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**go:safe**  
McLean County

# community conversations

**Join us for a first look at the draft Go:Safe Action Plan for transportation safety in the McLean County region and conversation about how we can best bring the Plan to life!**

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- ❑ Saturday, March 20, at 10:00 am [\[link\]](#)
- ❑ Tuesday, March 23, 6:00 pm [\[link\]](#)
- ❑ Wednesday, March 24th, 8:00 am [\[link\]](#)

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If you have questions about the meeting, please feel free to reach out to project consultant, Jonathan Seiden at (309) 888-4453 or email at [seiden@hilegroup.com](mailto:seiden@hilegroup.com)



presented by the McLean County Regional Planning Commission (MCRPC) staff



## 2. Community Conversations Invitation Letter

March 11, 2021

Re: Community Conversations –

DRAFT Go:Safe McLean County Action Plan – Transportation Safety



To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Go:Safe Project Steering Committee for a recent planning effort commissioned by the McLean County Regional Planning Commission (MCRPC), we would like to invite you to participate in the upcoming exciting, virtual Community Conversations about the future of safe transportation in our community. As you have been identified as a key community stakeholder, we hope you will be able to attend at least one of three public meetings and provide input.

### Background

In Spring 2020, MCRPC embarked on a planning study (rebranded to Go:Safe from Vision Zero) funded in most part by the Illinois Department of Transportation. A Project Steering Committee and Subject Matter Experts who volunteered time, attention, and experiences as Bloomington-Normal transportation system users, experts, and designers — drivers, bikers, pedestrians, transit-riders, business and non-profit leaders, University campus-dwellers, engineers, planners, law enforcement officers, public health advocates — to envision the safe transportation system our community deserves.

With inspiration from national models and guidance from local plans, this team compiled facts and co-created priorities, goals, and recommendations for consideration by the community at-large.

**The Task Force forged a vision of ZERO transportation-related fatalities or life-altering injuries in McLean County by 2030.**

**This will become the Go:Safe McLean County Action Plan, once adopted**

### Community Engagement

The three upcoming March public meetings are designed to connect with community leaders and stakeholders like you, and the general public. We are eager to share the Draft Go:Safe McLean County Action Plan and converse about how we can work together to bring the Plan to life with your input and feedback.

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If you have questions, or are unable to attend any of the three meetings but would like to provide comments, please contact our project consultant Jonathan Seiden at (309) 888-4453 or [seiden@hilegroup.com](mailto:seiden@hilegroup.com), or me at (309) 828-4331 or [rlai@mcplan.org](mailto:rlai@mcplan.org), by 4:00 pm on Friday, March 26th.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. I look forward to seeing you at the Community Conversation(s).

Sincerely,

Raymond Lai, Executive Director  
McLean County Regional Planning Commission



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conversations**

### 3. Community Conversations Press Release



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 16, 2021

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#### **Community Conversations on Draft Action Plan for Transportation Safety**

In an effort to keep our transportation system safe for everyone, regardless of where they go or how they get there, McLean County Regional Planning Commission (MCRPC) is holding three virtual Community Conversation outreach events to introduce the draft Go:Safe McLean County Action Plan to the public and seek their input and feedback. Each conversation will include the gathering of transportation safety stories, an overview of the plan, and open discussion of best strategies for getting our families, friends, neighbors, and colleagues involved.

Since 2005, there have been about 3,500 traffic collisions resulting in over 750 injuries annually in the urbanized area of McLean County. In the same period, over 170 people have been killed by traffic crashes — more than 12 people per year on average.

Drafted by Bloomington-Normal transportation system users, experts, and designers who volunteered their time, attention, and experience to envision the safe transportation system our community deserves, the draft Go:Safe McLean County Action Plan and brand intends to:

- Unite leaders across the McLean County transportation system with a shared framework and language for prioritizing safety.
- Eliminate fatalities and life-changing injuries from our transportation system by 2030.
- Empower citizens of the Bloomington-Normal urbanized area to participate in the transportation system.
- Bolster competitive applications for public funding opportunities.

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- Tuesday, March 23, at 6:00 pm [\[Zoom link\]](#)
- Wednesday, March 24, at 8:00 am [\[Zoom link\]](#)

MCRPC staff will serve as host and be joined by members of the Go:Safe project team and consultant. Community members are encouraged to attend any or all of these public sessions, and can preview the draft action plan at the project webpage: [mcplan.org/go:safe](http://mcplan.org/go:safe). Please contact Raymond Lai, Executive Director of MCRPC at (309) 828-4331 or [rlai@mcplan.org](mailto:rlai@mcplan.org) with questions or for additional information.

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#### 4. Community Conversations Invite and Media Outlet List



#### Direct Invites to Community Conversations

##### Organizations

Activity and Recreation Center (ARC)  
The Baby Fold  
Bloomington Housing Authority  
Bloomington Public Library  
Bloomington Township  
Bloomington-Normal Area Convention  
& Visitors Bureau  
Bloomington-Normal Economic  
Development Council  
Bloomington-Normal Sunrise Rotary  
Chestnut Health Systems  
Carle BroMenn Medical Center  
City of Bloomington  
Connect Transit  
District 87 Schools  
Faith in Action  
Federal Highway Administration Habitat  
for Humanity McLean County Heartland  
Community College  
Home Sweet Home Ministries  
Homes of Hope  
Illinois Art Station  
Illinois Department of Transportation  
Illinois State University – Center for Civic  
Engagement  
Illinois Wesleyan University  
The Immigration Project  
LIFE-CIL  
Marcfirst  
McLean County Chamber of Commerce  
McLean County – County Board

McLean County Behavioral Health Coordinating  
Council  
McLean County NAACP  
Mid Central Community Action Agency Midwest  
Food Bank  
Normal Public Library  
Normal Township  
OSF St. Joseph Medical Center  
Town of Normal  
United Way of McLean County  
Unit 5 Schools  
YMCA McLean County  
YWCA McLean County

##### Media Outlets

Cumulus Media  
Facebook (MCRPC Account)  
MCRPC Constant Contact list (1,349 individuals)  
The Normalite  
The Pantagraph  
TV 10  
Twitter (MCRPC Account)  
The Vidette  
WEEK  
WGLT  
WJBC  
WMBD  
WZND



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## 5. Community Conversations Dates, Participant Counts, and Recordings



### Community Conversations Dates and Participants

Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
10:00 – 11:45 AM Central  
Citizen Participants: 8

[Meeting Recording](#)

Tuesday, March 23<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
6:00 – 7:30 PM Central  
Citizen Participants: 14

[Meeting Recording](#)

Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
8:00 – 9:30 AM Central  
Citizen Participants: 24

[Meeting Recording](#)

Each Community Conversation also included representation from MCRPC staff, Commissioners, and the Go:Safe Project Steering Committee and Subject Matter Experts.



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## 6. Community Conversation Meeting Chat Logs - Saturday, March 20, 2021

10:05:42 From Jonathan Seiden to Everyone : mcplan.org  
10:05:47 From Jonathan Seiden to Everyone : mcplan.org/GoSafe  
10:08:08 From Jonathan Seiden to Everyone : Bob Nelson, Planning and Services Chief and Bike and Pedestrian Coordinator, IDOT District 5  
10:11:56 From Jonathan Seiden to Everyone : Patrick Dullard, President of the Friends of the Constitution Trail, also representing Bike BloNo as a cyclist  
10:23:02 From Jonathan Seiden to Everyone : "A Word on Veterans" p. 16 in the draft report  
10:28:10 From Jean LaPaze to Everyone : Thanks, Jonathan!  
10:28:27 From Jonathan Seiden to Everyone : Thank YOU, Jean!  
10:42:41 From Julie Hile to Everyone : 1 out of every 4 car accidents in the United States is caused by texting and driving. Texting while driving is 6x more likely to cause an accident than driving chemically impaired. Answering a text takes away your attention for about five seconds. Traveling at 55 mph, that's enough time to travel the length of a football field.  
10:49:07 From Tom Powers (he, him) to Jonathan Seiden(Direct Message) : Has there been research on viability of red light cameras here?  
10:52:17 From Kathleen Lorenz to Everyone : Are you planning to present to Councils? This is very interesting.  
10:53:32 From Patrick to Everyone : Is that an invitation? :)  
11:10:23 From Patrick to Everyone : Form-based code comes to mind from that effort  
11:10:44 From Kathleen Lorenz to Everyone : I remember form-based code! I was on planning commission then!  
11:10:53 From Patrick to Everyone : There was a vocal anti group  
11:11:02 From Kathleen Lorenz to Everyone : Very vocal!  
11:12:27 From Jonathan Seiden to Everyone : Target & Timeline, pp.12-14 in the draft report  
11:14:24 From Jonathan Seiden to Everyone : Go:Safe Pledge, p. 33 in the draft report  
11:20:04 From Jonathan Seiden to Everyone : Beaufort between Main and Linden is #7 on the Prioritized Street Segments in the draft report, pp. 22-23  
11:33:56 From Jonathan Seiden to Everyone : seiden@hilegroup.com

## 6. Community Conversation Meeting Chat Logs - Tuesday, March 23, 2021

18:22:02 From Kate & Timothy : BloNo road safety snapshot: It is improving, but there is significant room for improvement. Bike lanes start and stop seemingly at random, sometimes leaving bikers exposed on a roadway (ex Washington St near State Farm, Fairway Dr between Towanda and Rt 9. Excited to see the addition of bike lanes thus far, hope to see many more in the future.

18:38:37 From Tom Keller : What about overpass bridges over Veterans at Washington or Oakland as a semi cheaper option?

18:39:55 From Patrick : Overpasses are expensive for sure. I worry that without the right supporting infrastructure they would go unused.

18:42:31 From Bob Nelson, IDOT District 5 : Are you talking about pedestrian overpasses?

