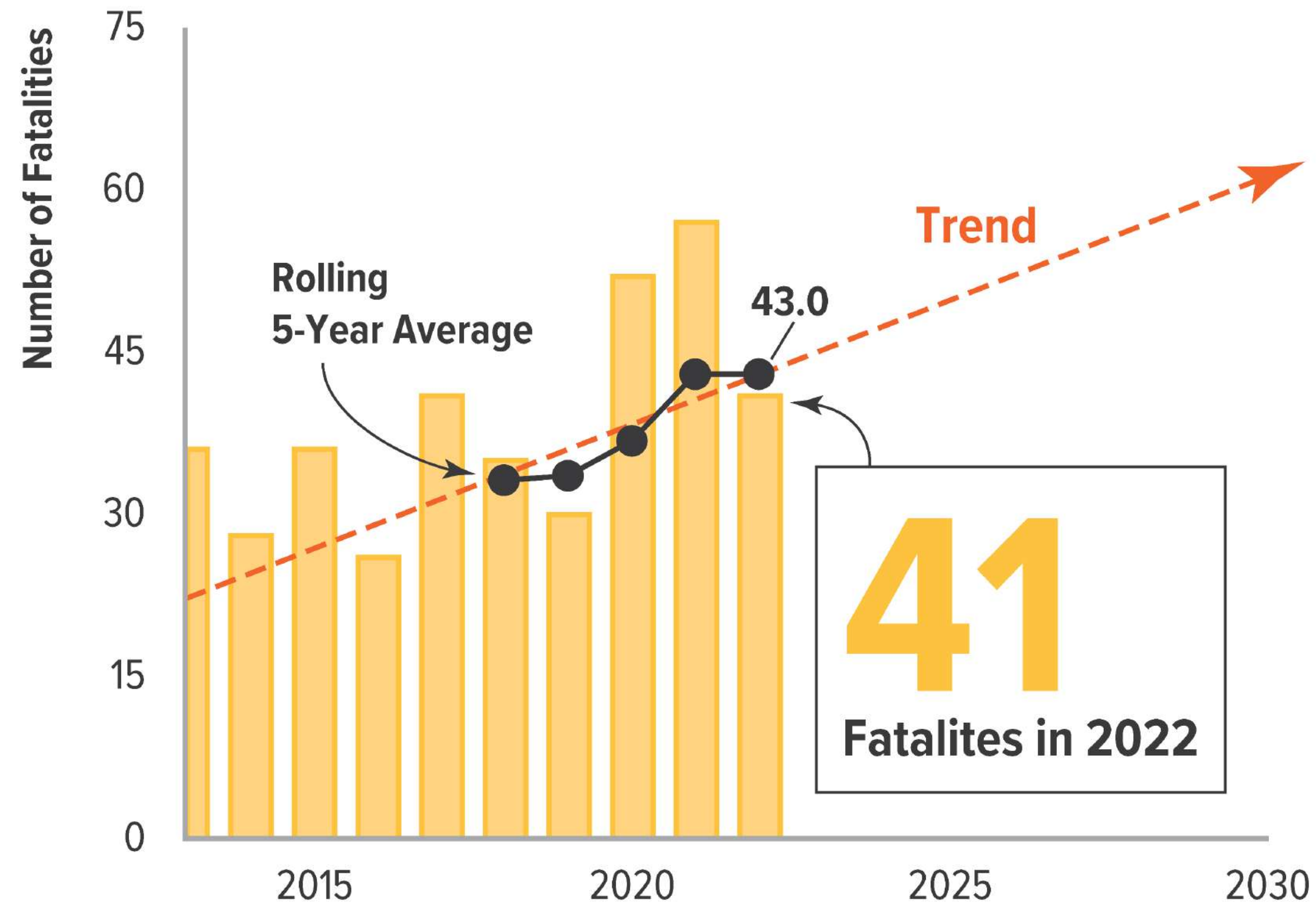
3. Serious injuries

4. Serious injuries per 100M vehicle miles traveled

5. Non-motorist fatalities and serious injuries

# SRTC Metropolitan Planning Area (Spokane County)

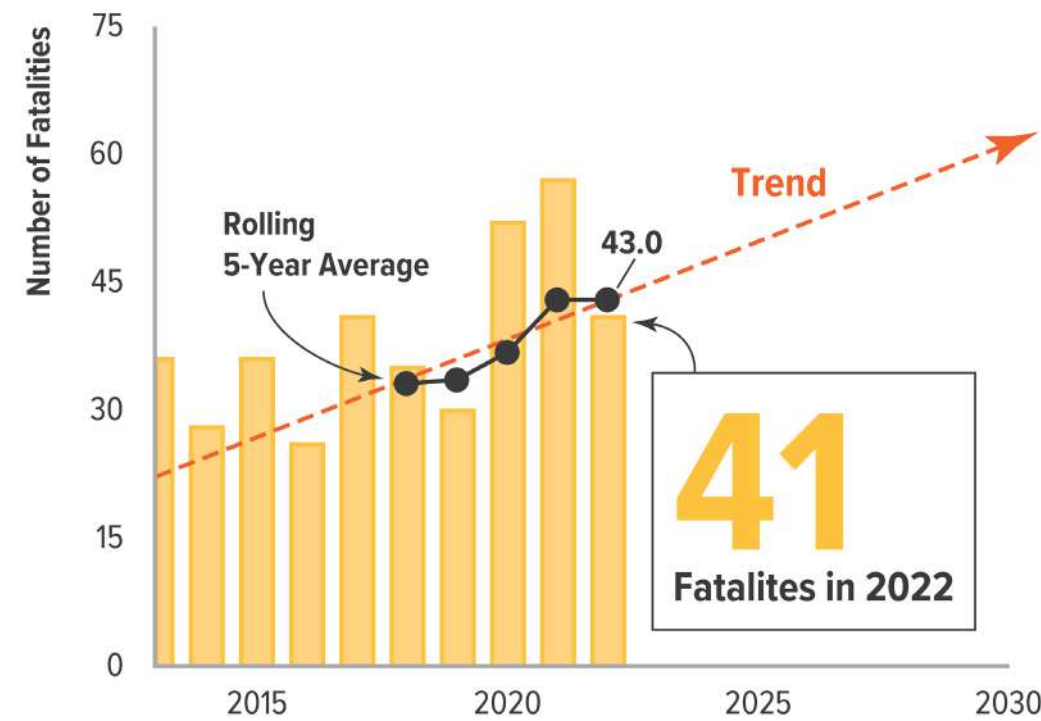
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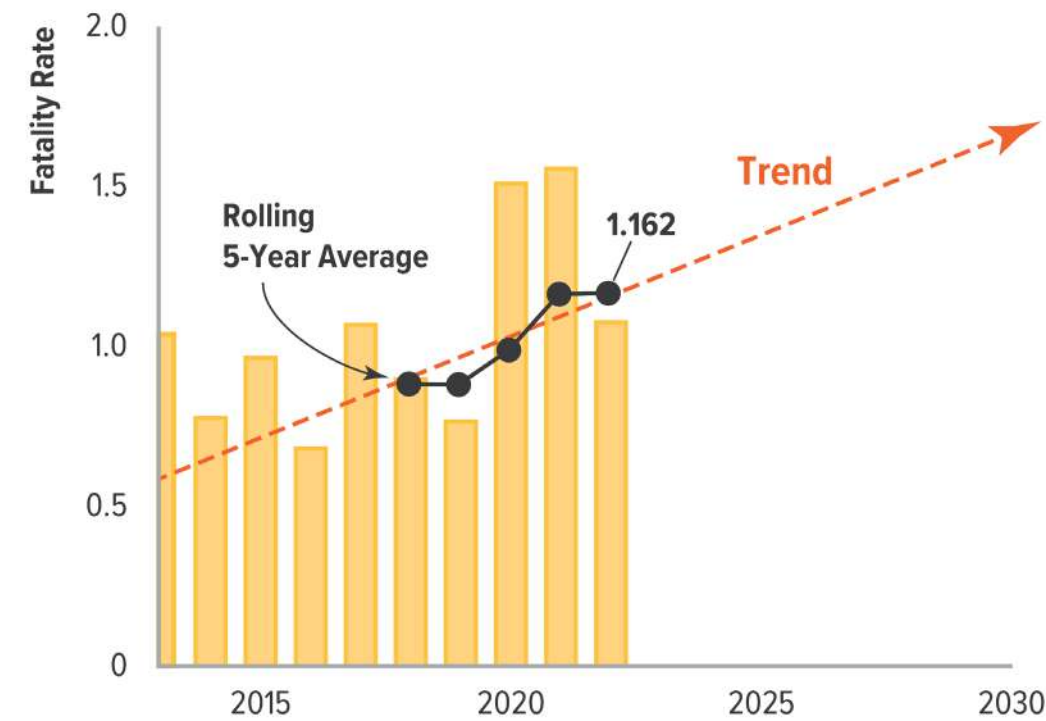