18:42:44 From warrenwelch : Welcome Patrick: Hope I didn't put my foot in my mouth when I spoke earlier. Made it clear I was only speaking personally and not for the organizations.

18:44:40 From Tom Keller : I was asking about pedestrian crossing, foot & bike traffic only, similar to the one on west Constitution Trail that goes over the train tracks..., more common in the suburbs up north.

18:45:32 From Bob Nelson, IDOT District 5 : Are there locations that will be used more than others?

18:45:47 From Julie Hile : Hot spot times of day are rush hour, true, but they are also dawn and dusk with comparatively murkier visibility.

18:46:08 From Patrick : Hi Doug, just joined the meeting so didn't catch your comments. Sorry.

18:47:47 From Julie Hile : Pedestrians not looking where they are going (think cell phones) can cause rear end crashes by walking into the street unpredictably.

18:47:55 From Patrick : Bob Nelson, Underpass at Sugar Creek between Clearwater and Route 9?

18:48:11 From Tom Keller : High shopping & work commute areas, College Ave, Washington/Oakland..., those combined w/the GE underpass would offer 2-3 safe spots which would be huge to connect the town via bike/foot..., just my 2 cents

18:48:54 From Bob Nelson, IDOT District 5 : Yes, is that an area to avoid? I know when I look at a map I think that is the way I would go.

18:52:47 From warrenwelch : VP between Rt. 9 and Clearwater. There is a concrete tunnel, for drainage, from IAA Dr. To Holiday Knolls. Could this be economically upgraded to a pedestrian under pass ?

18:54:28 From Bob Nelson, IDOT District 5 : I would have to check who has jurisdiction of that. I would think an upgrade could not happen until the tunnel has come to the end of its life.

19:00:27 From Tom Keller : Bob, can we ask Rivian to sponsor the resurfacing of College Ave from Main St to Rivian Prkwy? Only kidding..., kind of ;p as it's the surface of the moon out there...

19:03:09 From Bob Nelson, IDOT District 5 : That is not State jurisdiction, I think it is Town jurisdiction.

19:04:15 From Patrick : Tom, That is definitely Town of Normal. They are working on a project for College from Rivian to White Oak.

19:16:27 From Jonathan Seiden : For the record--the Patrick that was speaking to those intersections before was Patrick Dullard, not Patrick Hoban as Mary just said.

19:31:44 From Bob Nelson, IDOT District 5 : Well said Patrick. I showed 4-Hers a video of rush hour in the Netherlands and they thought it was pretty cool.

## 6. Community Conversation Meeting Chat Logs - Wednesday, March 24, 2021

08:06:26 From Jonathan Seiden to Everyone : mcplan.org  
08:06:32 From Jonathan Seiden to Everyone : mcplan.org/GoSafe  
08:11:05 From Katherine Beckett Suter- IDOT BSPE to Everyone : Katherine Beckett Suter, I work with Martha in BSPE. Having audio issues.  
08:11:20 From Bob Broad to Everyone : It's so great to have federal and state safety professionals actively involved in our county's Go Safe project!  
08:11:36 From Kelli Erickson to Everyone : I apologize, I'm having some microphone issues. I work with Katherine and Martha. My name is Kelli Erickson.  
08:13:28 From Shelly Perry to Everyone : Shelly from Connect Transit is on. I am unable to use audio due to echoing on my computer.  
08:16:12 From Bob Broad to Everyone : Very impressive graphic design in these materials.  
08:17:40 From Bob Broad to Everyone : Raise Hand is also found at the bottom of the list of participants.  
08:19:05 From Alyssa Cooper to Everyone : Students on and around campus  
08:19:06 From Mercy Davison to Everyone : Distracted driving!  
08:19:08 From Cassidy Kraimer to Everyone : Lots of one-way streets  
08:20:05 From Bob Broad to Everyone : I remember walking my children to the local elementary school and seeing occasional drivers speeding at 45mph through a school zone crowded with children.  
08:20:22 From Katherine Beckett Suter- IDOT BSPE to Everyone : Excited to see a local community concerned about transportation safety  
08:20:27 From Kathy to Everyone : Lack of bus shelters  
08:20:38 From Dave Simmons - Ride Illinois to Everyone : Bikes are  
08:21:07 From Alyssa Cooper to Everyone : Jay walking on Front St in Downtown Bloomington  
08:21:08 From Melissa Quimby to Everyone : Cyclists riding on sidewalks because the streets aren't as safe on busier roads  
08:21:25 From Dave Simmons - Ride Illinois to Everyone : Cycling and walking for transportation, not just recreation.  
08:22:19 From Melissa Quimby to Everyone : Cars not stopping at pedestrian crosses, especially near ISU. I was almost hit by a car once and never felt I could trust cars to slow down or stop again  
08:24:53 From Alyssa Cooper to Everyone : Agree with Melissa, I have had that experience too. Maybe drivers need better education about navigating cyclists  
08:25:03 From Bob Broad to Everyone : Even more dangerous than a first date!  
08:25:29 From Dave Simmons - Ride Illinois to Everyone : "Cyclists and motorist" helps to humanize the conversation, versus "bikes and cars"  
08:26:05 From tom keller to Everyone : @Bob We've all had bad first dates too ;p  
08:26:11 From Mercy Davison to Everyone : Yes, when I'm on a bicycle I'm not just a bike. I'm someone's mom and someone's wife.  
08:28:14 From philip.dick to Everyone : do cyclists include motor cyclists?  
08:28:38 From Bob Broad to Everyone : Here's the link again: mcplan.org/GoSafe  
08:29:07 From Julie Hile to Everyone : Good point re motor cyclists. Certainly they are part of this mix as members of the traveling community.  
08:29:44 From Kathy to Everyone : On the topic of motor cyclists, I was surprised to learn that they are allowed on the Constitution Trail.  
08:33:37 From Conan Calhoun to Everyone : Persons with Disabilities are not mentioned all that much  
08:34:22 From Conan Calhoun to Everyone : Need Audible Traffic Signals with proper second count down  
08:34:43 From Conan Calhoun to Everyone : thank  
08:36:37 From Bob Broad to Everyone : Fascinating data and analyses.  
08:41:05 From Dave Simmons - Ride Illinois to Everyone : Solid list of priorities!  
08:43:18 From Bob Broad to Everyone : I love the strong position that "traffic deaths are preventable and unacceptable."  
08:46:33 From Bob Broad to Everyone : We're very fortunate to have the Constitution Trail as a walking / biking "trunk line" through this community. It needs to expand, but it's a great start.  
08:58:42 From Bob Broad to Everyone : "When I allow myself more time, I'm safer for everyone else and for myself."  
08:59:15 From Kellie - McLean County Wheelers to Everyone : How can relevant organizations stay connected/be brought into the continuing conversations/future efforts?  
09:00:22 From Jonathan Seiden to Everyone : Thanks, Kellie! You can go to mcplan.org/gosafe to sign up

for email updates. You can also email me and Ray at [seiden@hilegroup.com](mailto:seiden@hilegroup.com) and [rlai@mcplan.org](mailto:rlai@mcplan.org) if you want to do some more detailed planning for the Wheelers specifically

09:00:47 From Jonathan Seiden to Everyone : ^That goes for any other orgs. represented here today or not here but you know might be interested

09:00:57 From Conan Calhoun to Everyone : The use of the word vulnerable: No group of people is inherently vulnerable. If a group of people is experiencing vulnerability in a particular situation, setting, system of society, that vulnerability is being produced other people. It is entirely possible to trace how that vulnerability is produced, and who is responsible. Persons with disabilities do not see themselves as vulnerable...they see society not willing to adapt.

09:01:51 From Conan Calhoun to Everyone : Wayfinding signage that is accessible i.e. braille, raised letter/tactile, voice module.

09:02:47 From Kellie - McLean County Wheelers to Everyone : Thanks, Jonathan

09:03:14 From Bob Broad to Everyone : @Conan: Much appreciate your thoughts on the communal production of vulnerability in others.

09:03:39 From Jennifer.Sicks to Everyone : Thanks to Conan for this reminder of the importance of perspective, and the need to take in the perspectives of others regarding commonplace experience.

09:04:34 From Bob Broad to Everyone : @Tom: Yes! "The Good Neighbor Safety Bridge."

09:05:17 From Jonathan Seiden to Everyone : Yes, thank you Conan. I had never thought of it that way before. In this case, we simply meant human vulnerability to being harmed in a car crash. As human beings, we are all physically vulnerable to the kinds of force and violence created in a car crash.

09:08:13 From Conan Calhoun to Jonathan Seiden(Direct Message) : As a Disability Rights Advocate I am very aware of Word/Language association to Persons with Disabilities/Aging Population/label. Thank you for that. I would suggest/encourage the disclaimer. PWD are proud people who have seen society not willing to adapt in a greater stance. Again, thank you for the clarity

09:08:40 From Jonathan Seiden to Conan Calhoun(Direct Message) : Definitely something I will consider in the revision for the Commission. Thank you, Conan!

09:11:19 From Bob Broad to Everyone : Our discussion of Veterans Parkway reminds me of Lake Shore Drive in Chicago, where bridges and tunnels give communities access to the lake without risking their lives trying to cross speeding traffic.

09:11:52 From Conan Calhoun to Everyone : If an overpass is considered and I have sat in on that meeting, how would ADA accessibility be considered/achieved? Not only the overpass but the infrastructure leading to overpass? Just points to remember is all

09:13:14 From Jonathan Seiden to Everyone : "Over the last decade..." p.5 in the report

"A Word on Veterans Parkway" p.16

Priority Street Segments, pp. 19-25

09:19:10 From Bob Broad to Everyone : I suggest Go Safe recruit schools (public and private) and religious organizations to engage more stakeholders in this transformative conversation.

09:19:48 From Alyssa Cooper to Everyone : Cycling groups, school crossing guards?, parents of young children

09:20:52 From Conan Calhoun to Everyone : Get social agencies involved so they can blast on their listserv and social network platform.

09:21:32 From Bloomington Cycle & Fitness- Caryn Davis to Everyone : Hi Dave -

09:21:42 From Bloomington Cycle & Fitness- Caryn Davis to Everyone : LCIs should be increased in our area

09:21:46 From Conan Calhoun to Everyone : As a former Motorcycle Instructor with the State of Illinois, training goes a long ways.

09:21:50 From Bob Broad to Everyone : News media and social media will be powerful tools for bringing about this safety culture change.

09:24:05 From Dave Simmons - Ride Illinois to Everyone : Totally agree, Caryn. An LCI seminar in B-N would certainly be worthwhile.

09:24:41 From Shelly Perry - Connect Transit to Everyone : At Connect Transit. We have our onboard communication system where we could put information out on all our buses we can add video, and audio. We also have the community bus we could possibly use for community events and get out into the community.

09:24:57 From Jonathan Seiden to Everyone : LCI?

09:25:23 From Bloomington Cycle & Fitness- Caryn Davis to Everyone : League of American Bicyclists trains and certifies League Cycling Instructors

09:25:39 From Bob Broad to Everyone : This project needs to draw on Hile Group's extensive expertise in bringing about safety culture transformation. They may be the single most important resource available in this community to bring about the changes Go Safe seeks.

09:25:41 From Jonathan Seiden to Everyone : Ah, thank you

09:27:01 From Dave Simmons - Ride Illinois to Everyone : Ride Illinois is happy to assist. Contact me at Dave@rideillinois.org. Great information and conversation today!

09:27:04 From Carl Teichman to Everyone : Especially important as Universities bring back students to campus. Important information for the Fall.

09:27:27 From Jonathan Seiden to Everyone : 'Thank you, Dave!

09:27:57 From Kellie - McLean County Wheelers to Everyone : Ride Illinois, the state-wide bicycle advocacy organization, is a wonderful partner - I'd encourage the stakeholder list to include them.

09:28:14 From Bloomington Cycle & Fitness- Caryn Davis to Everyone : Agree

09:28:51 From Jonathan Seiden to Everyone : <https://mcplan.org/>

09:28:56 From Bob Broad to Everyone : I'm picturing quick video testimonials about how regular people have decided to change their behavior while driving, cycling, or walking, to make themselves and others safer.

09:29:04 From Julie Hile to Everyone : Thanks to everyone for participating in this important conversation this morning--and into the future. Please stand connected with Go:Safe McLean County. Let us build a safe transportation movement...

09:33:15 From Cassidy Kraimer to Everyone : I learned about this event from the MCRPC website!

09:33:17 From Mercy Davison to Everyone : Culture change is possible. It just takes a concerted effort and time. Every place that has a safe bicycle and pedestrian system had to work to get there. It doesn't just happen.

09:33:53 From tom keller to Everyone : Gotta jump to another call but thank you for the chance to talk and share concerns.

09:34:04 From Jonathan Seiden to Everyone : Thank you Tom and all

09:34:08 From Conan Calhoun to Everyone : Thank you for invite and opportunity to be involved today.

09:34:23 From Kathy to Everyone : I think I heard about this via e-mail from MCRPC, or maybe there was a Facebook post.

09:34:25 From Dave Simmons - Ride Illinois to Everyone : Thanks everyone

09:34:29 From Melissa Quimby to Everyone : Instead of fining traffic violators, make them attend a safety class



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Welcome !



go: safe



THIS MEETING IS BEING RECORDED.

## Safety Briefing

- home hazard analysis
  - ✓ home alone?
  - ✓ means of egress
  - ✓ weather (Sunny, mild, maybe muddy...)
  - ✓ trip hazards
- emergency contact

## Safety Moment (Patrick D.)

Coming back into town on veterans @ dusk.  
Every lane full, but a pedestrian was standing  
off in the grass looking for a place to cross ...  
no infrastructure.



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## Opening: Mary + Ray

- Purpose
- Overview
- CC importance
- Quick look ahead



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Project Steering Committee	
Organization	Name
ISU	Charley Edamala
IWU	Carl Teichman
Friends of the Constitution Trail	Pat Dullard
Marcfirst	Brian Wipperman
State Farm	Ryan Gammelgard
Rivian	Zach Dietmeier
Connect Transit (Citizen's Advisory Committee)	Shirley Craig
Fox & Hounds	Vicki Tilton
Bloomington-Normal Marriott	Migidi Tembo
John M. Scott Healthcare Trust	Sue Grant
Boys & Girls Club	Tony Morstatter

**Consultant Team:**

Julie Hile, Hile Group  
Jonathan Seiden, Hile Group  
Melanie Shellito, Firebrand Co-op  
Kaye Kirsch, Firebrand Co-op

Subject Matter Expert Panel	
Organization	Name
Town of Normal (Public Works)	Wayne Aldridge
Town of Normal (Planning)	Mercy Davison
Normal PD	Asst. Chief Steve Petrilli
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City of Bloomington (Planning)	Katie Simpson
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MCRPC	Ray Lai
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McLean County Health Dept.	Lucy Alvarez
District 87	Brian Evans
Unit 5	Dayna Brown
Economic Development Council	Patrick Hoban







turn-offs to left + right

Veterans is dangerous  
(for all modes)

expanding #  
of modes

narrow streets,  
kids playing

### Bloomington - Normal Transportation Safety

emergency  
vehicles all  
the time

municipal elections  
coming up April 6:  
ask your candidates!

Not on a strict  
grid - can be  
hard to navigate

Broadway + Beaufort  
(angled intersection)

even dogs are  
suspicious until  
full stop

lack of light  
on sidewalks

"If I can't go on the Trail,  
I don't go."

crossings tough

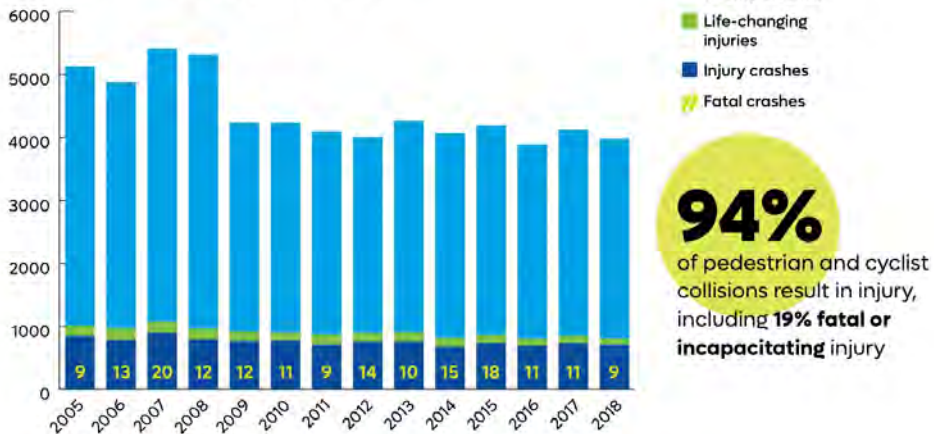
Uneasy about cycling in town:  
lack of trust + "natural animosity"  
between drivers + cyclists



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## Zero fatalities or life-changing injuries by 2030

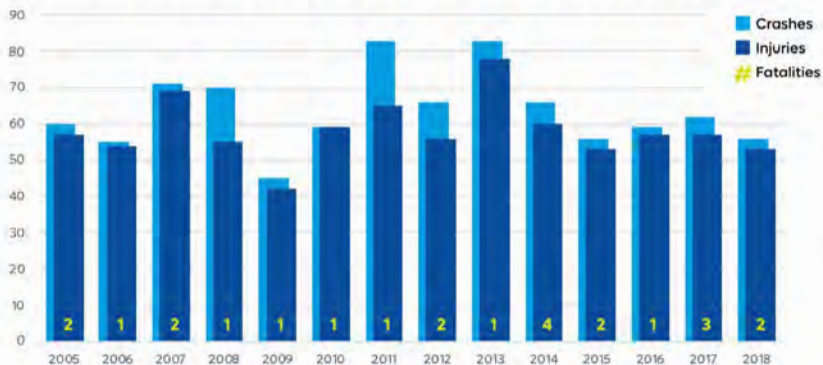
### Crash and injury tracking



### County / State / U.S. Comparison

	Crashes			Fatalities			Injuries		
	2005	2018	% change	2005	2018	% change	2005	2018	% change
McLean	4191	3181	-24%	9	9	+0%	865	714	-17%
Peoria	6302	4586	-27%	11	19	+73%	1355	1122	-17%
Sangamon	6351	5101	-20%	24	20	-17%	1405	1140	-19%
Champaign	4686	3566	-24%	15	18	+20%	999	844	-16%
Illinois	421522	319146	-24%	1233	951	-23%	79425	67453	-15%
U.S.A.	6,159,000	6,734,000	+9%	39,189	33,654	-14%	1,816,000	1,894,000	+4%