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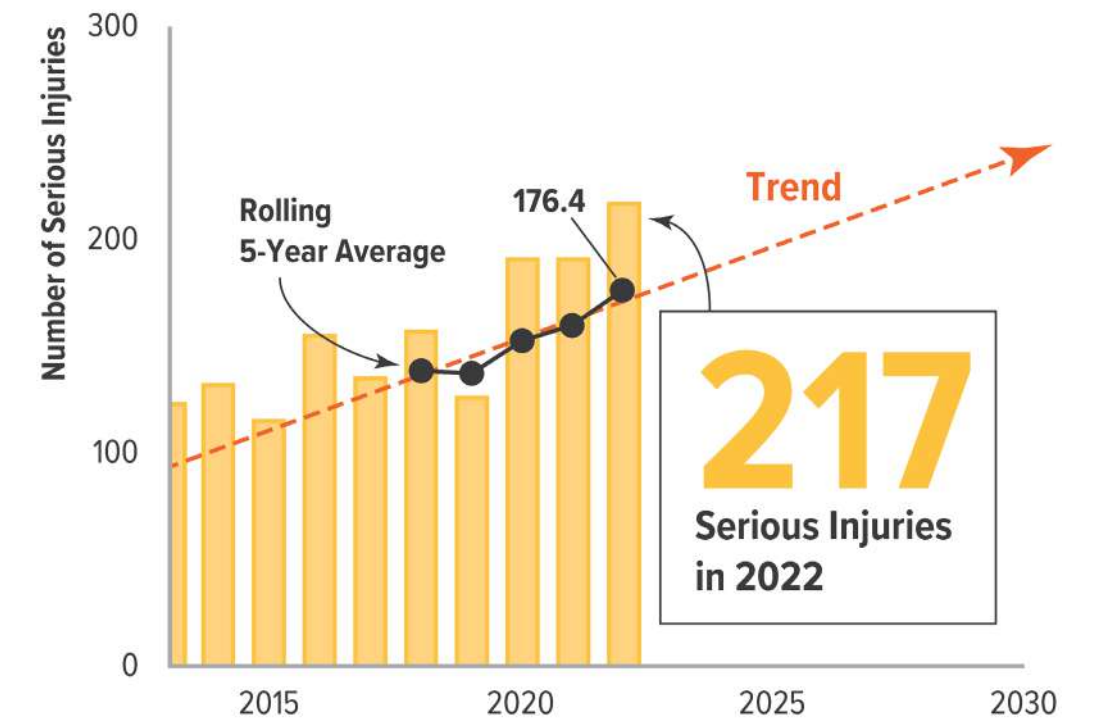
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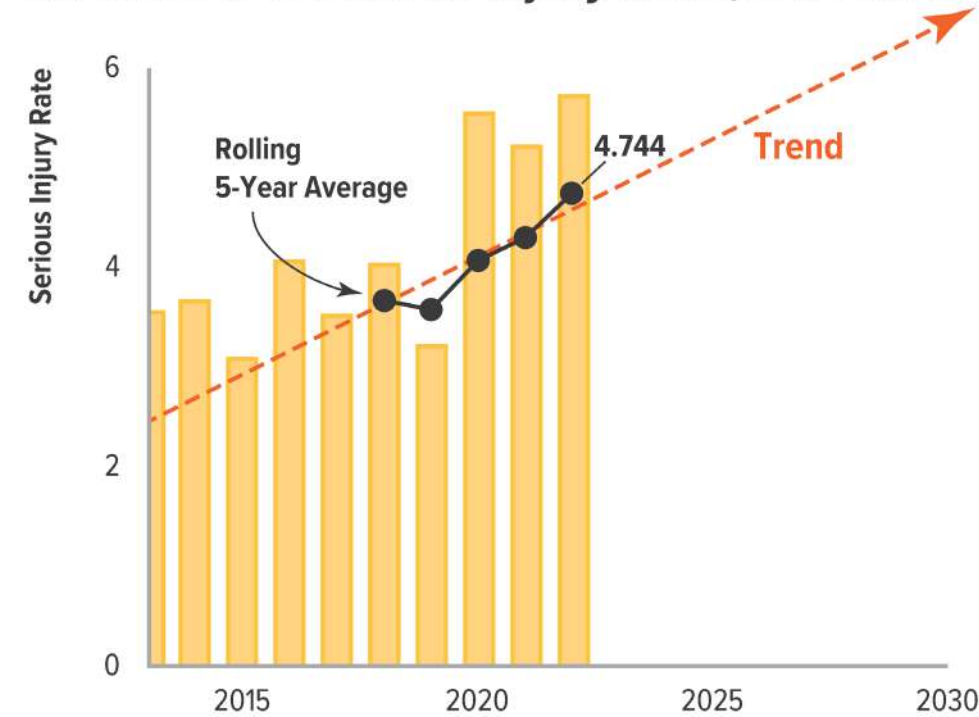
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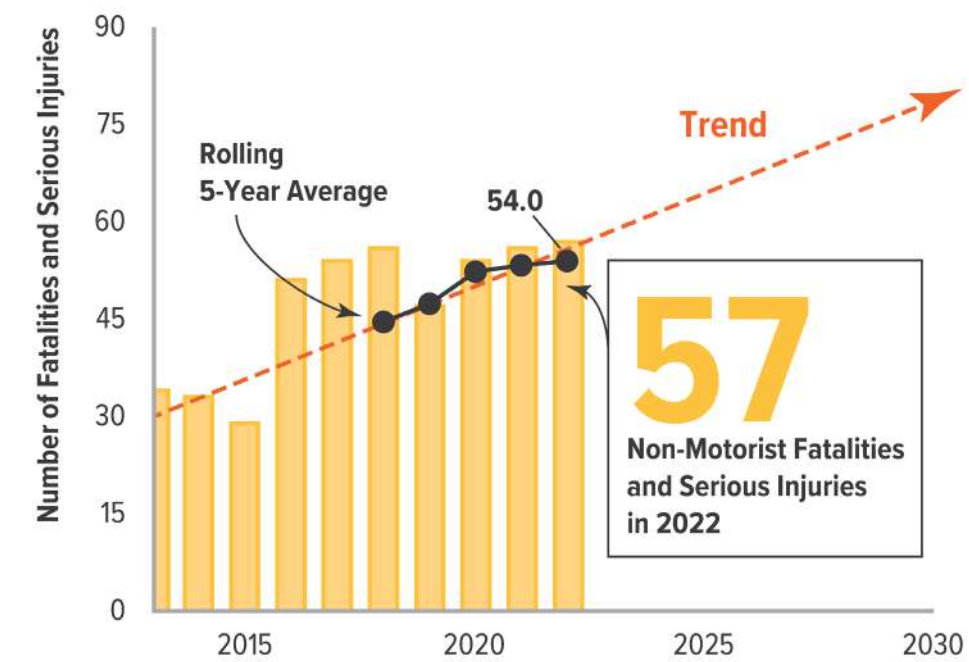
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Measure #4: Serious Injury Rate *per 100 million VMT*



Measure #5: Non-Motorist *Fatalities and Serious Injuries*



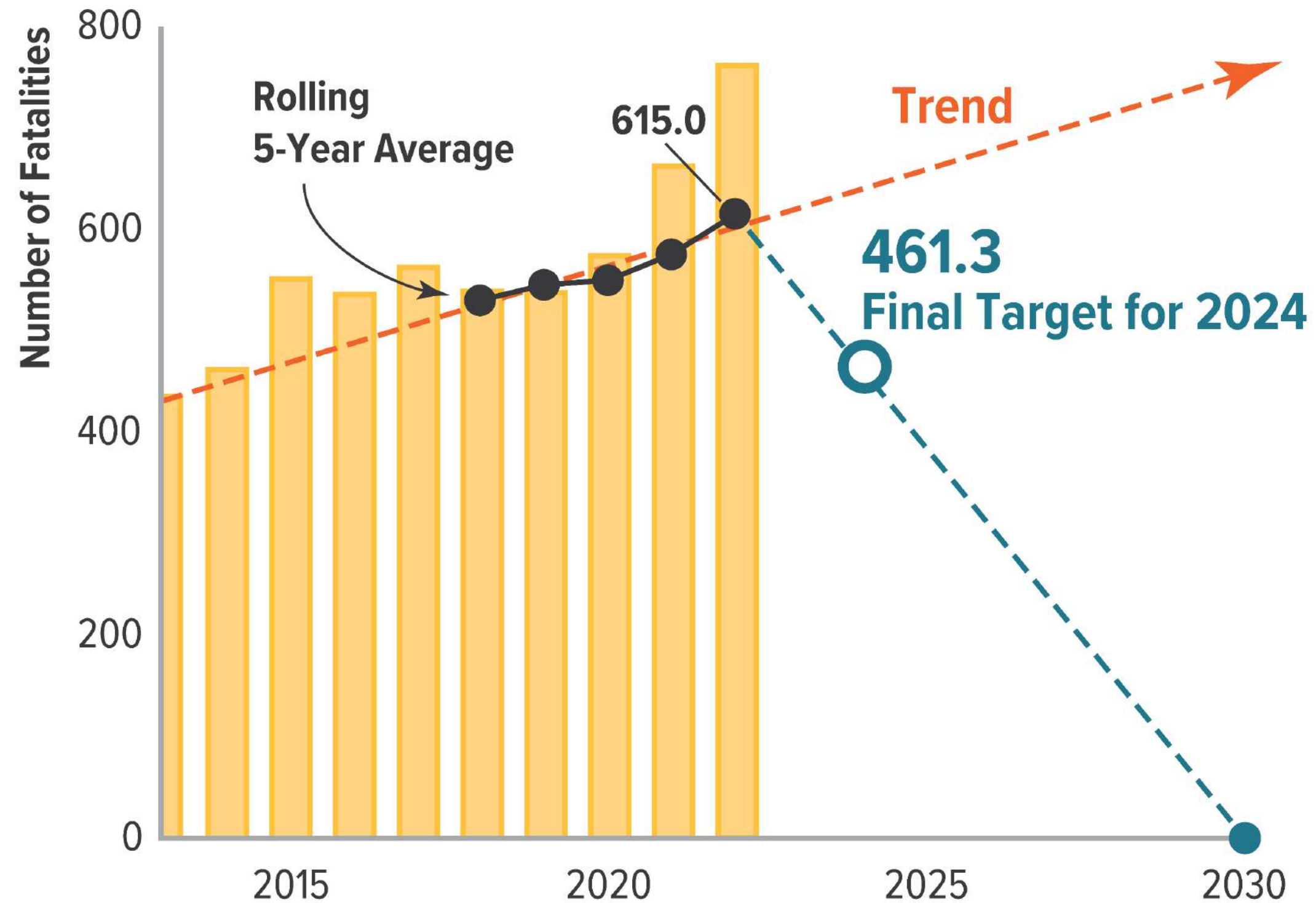


# WSDOT Target Zero



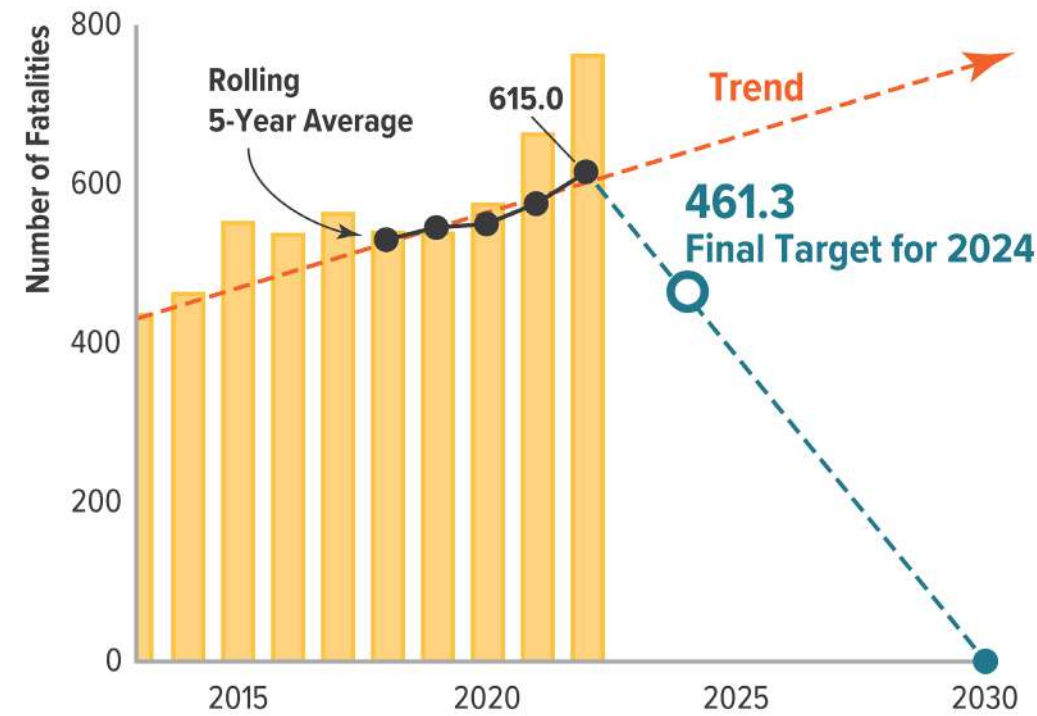
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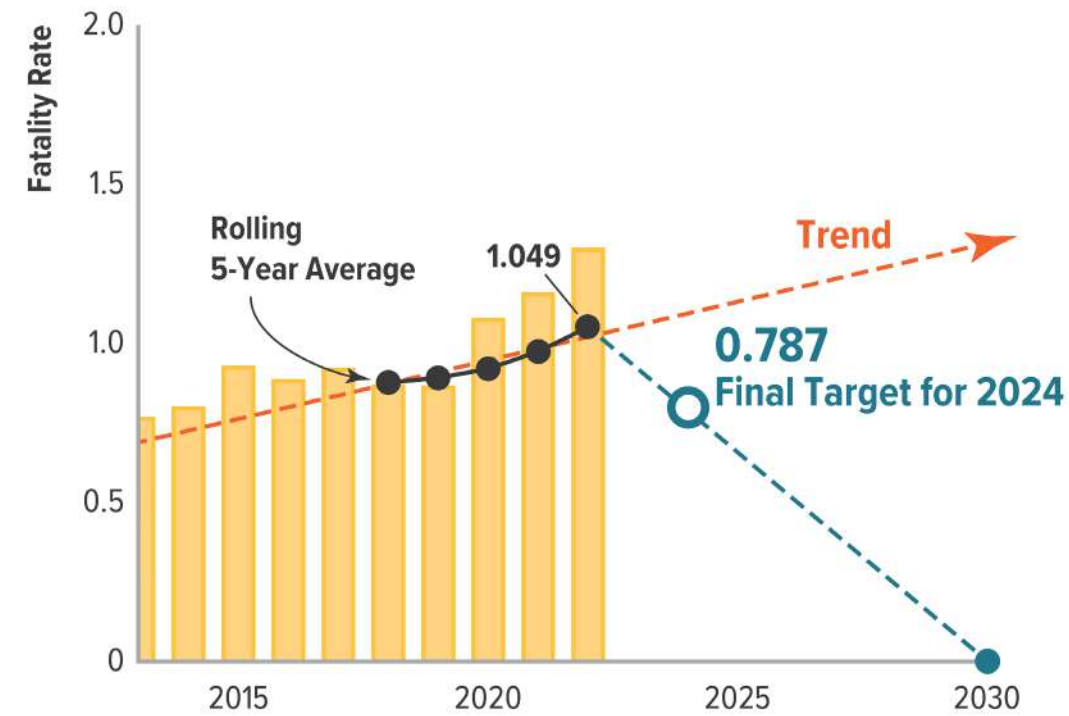


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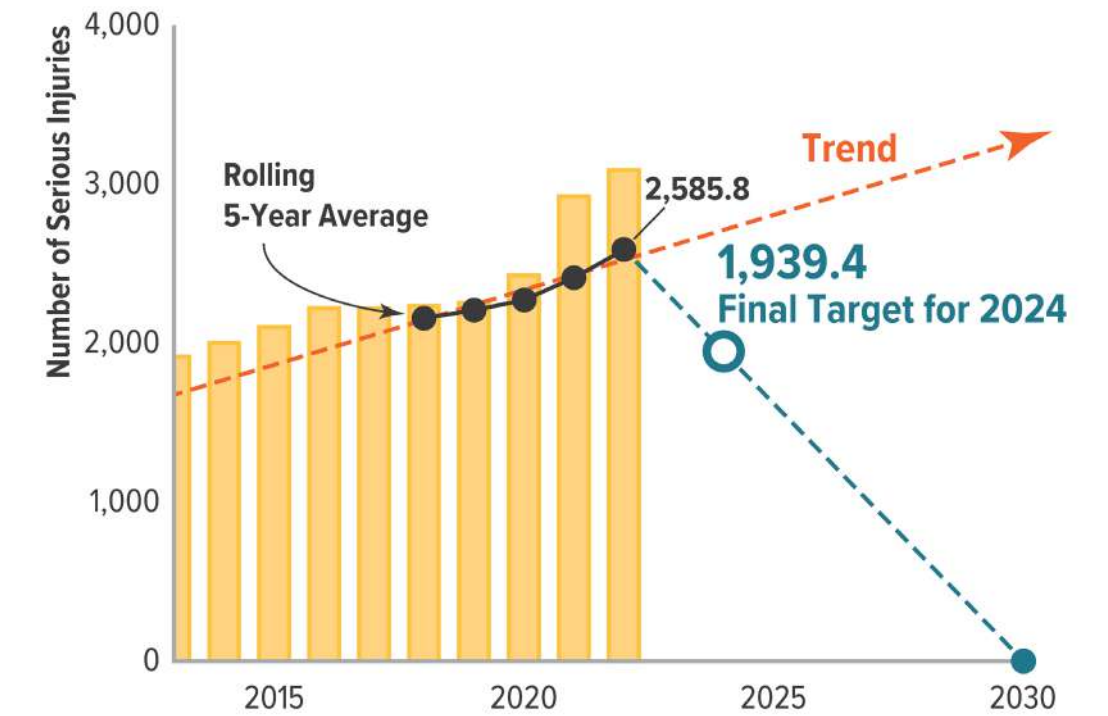
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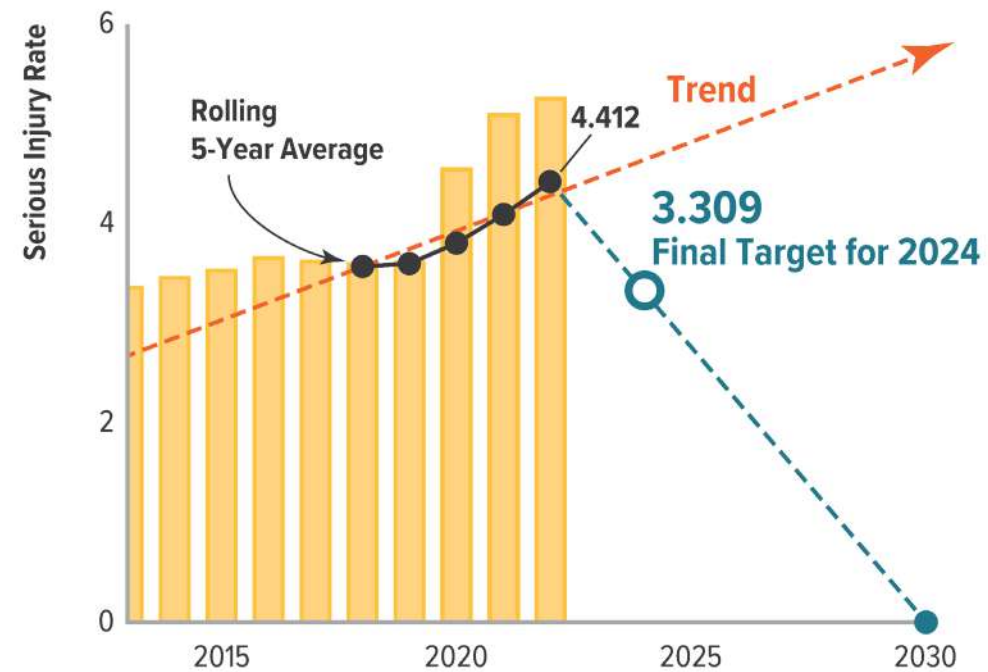
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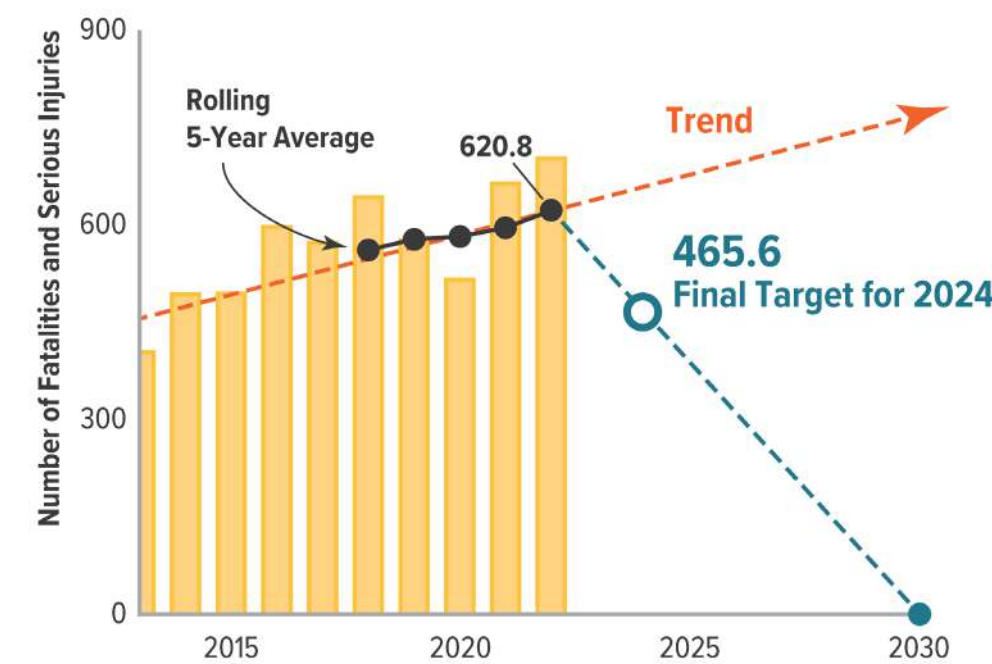
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*For [the safety] performance measure, the MPOs shall establish a target...*

# Options

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1. Agree to plan and program projects so that they contribute toward the accomplishment of the WSDOT HSIP target
2. Commit to a quantifiable target for the metropolitan planning area





# Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

# Deadline + Committee Feedback

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**SRTC Board must establish PM1 targets by February 28th, 2024.**

**Both committees unanimously recommended approval.**

# Requested Action

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# Regional Safety Action Plan: Update

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# Regional Conversation


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- PM1 Target Setting Process
- 2022 Discussion Series (need for regional plan identified)
- SS4A Grant Program Announced
- Board Authorized Grant Application