## Pedestrian and Cyclist Crashes, Injuries, and Fatalities



### Known Threats

- Distracted driving
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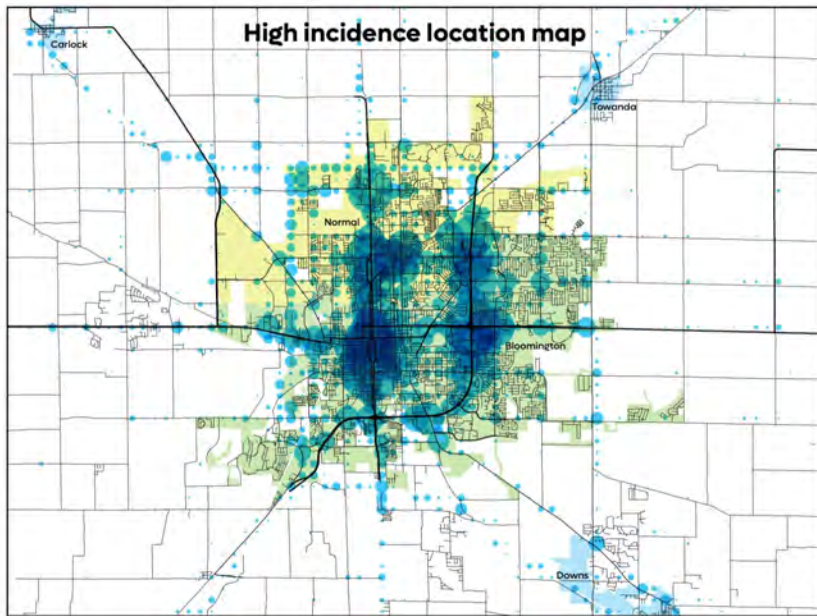
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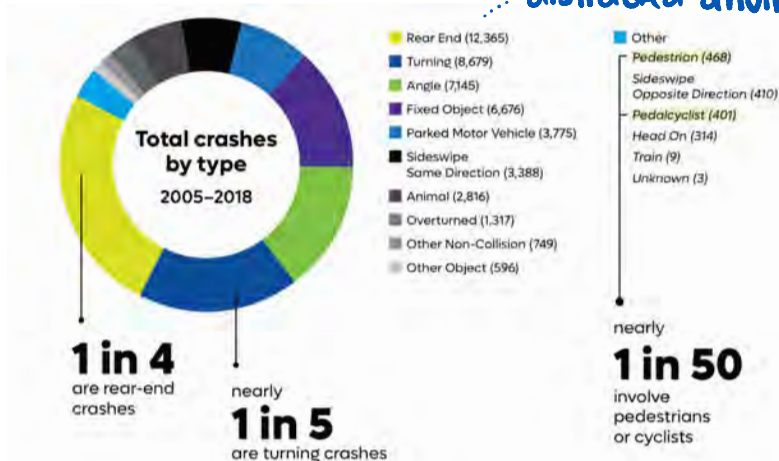


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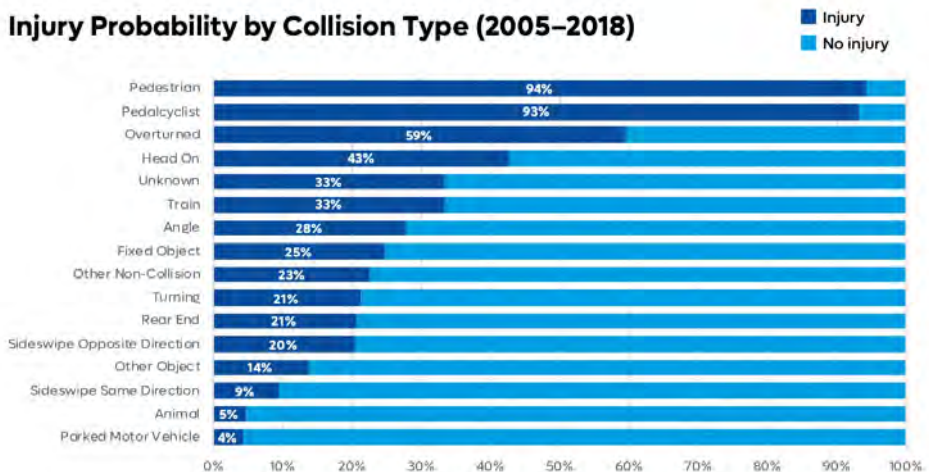
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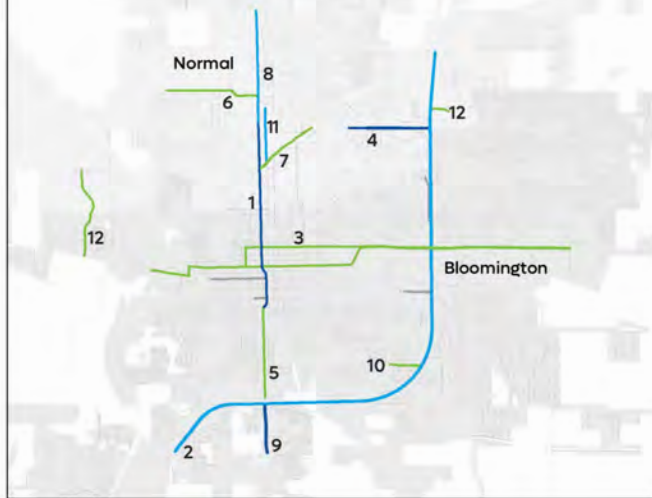
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- Distracted driving
- Speeding
- Running traffic lights and stop signs (vehicles, motorcycles, bicycles)

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- A library of people's transportation stories, transportation safety educational modules, and a list of local experts available for speaking engagements
- Starter kit
- Bus wraps
- Window clings
- Bus stop art
- Backpack stickers
- Yard signs





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## community conversations

written comments,  
too! (3/26 @ 4 pm)

— joint session?

- Bring this before Council(s)?
  - ↳ After 4/7 adoption by MCRPC, we want as many jurisdictions as possible to come together to implement.
- Go: Safe can be a good intro to the idea of smart, complete streets
- This data is firepower to advocate for doing things the right way (even if not quickest/easiest)
  - benchmark?
- West Lafayette, IN rethink of streets around campus reduced need to “frogger” across
  - ↳ Jurisdictional transfer, public - private collaboration



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- This is a chance to rethink "get thru as fast as possible" approach when state routes when they hit a city.
- Main St. comes up often – it's an ongoing discussion that is now expanding to include the public
  - ↳ new transfer center in Downtown Bloomington
- BlNo drivers seem unusually befuddled by yield to pedestrians + cyclists @ Trail crossings.
  - ↳ This is a culture change project. BE THE CHANGE! Model behavior.
  - ↳ Slowly evolving, but seeing some progress
- Beaufort+ diagonal = #1 priority street segment



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# make Go:Safe a part of your community



- ❑ Ask candidates about long-range infrastructure.  
(Potholes aren't the primary cause of incidents + injuries in B-N.)
- ❑ Combined session of Councils?
- ❑ Get schools involved — US, DB7, ISU, IWU, HCC...  
Walk + bike to school events, Day of Play, Bike Rodeo. "How do I get that at my school?"
- ❑ Danish Cycling Federation visitor this summer



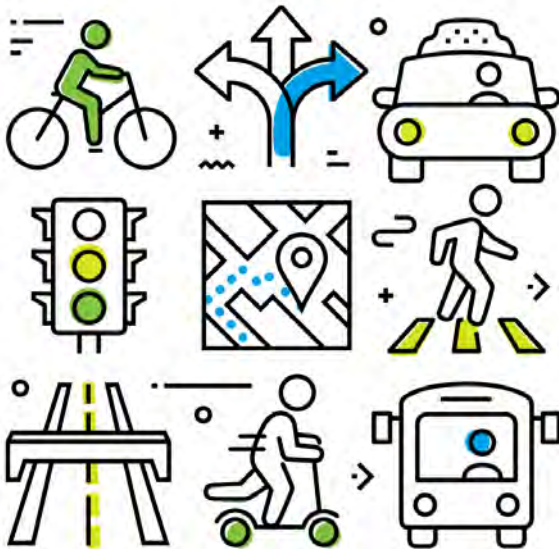
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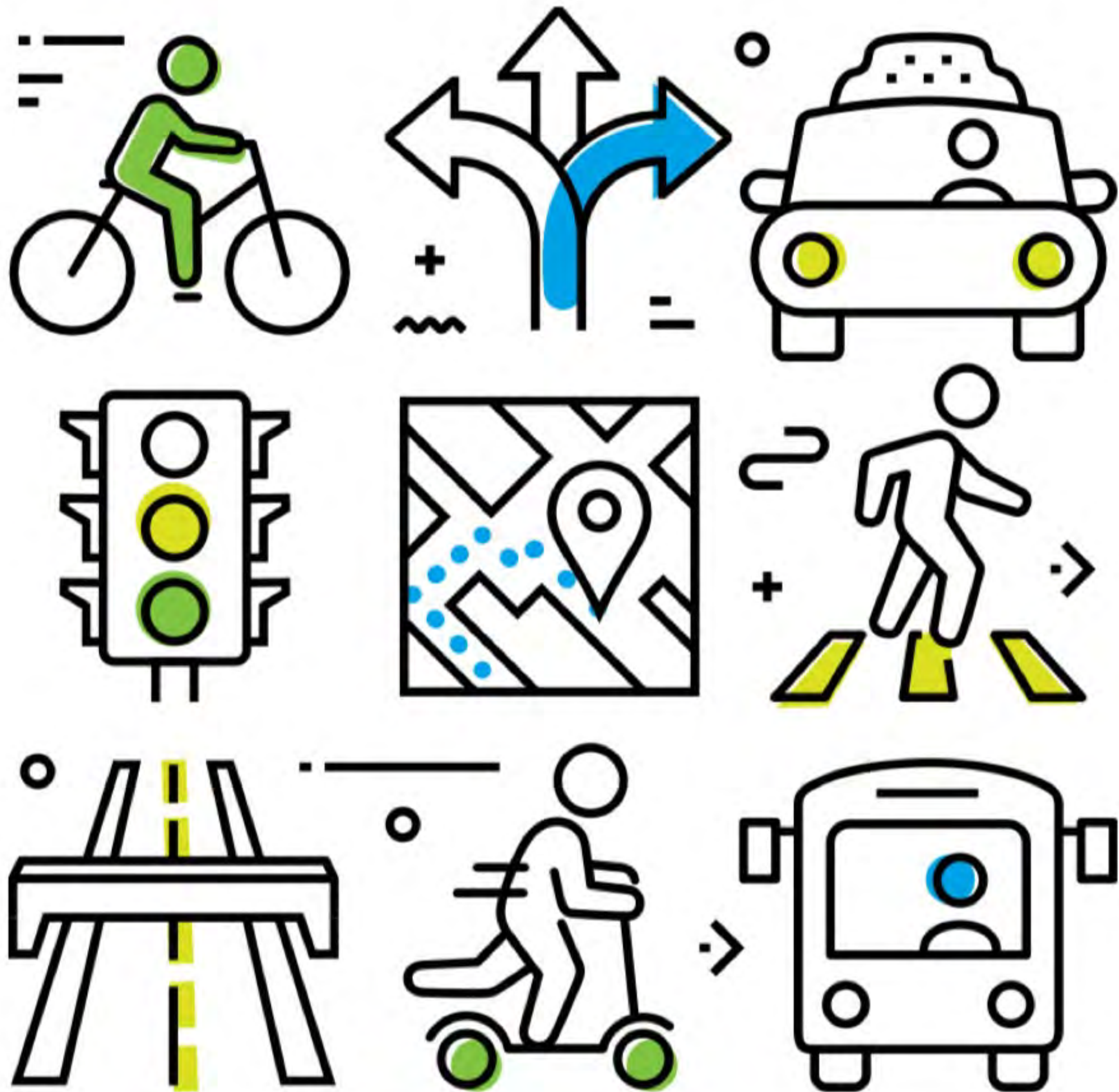
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Welcome !

first row







THIS MEETING IS BEING RECORDED.