# SS4A Grant Program Highlights

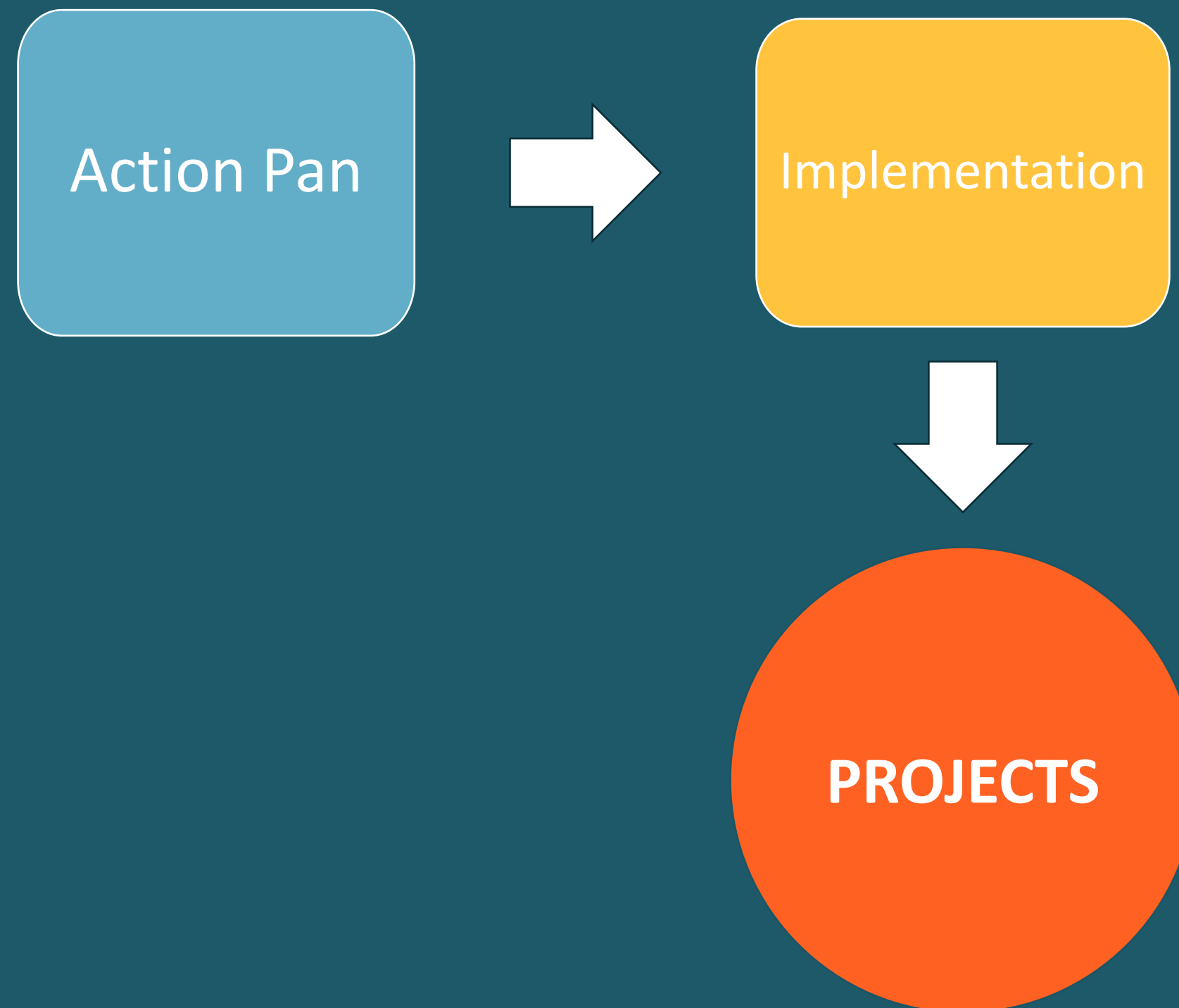
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- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) includes a new grant program called Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)
  - A discretionary program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over 5 years
  - FY22: \$813M / 385 grants nationwide
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# Funding Options

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# Action Plan Components

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1. Leadership Commitment and Goal Setting
2. Planning Structure
3. Safety Analysis
4. Engagement and Collaboration
5. Equity Considerations
6. Policy and Process Changes
7. Strategy and Project Selections
8. Progress and Transparency

# Award + Plan Structure

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- \$500,000 total project cost
- \$400,000 federal, \$100,000 local match
- City of Spokane, Spokane County, City of Spokane Valley: \$15,000 each
- SRTC: \$55,000 in reserve (local) funds
- SRTC: project management; consultant supported (RFP)
- Plan developed to include “chapters” with localized data analysis and project identification and rolled up into regional priorities



# Steering Committee

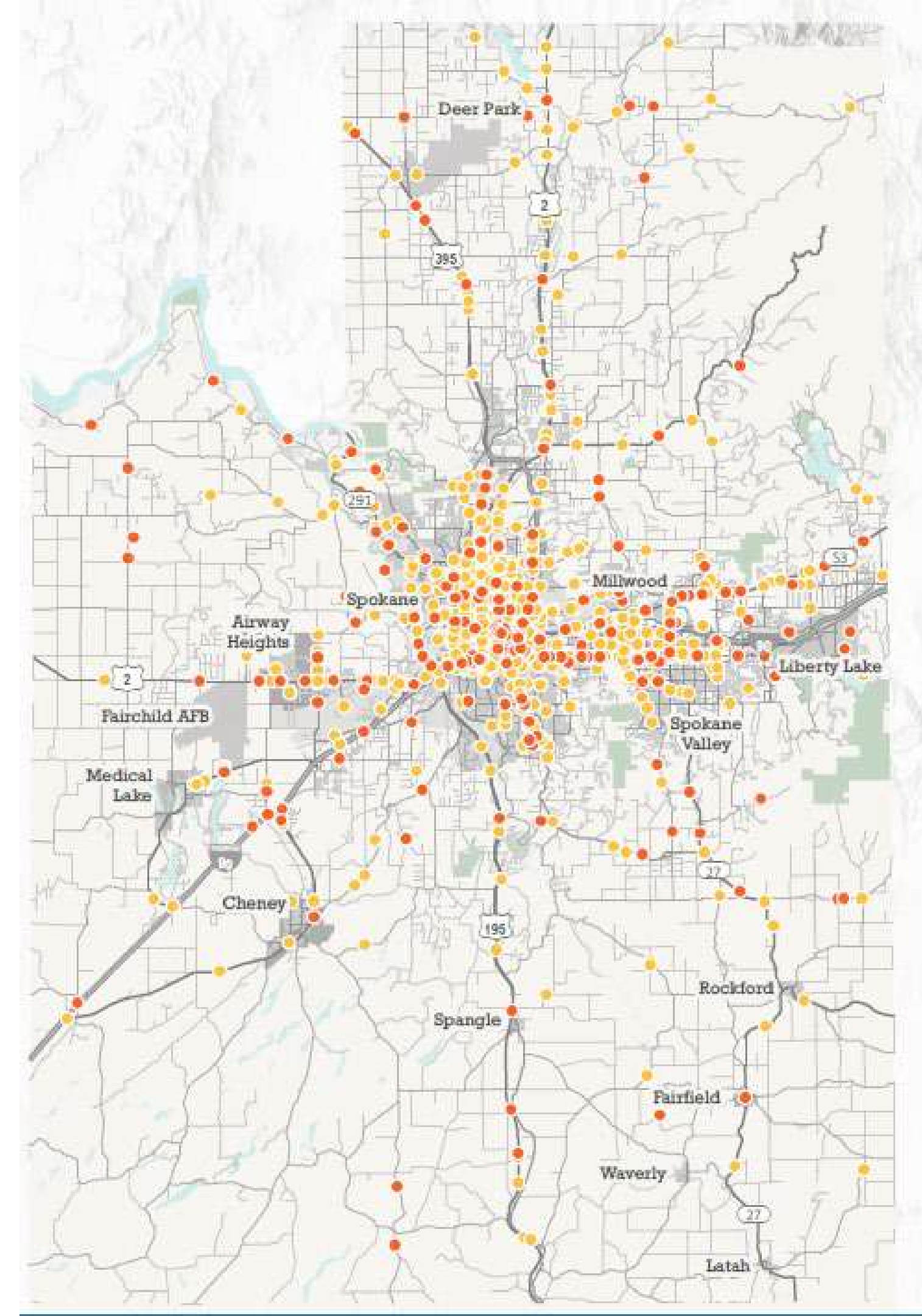
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- Spokane County
- City of Spokane
- City of Spokane Valley
- Spokane Transit Authority
- WTSC Target Zero Task Force
- Spokane Regional Health District
- Transportation Advisory Committee

# Project Purpose: An Actionable Safety Plan

Organize around a collective desire to save lives and prevent life altering injuries.

Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes – All Modes  
WSDOT Data – 2028 -2022



# Safe System Approach

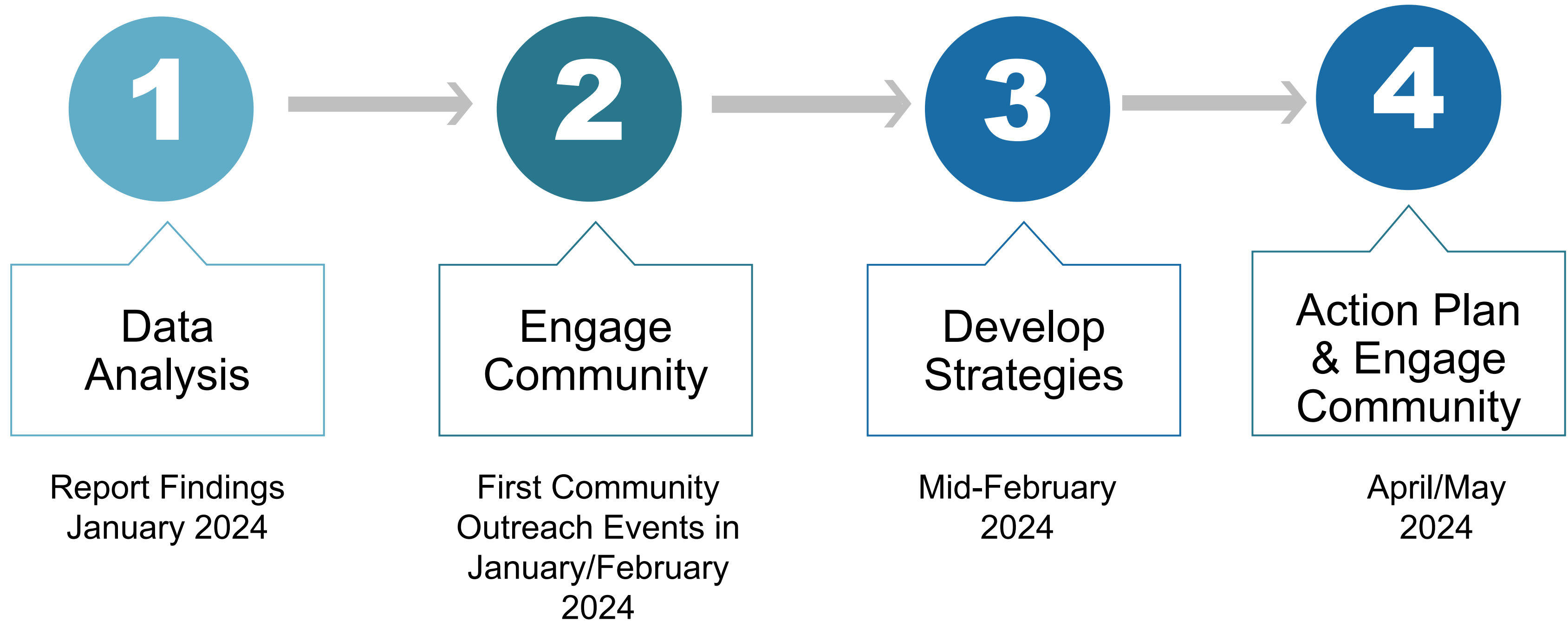


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# Schedule







## **Community/Stakeholder Engagement – The WHY**



# Community/Stakeholder Engagement Insights to Date

- **Seat Belts.** Usage may be lower than national/state averages.
- **Priority Projects.** Starting to develop a list.
- **Key Themes:**
  - Where you learn how to drive and interact with roadways matters
  - Marshallese community dependence on transit and walking in Airway Heights
  - Arterials/super blocks – significant barriers
  - Crossing locations in relation to transit stops/services
  - Lighting
- **Support.** It is time to do something.
- **Need for Transparency.** Dispel myths.





**The Story  
the Data  
Tells**





# How Many?

WSDOT Data; 2018 - 2022

City	Bicyclist	Motorcycle	Pedestrian	Vehicle-Only	Total
City of Spokane	36	95	151	197	479
Unincorporated	8	54	18	176	256
Spokane Valley	12	40	31	73	156
Airway Heights	1	2	8	6	17
Liberty Lake	0	1	1	2	4
Cheney	0	0	0	3	3
Medical Lake	0	0	0	2	2
Deer Park	0	1	0	0	1
Fairfield	0	0	0	1	1
Millwood	No Fatal or Serious Injury Crashes				
Rockford					
Latah					
Spangle					
Waverly					
Total	57	193	209	460	919

\*Crashes are categorized based on the ‘Jurisdiction’ field in the crash report.



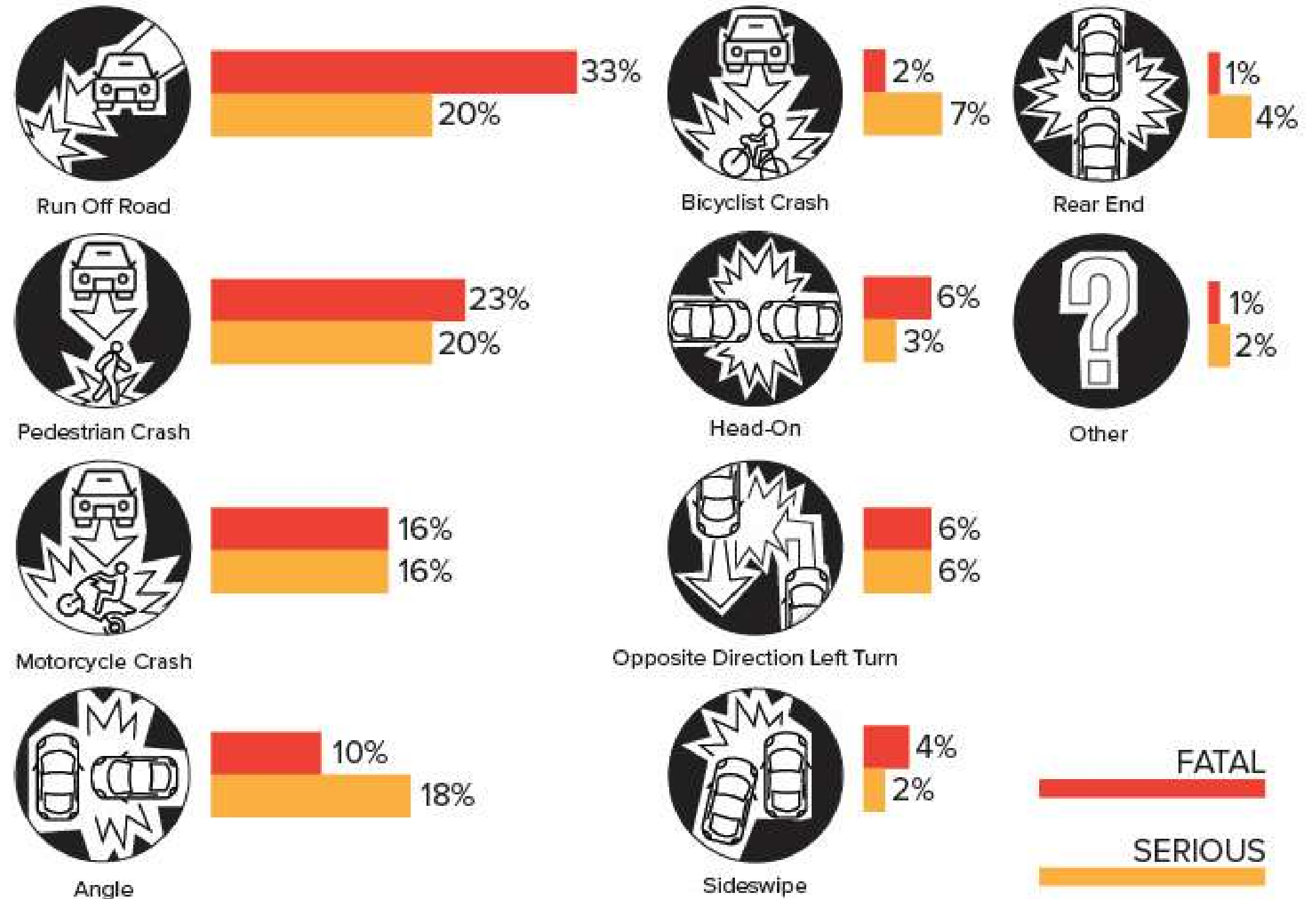
# Key Trends

WSDOT Data; 2018 – 2022

**FSI crashes are increasing,** particularly within the pedestrian, motorcycle, and vehicle-only modes.

**Run-off-road, pedestrian, motorcycle, and angle** crashes are most common.

## MOST COMMON CRASH TYPES BY MANEUVER

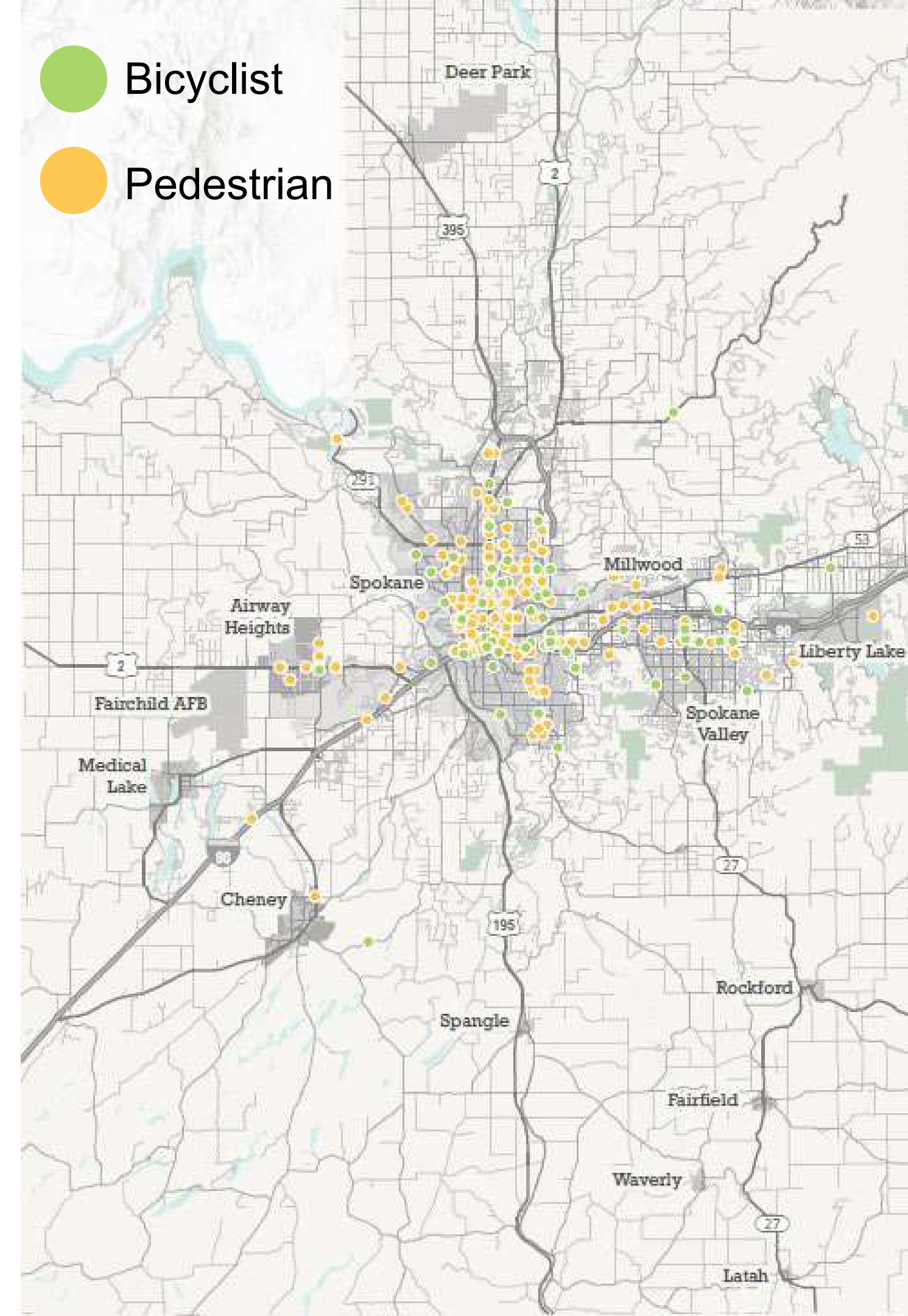
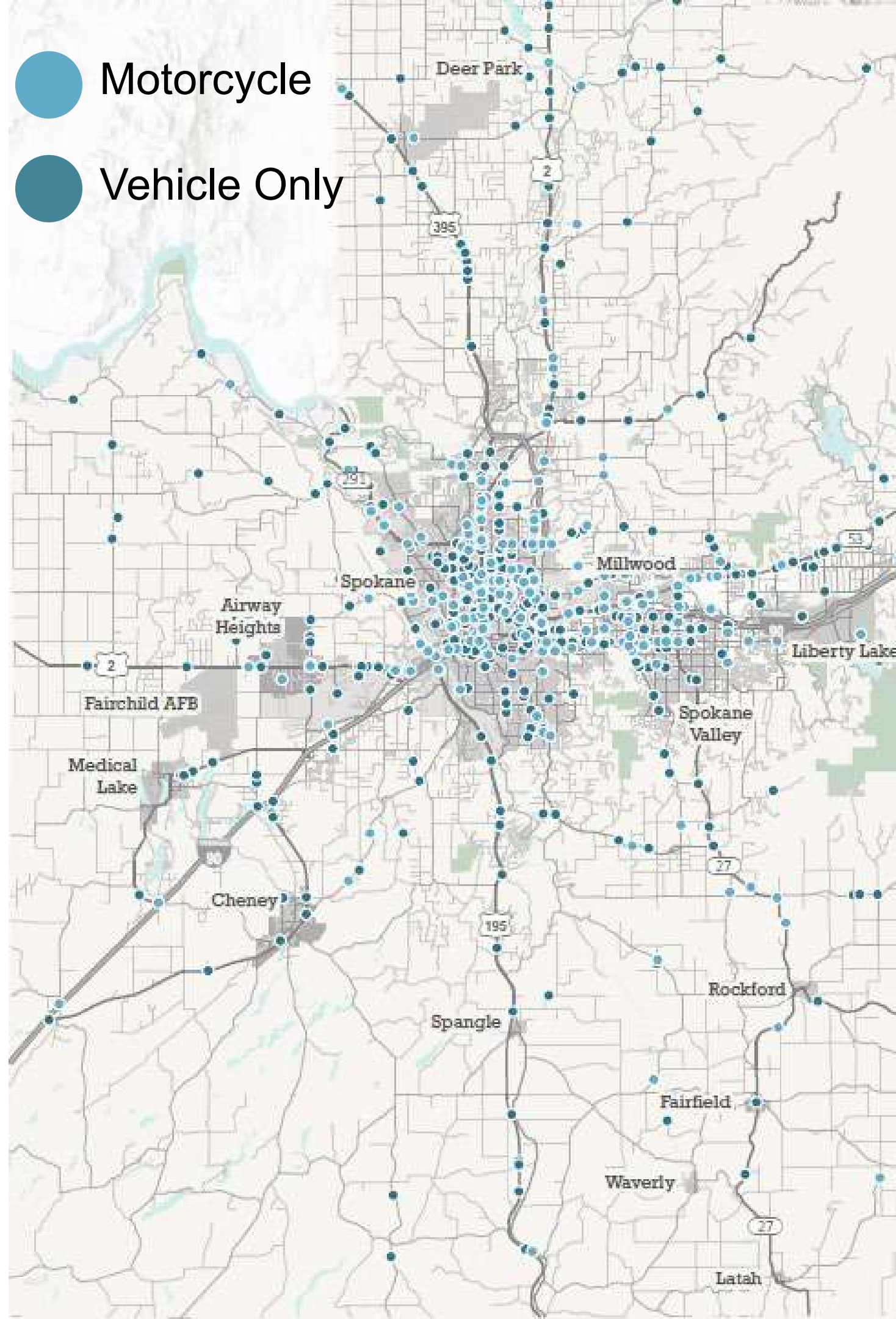