## Safety Briefing

- home hazard analysis
  - ✓ home alone?
  - ✓ means of egress
  - ✓ weather (rainy! muddy...) Happy Spring!
  - ✓ trip hazards
- emergency contact

## Safety Moment (Carl T, IWV)

Main St. sees a lot of student pedestrians and a lot of 30+ mph speeds — dangerous combo. Opt to cross at an intersection if at all possible when a pedestrian and keep an eye out (+ slow down!) for pedestrians when driving.  
└ + cyclists



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## Opening: Mary + Ray

- Thank you for coming!
- Go: Safe is the culmination of a collaborative, multi-modal project
- Improve the system for all users
- Building on work started in 2017
- Opportunity to gather reactions, insights, ideas, and input from you!
- This is also the beginning: we're working to achieve 0 fatalities and life-changing injuries by 2030



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Marcfirst	Brian Wipperman
State Farm	Ryan Gammelgard
Rivian	Zach Dietmeier
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Fox & Hounds	Vicki Tilton
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**Consultant Team:**  
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Subject Matter Expert Panel	
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Town of Normal (Public Works)	Wayne Aldridge
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bike lanes  
(sometimes there,  
sometimes not)

Fairway Dr  
btwn Towanda + Rq

Washington St  
near State Farm

## Bloomington - Normal Transportation Safety

The Trail!

Students crossing  
around campuses

bicycling community

Veterans Pkwy - crossing is hard.  
Are crosswalks enough? What's feasible?

kids biking  
to Colene Hoose

yields @  
crossings

walking as  
transportation mode

repainting crosswalks

Parking lot crosswalks, too.

SLOW. DOWN.

interactions w. the deaf  
community (esp. children)

signs mean things!  
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Public education on  
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Angela Dr + Vernon:  
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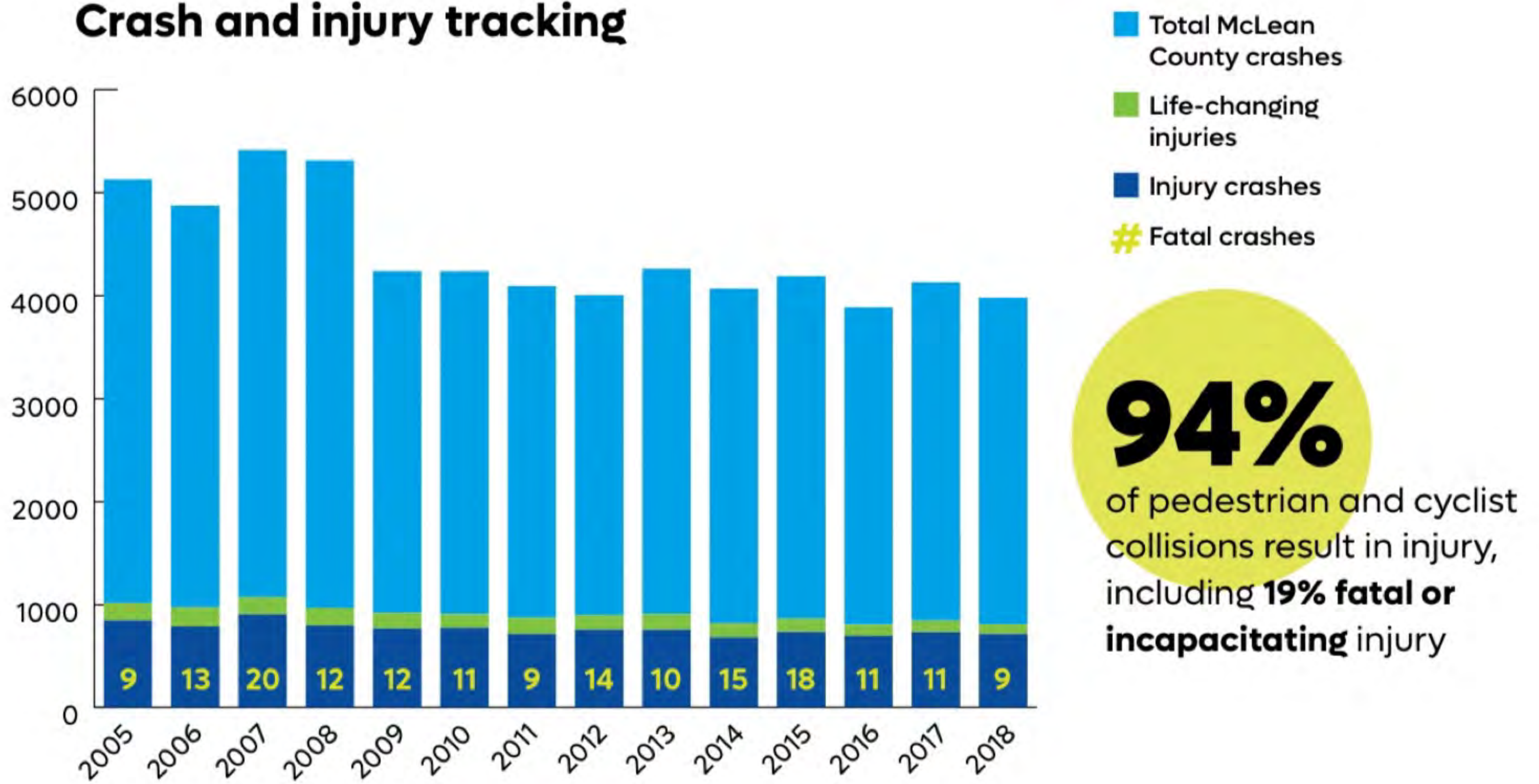


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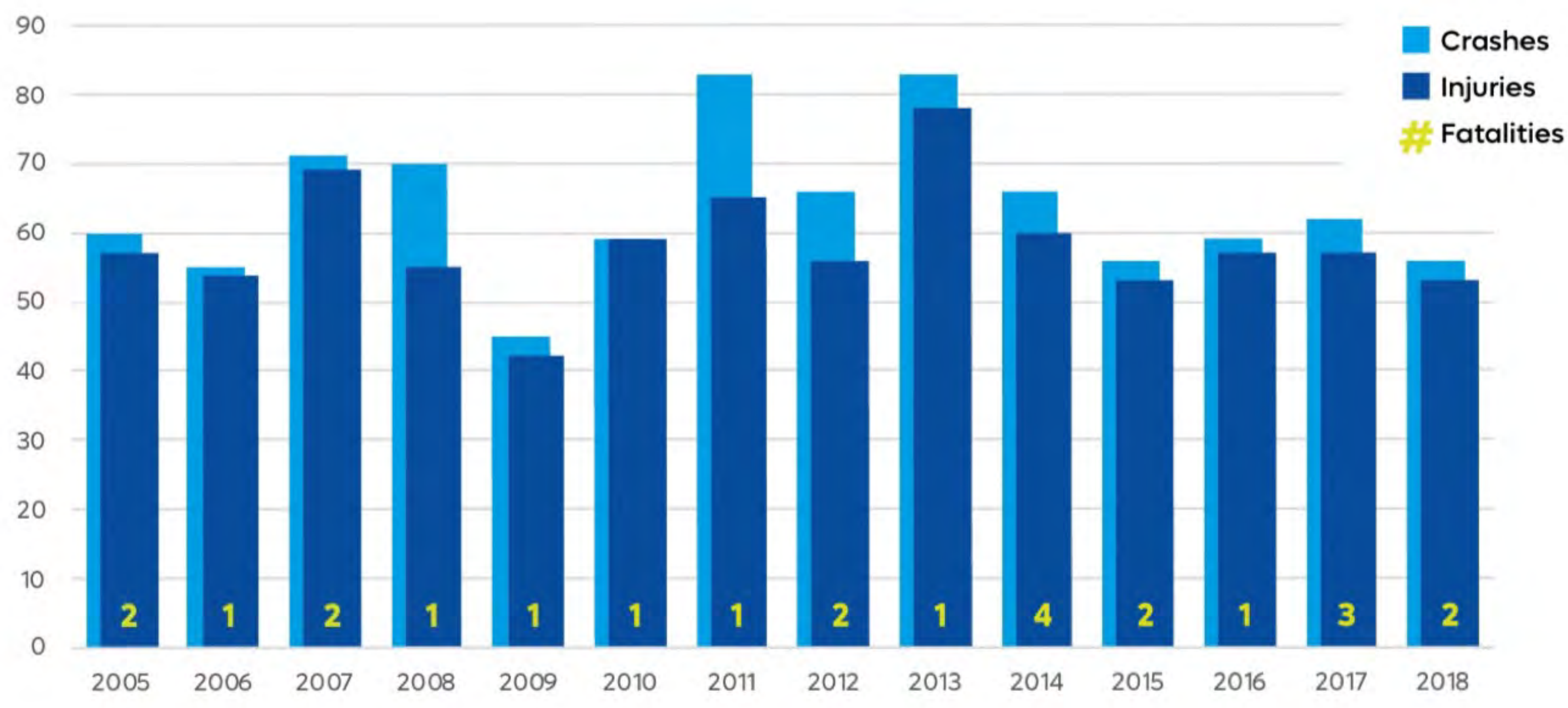