# Key Trends

WSDOT Data; 2018 – 2022

Most crashes occur on **city streets**.

80% of the region's FSI crashes occur in the **City of Spokane** and **Unincorporated Spokane County**.

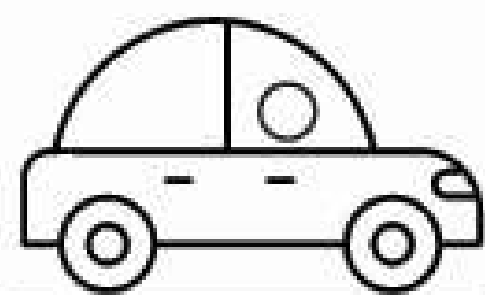




# Key Trends

WSDOT Data; 2018 – 2022

## WHO IS DYING OR GETTING SERIOUSLY INJURED?



**22%** of drivers are  
**15 TO 24**



**24%** of cyclists are  
**10 TO 29**



**13%** of motorcyclists are  
**45 TO 49**



**35 TO 39** is the most  
common  
age range for  
pedestrians



# Key Trends

WSDOT Data; 2018 – 2022

**Speeding, distracted driving, and impairment collectively contribute to 20% of FSI crashes.**

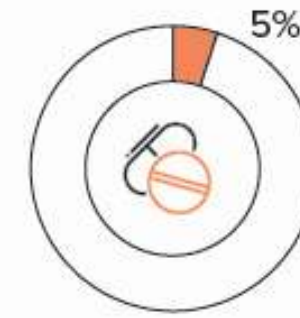
**Speeding**  
disproportionately affects motorcyclists.

**Distracted driving**  
disproportionately affects pedestrians.

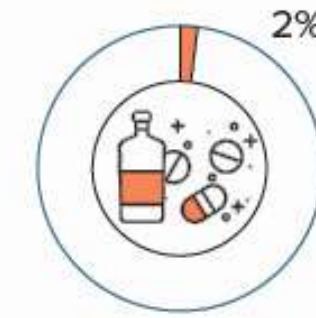
## HOW OUR DECISIONS AFFECT OTHERS



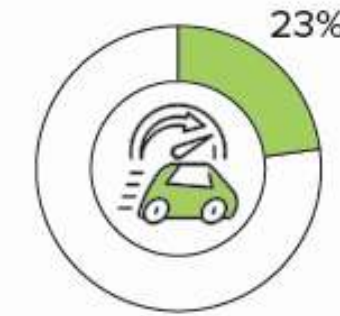
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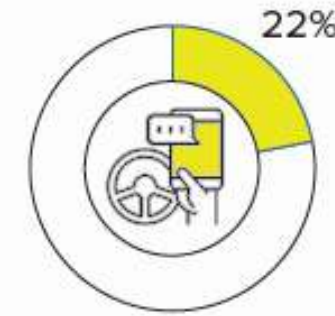
Drug-Impaired Person



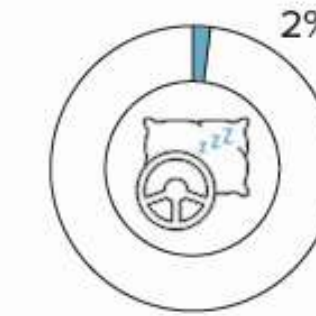
Drug & Alcohol Impaired



Speeding Driver



Distracted Driver



Drowsy Driver

**19%**  
of fatal and serious injury crashes involved impairment.

Impairment was a factor in

**12%**

of fatal and serious injury bicyclist crashes.

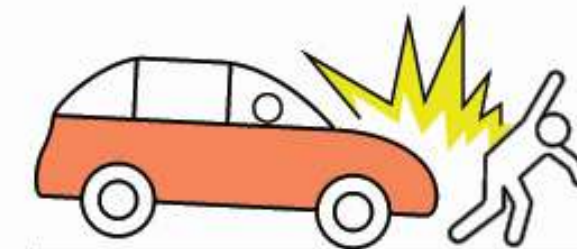


**IMPAIRED DRIVERS ARE STRIKING BICYCLISTS, NOT VICE VERSA.**

Impairment was a factor in

**16%**

of fatal and serious injury pedestrian crashes.



**WHEN IMPAIRMENT WAS A FACTOR, THE DRIVER WAS IMPAIRED 58% OF THE TIME.**

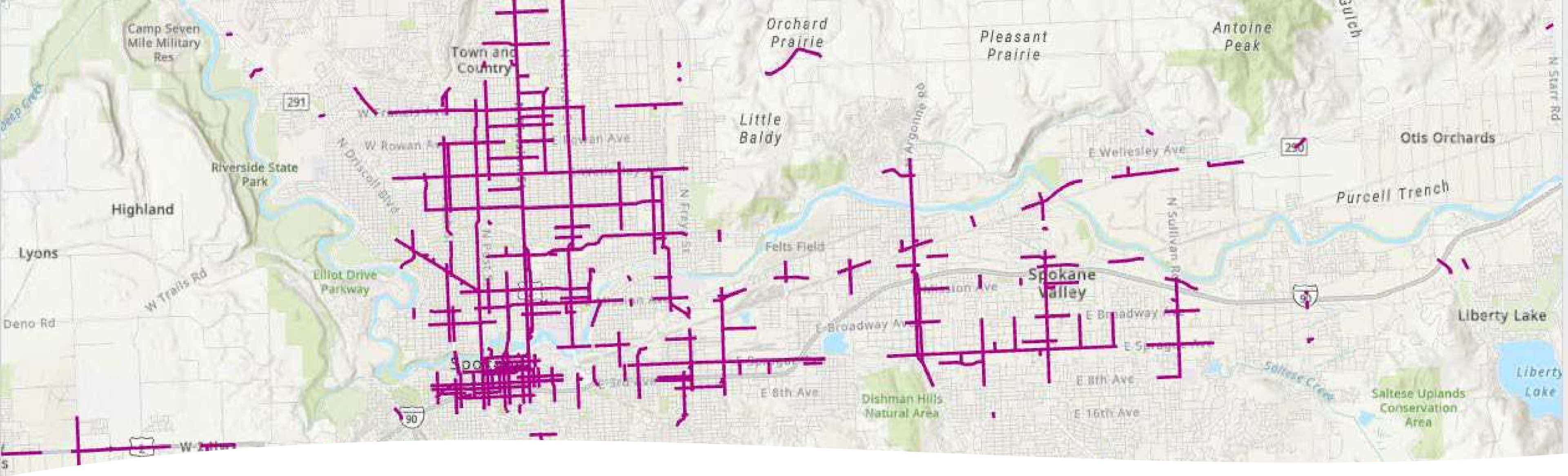
# Systemic Analysis Emphasis Areas

WSDOT Data; 2018 – 2022

Collectors, arterials, and highways in...

- Commercial/mixed-use land uses
- 3+ lanes
- Posted speeds of 30+ mph

- Open space/agricultural land uses
- Posted speeds of 45+ mph



## High Priority Network

In Progress

- Identifies corridors and intersections with:
  - Highest concentrations of fatal or serious injury crashes
  - Highest risk factors for fatal or serious injuries
- Used to identify and prioritize safety strategies and projects



# Goals & Target Discussion

## RSAP Goal: Zero Fatal and Serious Injuries

- **Achieve 50% reduction in fatal and serious injury crashes by 2030:**
  - on the SRTC Safety Priority Network
  - crashes impacting vulnerable roadway users
- **Achieve zero fatal and serious injury crashes within the SRTC planning area by 2042.**
- **Reassess data and targets at least every 4 to 5 years to make significant and continuous progress in achieving zero and fatal serious injury crashes.**

# Questions?

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# WA State County Road Administration Board (CRAB)

Agenda Item 6  
JANE WALL



WASHINGTON STATE

**COUNTY ROAD**  
**ADMINISTRATION BOARD**

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Our Agency, Programs,  
Funding, & Today's Challenges

Jane Wall, Executive Director

# What We'll Cover Today

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A Brief Agency Overview

Our Programs

Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax Funding

Challenges and Opportunities



# Counties are an Integral Part of WA's Transportation System

- County road departments are responsible for over **59%** of all public roads in Washington
- It is a **multi-faceted network** including bridges, ferries, sidewalks, bike lanes, streetlights and other infrastructure in a diverse range of rural and urban environments







# CRAB is an Integral Part of Counties' Success

**CRAB ensures the success and accountability of Washington's 39 County Road Departments**







# Our Agency's 9 Member Board is Supported by 16 Staff

## Executive Director

Jane Wall

## Administration

Jason Bergquist

Toni Cox

## Communications

Jacque Netzer

## Engineering Services

Andrew Woods, P.E.