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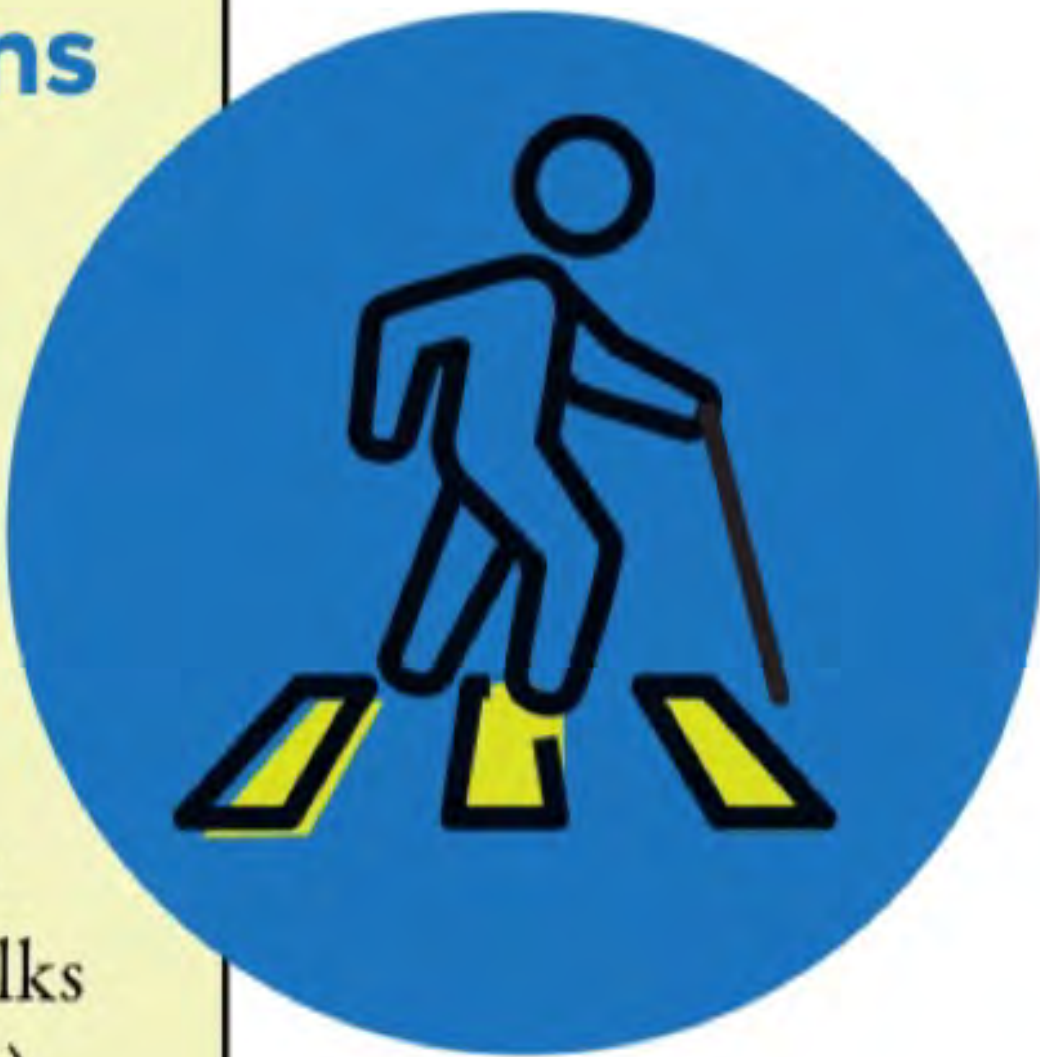


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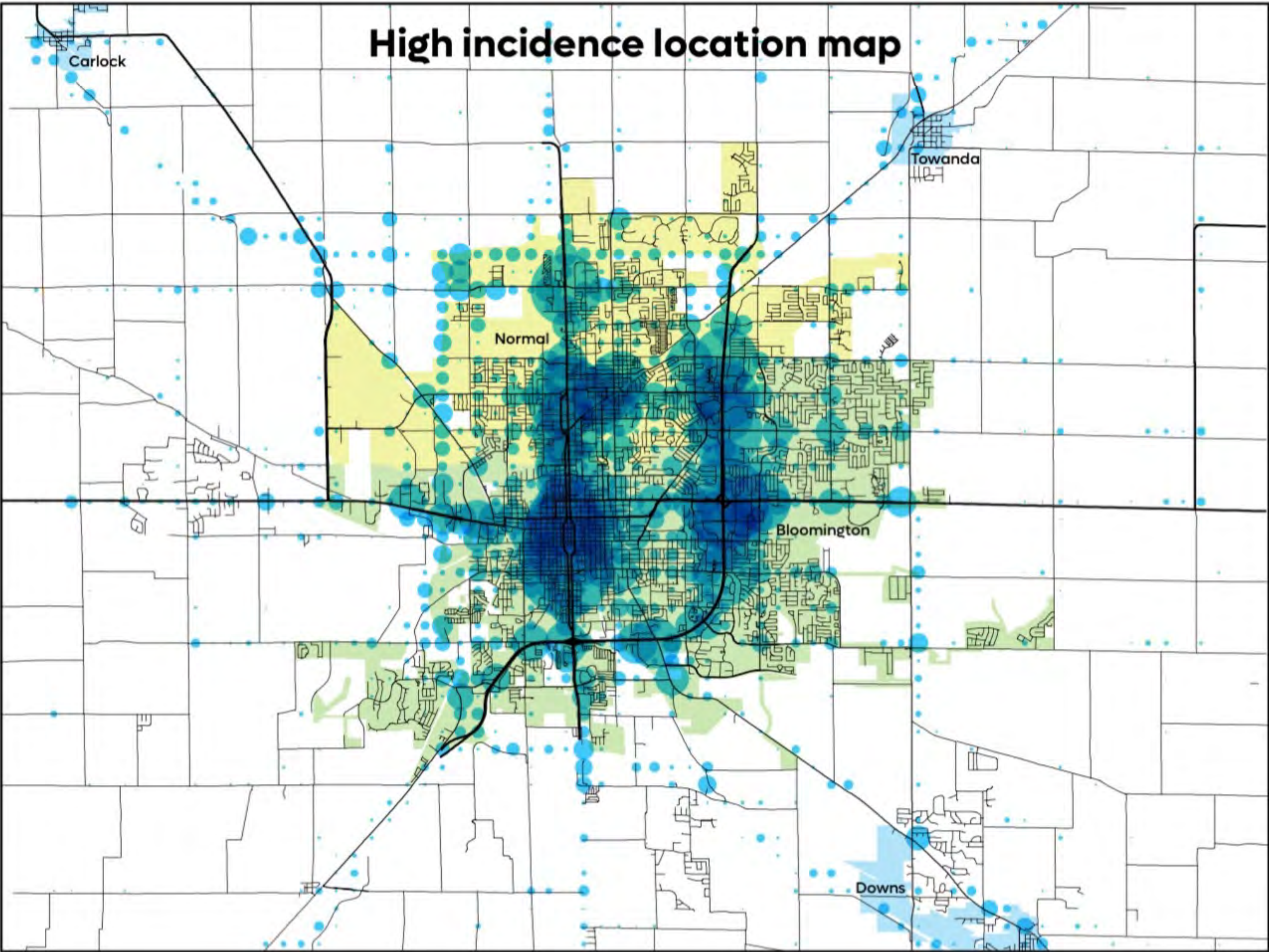


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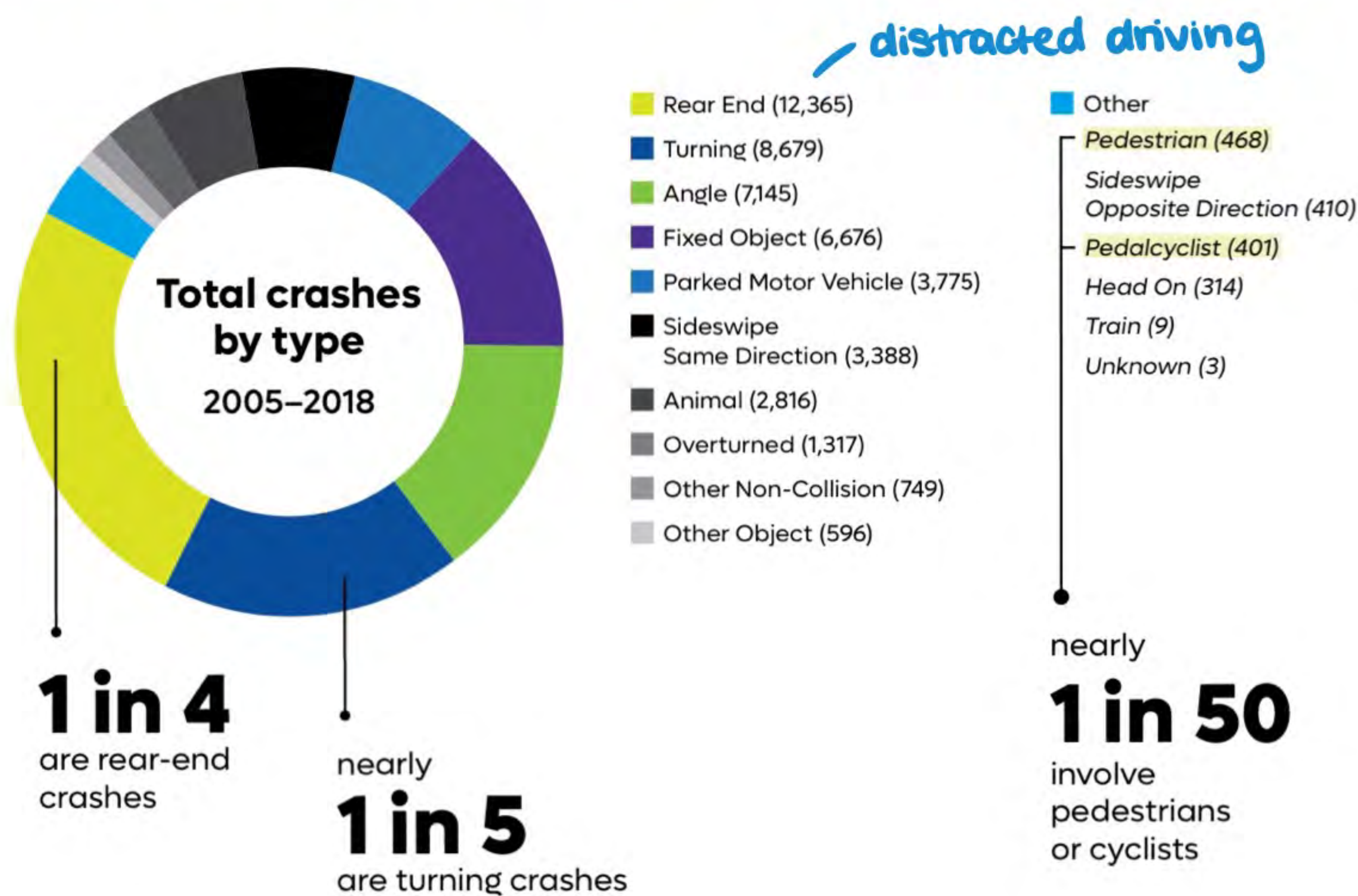


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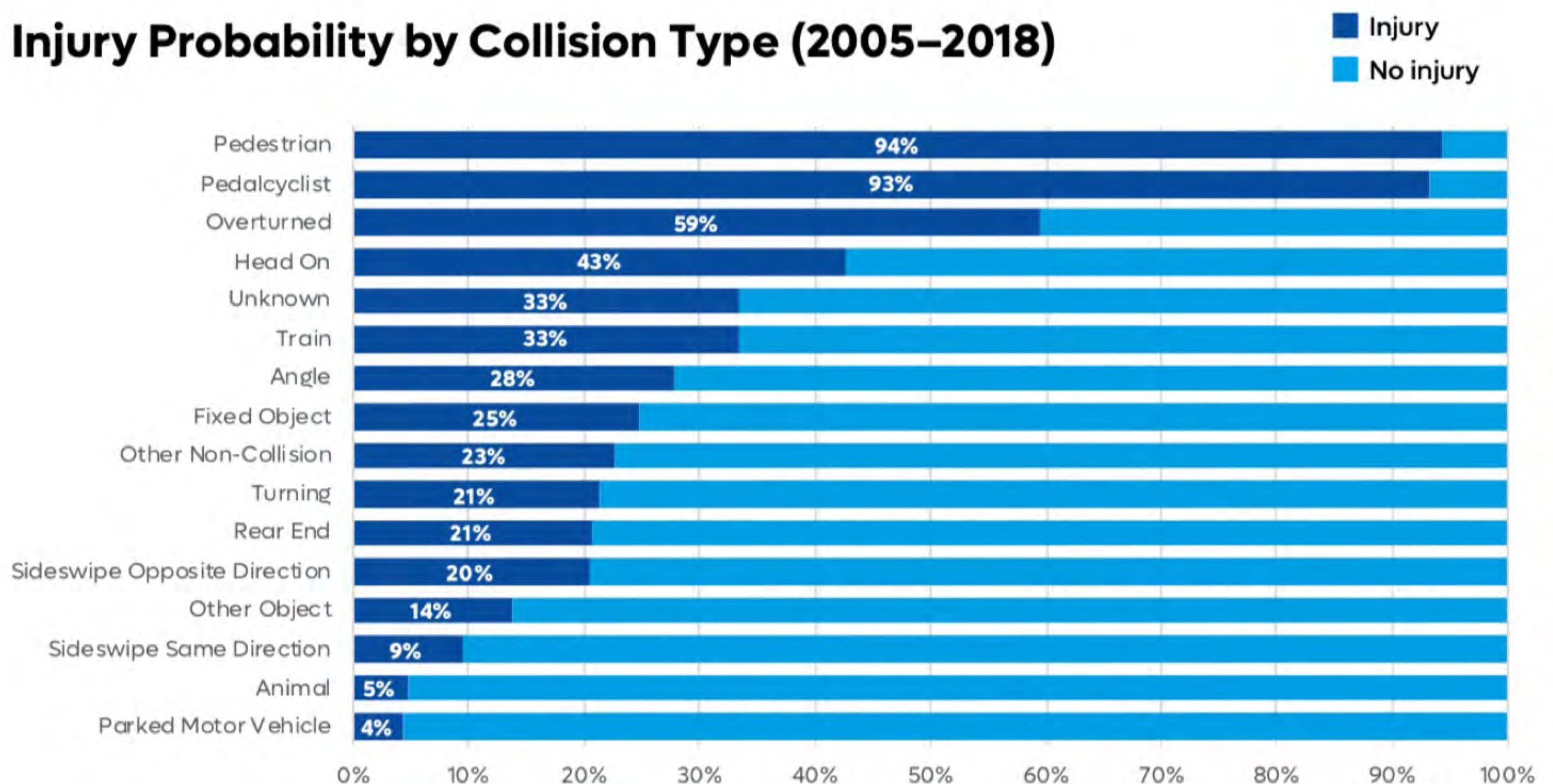
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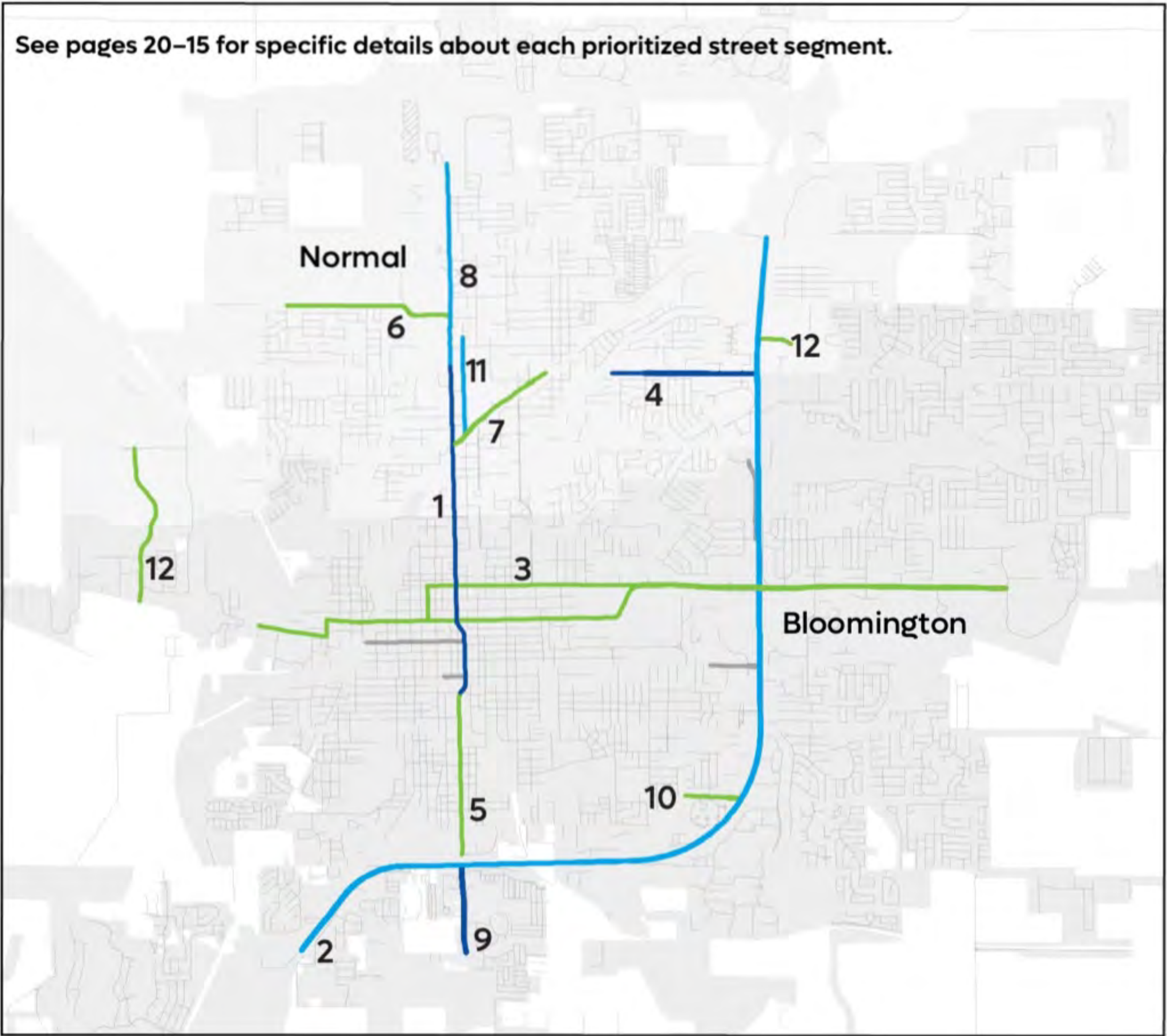


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**Before you drive, check the list:**

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- Side mirrors adjusted
- Seat belts buckled
- Doors locked
- Seat adjusted
- Steering wheel adjusted
- GPS set and functioning
- Feet clear of bags and stuff on the floor
- Back and side windows free of obstructions
- Cell phone out of reach
- Food or snacks out of reach
- Radio/music set to prevent distraction
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- Passenger(s) asked to limit distractions
- Mind on route of travel, not on destination

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**Car visor checklist**

Reinforce good safety habits every time you get in the car.