Derek Pohle, P.E.      Mike Clark

Steve Johnson, P.E.      Brian Bailey

## Information Services

Eric Hagenlock

Scott Campbell      James Rea

Cameron Cole      Angela Rice

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# Our Funding Programs

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Rural Arterial Program (RAP)

County Arterial Preservation Program (CAPP)

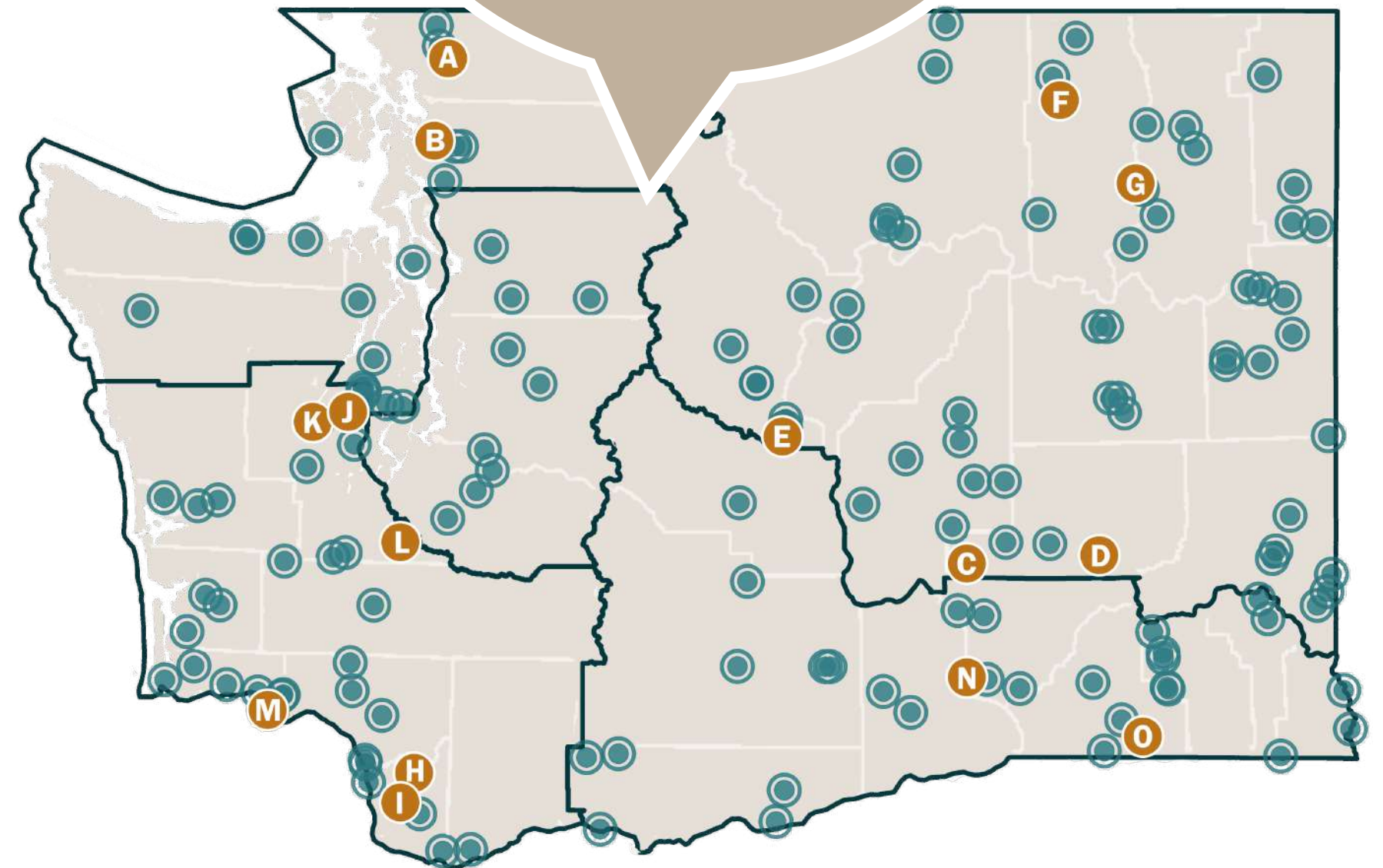
County Ferry Capital Improvement Program (CFCIP)

Emergency Loan Program (ELP)

# Rural Arterial Program (RAP)

- Created in 1983 to address improvements on rural county arterial roads, collector roads, and bridges
- It is a regionally competitive grant program funded with 2.5363% of the state fuel tax
- It has improved 2,225 miles of county roads through 1,287 projects, investing \$672 million with <3% administrative overhead expense

IN 2023,  
**15** PROJECTS  
WERE COMPLETED AND  
**138** ARE IN PROGRESS  
– REPRESENTING  
\$167.5 MILLION IN  
COMMITTED INVESTMENT  
IN ALL 39 COUNTIES!





The background of the slide features a photograph of a paved road. A person's hand is visible on the left side, with the index finger pointing down at a deep, jagged crack in the asphalt. The road stretches into the distance under bright, warm sunlight, with trees and foliage visible on the right side.

# County Arterial Preservation Program (CAPP)

- Created in 1990 to help counties preserve their existing paved road networks, it was intended to cover roughly 50% of the cost of preservation work
- The program is funded with 1.9565% of the state fuel tax
- Funds are distributed directly to counties based on their proportion of paved county arterial roads

DEMAND FOR  
CAPP PROGRAM  
FUNDS IS

3x

HIGHER THAN IT  
CAN CURRENTLY  
SUPPORT



# County Ferry Capital Improvement Program (CFCIP)

- Created in 1991 to support capital improvements such as vessel replacements or major vessel or dock upgrades for county-operated ferries
- It is funded by 19.2287% of the counties' direct fuel tax distribution and selected projects must be approved by the state legislature
- Currently, Pierce, Skagit, Wahkiakum and Whatcom counties provide vehicle ferry transportation







# Emergency Loan Program (ELP)

- Created in 2019 to assist counties during natural and manmade disasters waiting on federal and state financial assistance
- The revolving loan program is funded by \$1 million from the fuel tax account
- Funds may be requested by an eligible county after an emergency is declared
- Allowable work include temporary and permanent repairs relating to the identified emergency



# Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax

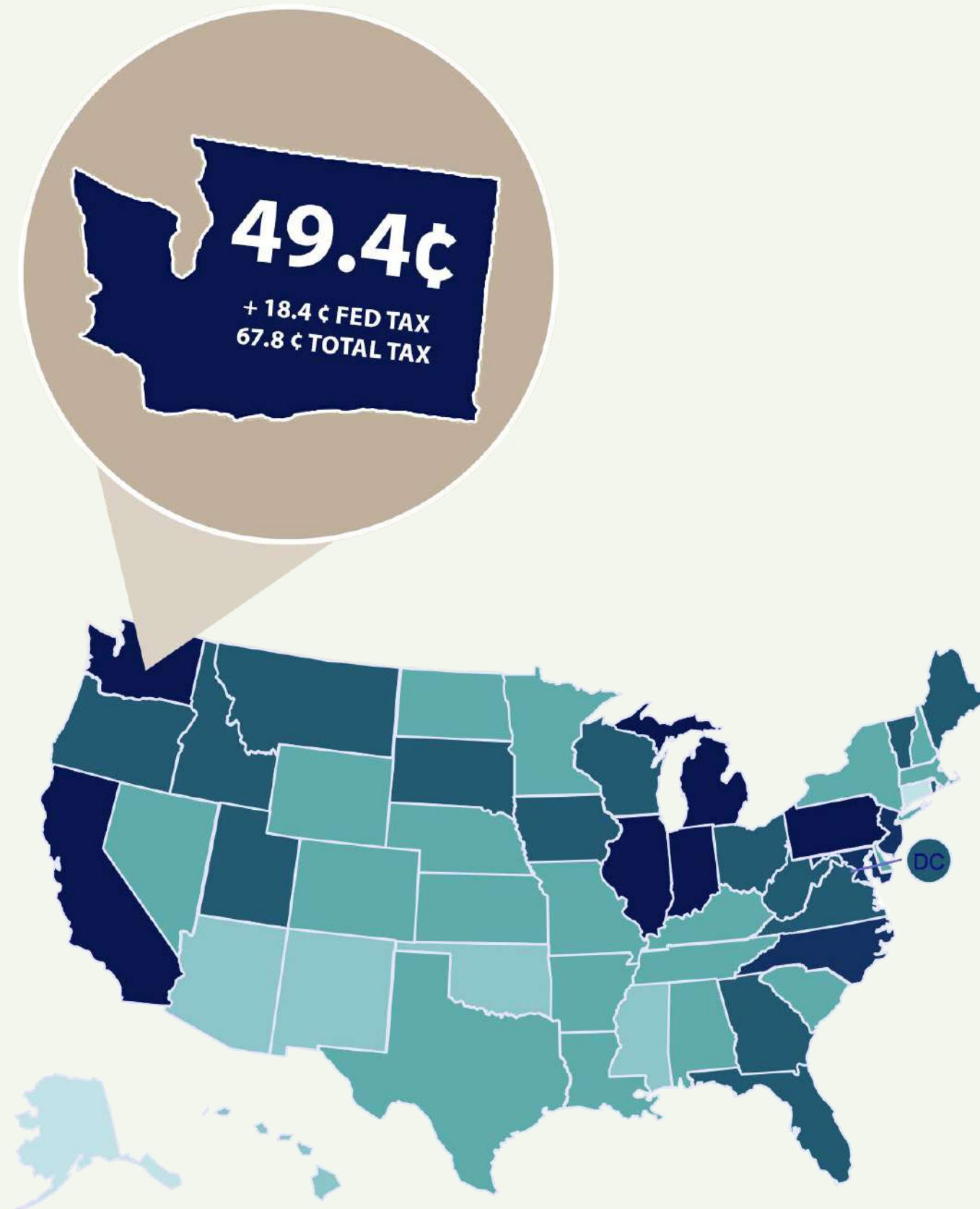
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What is the MVFT?

Historical Fuel Tax Rates and the Future  
Distribution



# What is the Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax (MVFT)?



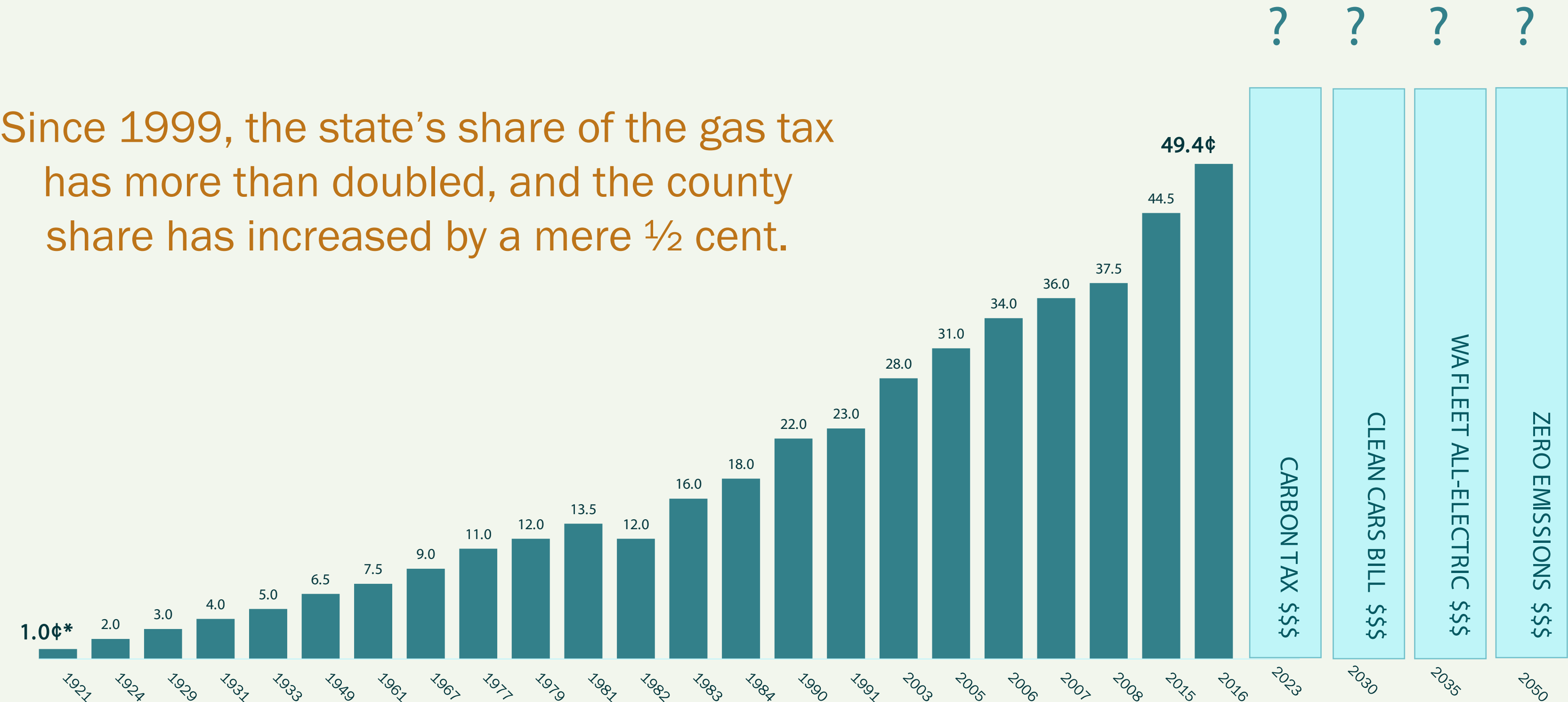
The MVFT is an excise tax on the sale of fuel for transportation and other purposes.

- The tax revenue is shared among the cities, counties and WSDOT; it includes a dedicated portion for grant programs managed by the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) and our agency.
- Each year, CRAB collects and certifies the county road log to determine the distribution formula for the counties' share, which totals ~ 16% of the net state fuel taxes collected.



# Historical MVFT Rates and Disproportionate Distribution

Since 1999, the state's share of the gas tax has more than doubled, and the county share has increased by a mere 1/2 cent.

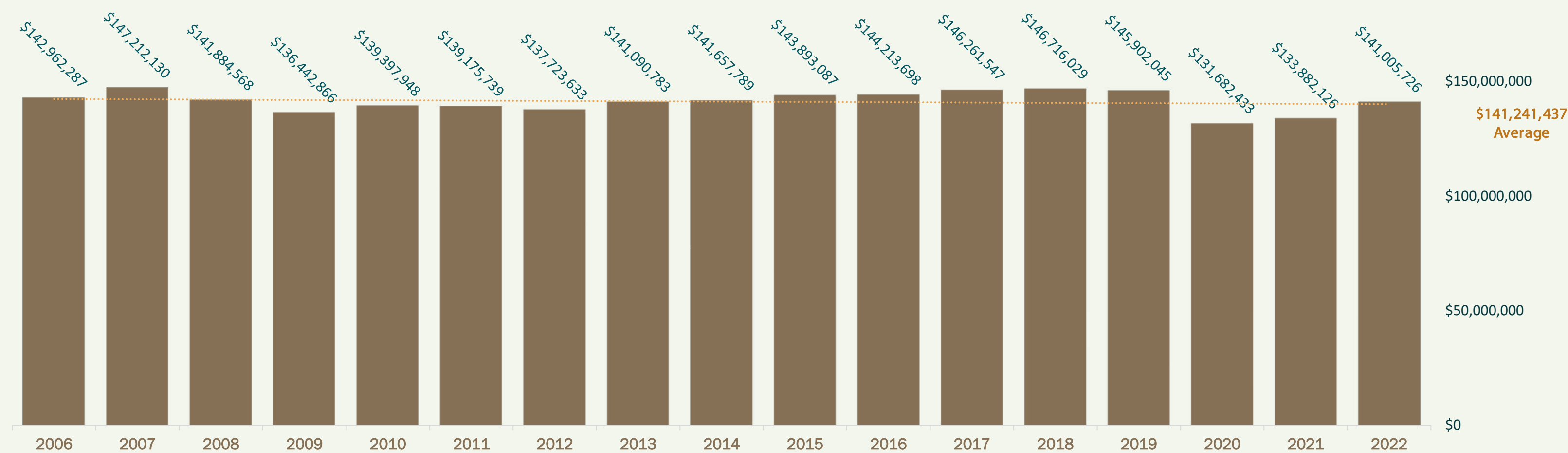


\*Adjusted for inflation, 2.0¢ in 1921 = 28.0¢ in 2022



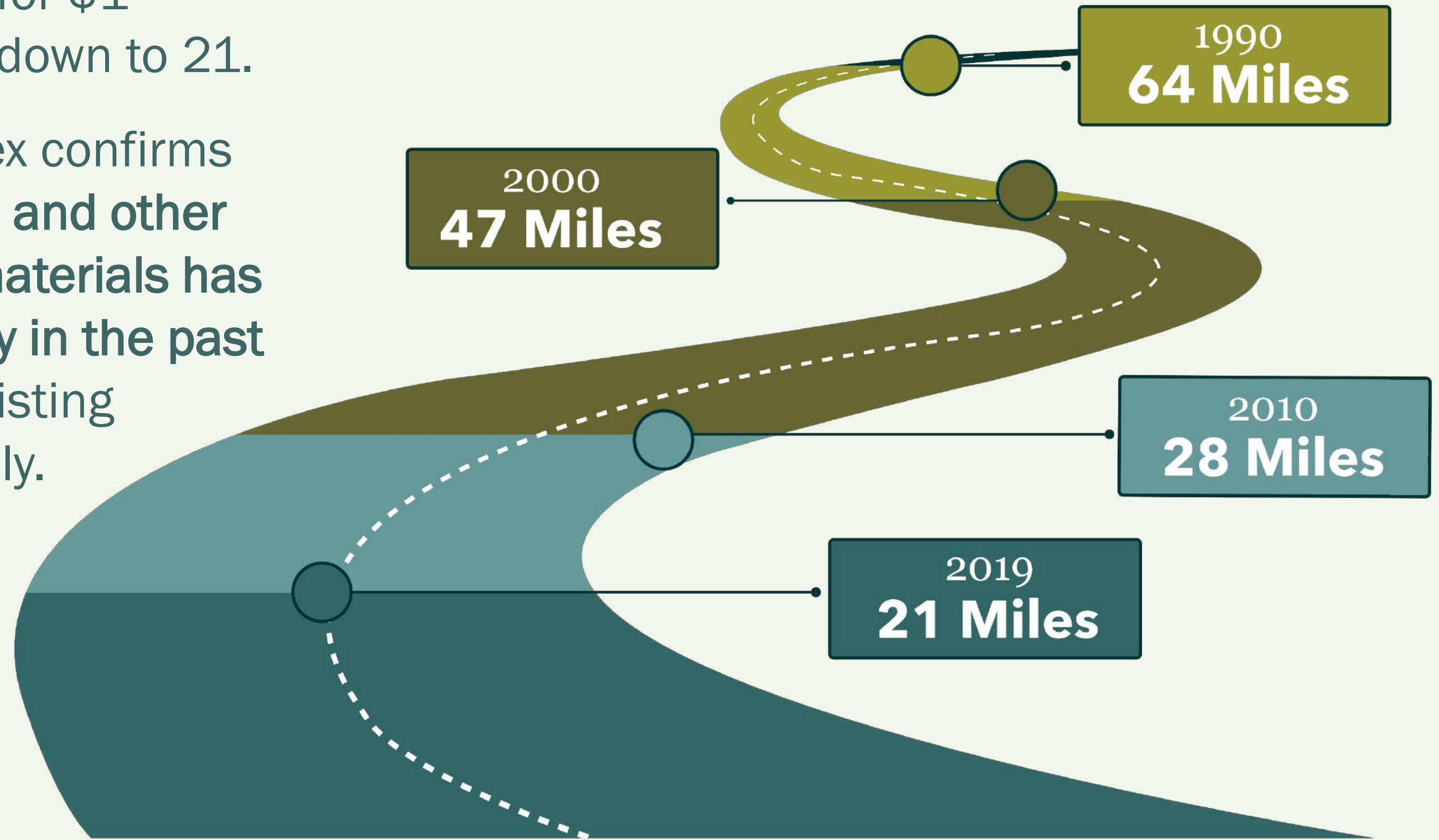
# Annual MVFT Direct Share to Counties

As a result, despite increasing demands and increasing costs, the funding for county roads has remained **stagnant**.



# MVFT Funds Don't Stretch as Far as They Used To

- In 1990, counties could resurface about 64 miles of road for \$1 million; as of 2019, it's down to 21.
- The Producer Price Index confirms that the costs for gravel and other roadway construction materials has skyrocketed, particularly in the past two years, spreading existing budgets even more thinly.



# Challenges and Opportunities

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Historic Underinvestment  
in Preservation and Maintenance

Funding Program Gaps



# The Challenge

**Historic  
Under-Investment  
in Preservation  
& Maintenance**

**1%  
Property  
Tax Cap**

**Declining  
Gas Tax  
Funding**

- Once a 50/50 partnership, **the state has provided less and less support for counties**, while also prohibiting counties from raising the revenues locally needed for these investments.
- The Rural Arterial Program is averaging \$190 million/biennium in applications, but it is only able to support \$50 million/biennium of projects.

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# Opportunities to Correct

**Historic  
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- Fully invest in the preservation and maintenance needs of county roads through the **Rural Arterial Program (RAP)** and **County Arterial Preservation Program (CAPP)**.
- **Expand EXISTING funding sources** such as the Climate Commitment Act and indexing the Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax.
- **Explore NEW funding sources** such as the Road Usage Charge.



# The Challenge

## Funding Program Gaps

### Local Access Roads

- There are **holes in the county transportation system** that do not currently qualify for existing funding programs.

Some examples include:

- Local Access Roads Short Span Bridges
- Orphaned County Roads
- Rural/Urban Zoning
- Gravel Roads
- Jurisdictional “doughnut holes”



# Opportunities to Correct

## Funding Program Gaps

### Local Access Roads



- Recognize county roads are a critical part of the big picture and **include representative voices in all levels of planning and decision-making.**
- **Ensure that road programs are effective and comprehensive, including local access roads, short span bridges, orphaned county roads, rural/urban zoning).**
- **Ensure existing programs and resources are targeting the greatest needs (ex: economies of scale, workforce).**



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# SRTC Office Lease Update

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# Cooperative Planning 3 14 Agreement

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