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SEND TO BOB

- Crossing veterans: maybe not at arterial roads? Trail underpass — what other key

→ access points?

What opportunity to piggyback on other infrastructure (underpass w. creek)?

Divide and conquer!

When designed, pedestrians + bikes were an afterthought. Times have changed.

- Towanda Barnes is starting to be another "veterans"-type used-to-be-bypass that now has development to the east + pedestrian crossing.
- Zoning + auto-friendly businesses influence intersections
- Traffic is largely single-occupancy vehicles. To drop a lane, we must take the bus!







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McLean County

## community conversations

- Bring "Don't cross Michigan Ave." down I-55:  
public education is key!
- Towanda Barnes is kind of terrifying, wild west  
(east) feel out there.



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# make Go:Safe a part of your community



- schools! Pre-K thru 12 + colleges/universities  
(parents + students alike) → transportation orientation
- Friends of the Trail as partner for multi-modal transportation education (we've got trailers of bikes!) before driving age to raise well-rounded, transportation-informed citizens
- pedestrian commuters (of all ages)
- larger employers (esp. lean into remote work options)
- homeowners + business owners
- US! Let's shovel our walks! (And our neighbors', for extra credit) ↘ snow removal
- Bob! He can guide us re feasibility.
- The Library - BPL.
- The Danish Cycling Federation! 🇩🇰
- Other social/cultural organizations within the Indian and other communities



community  
conversations



Seiden @ hilegroup.com

rlai @ mcplan.org

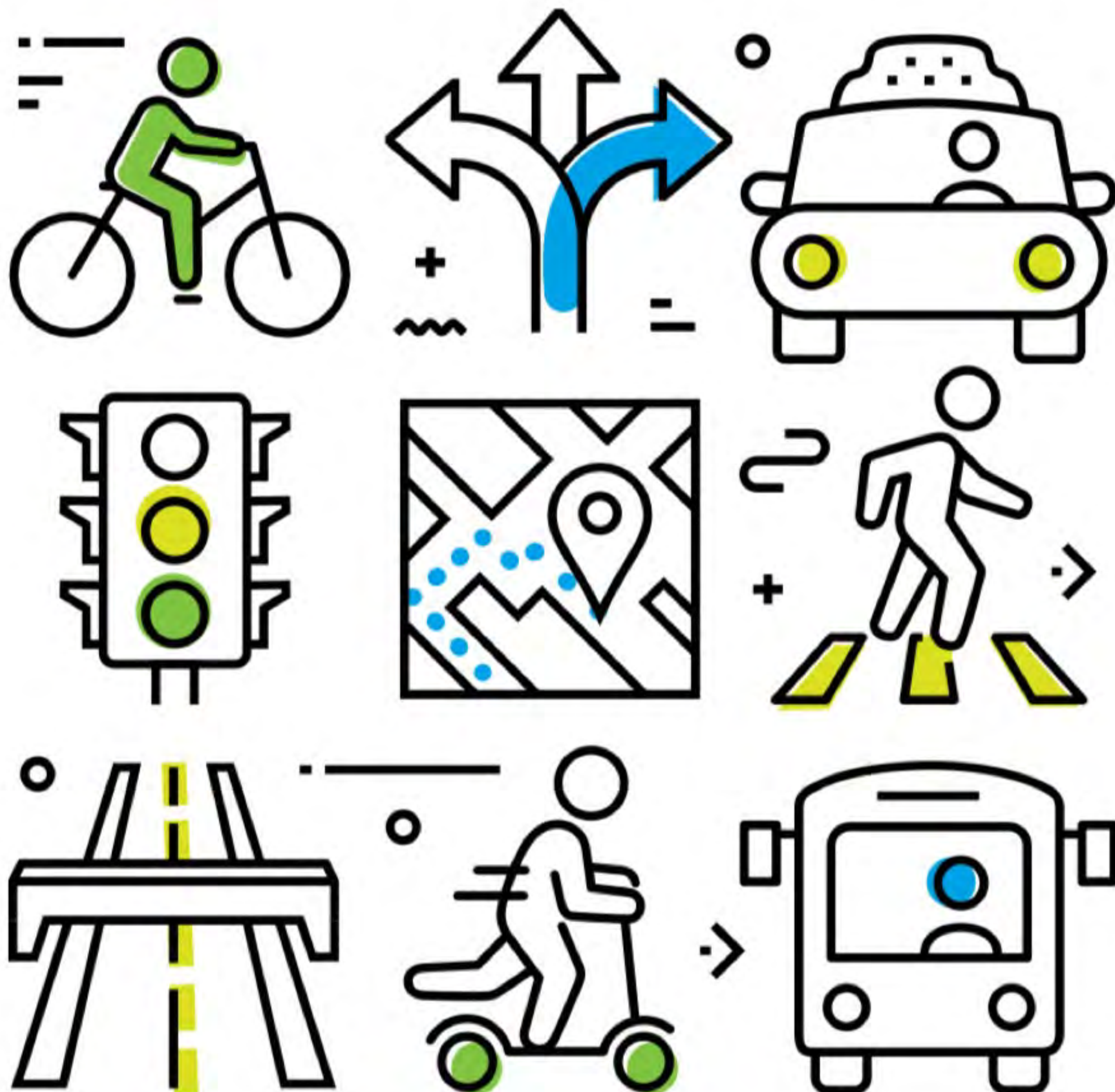
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Upcoming Conversations:

Wednesday, March 24 @ 8:00 am

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Visit [www.mcplan.org/gosafe](http://www.mcplan.org/gosafe)

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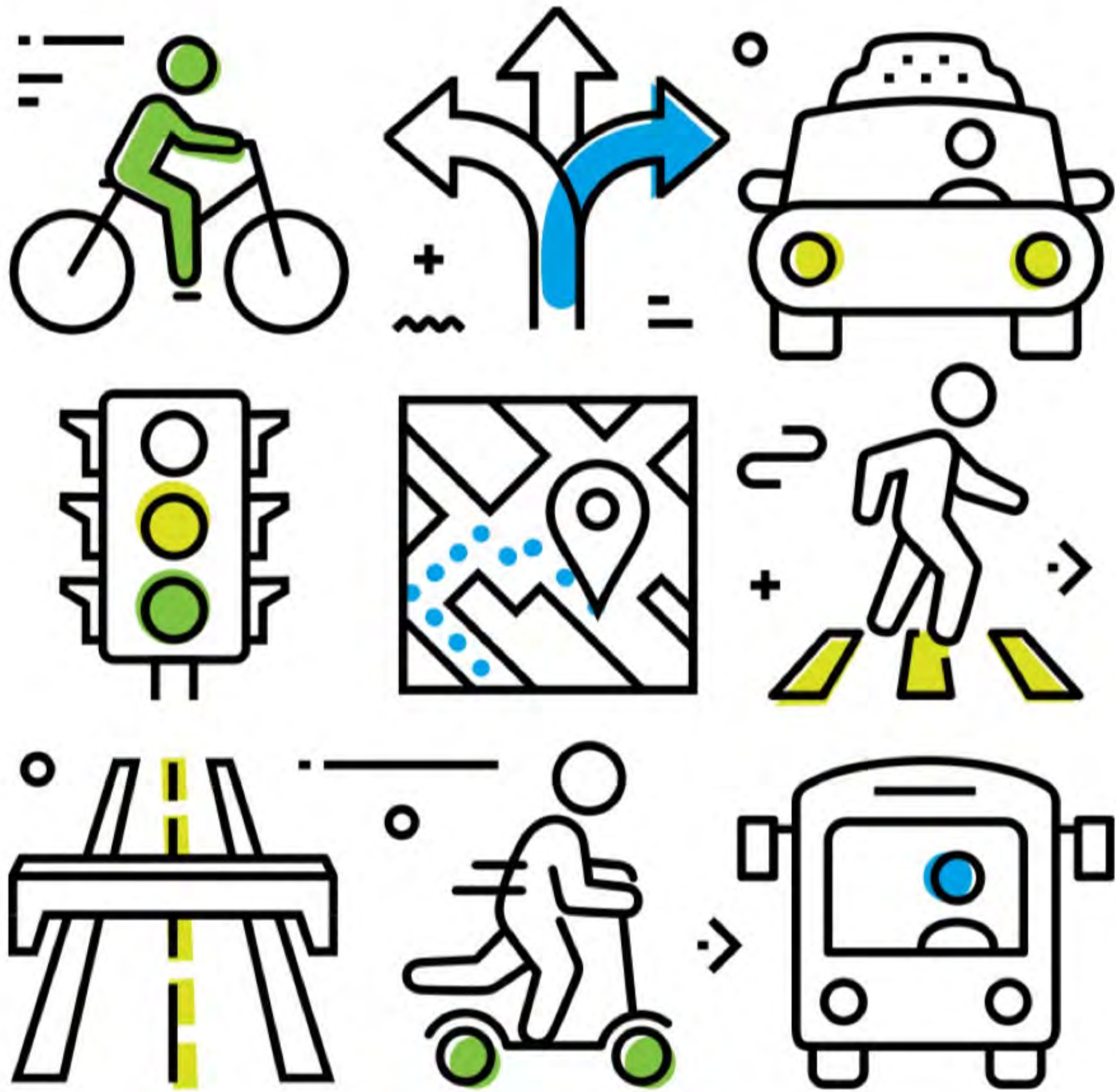


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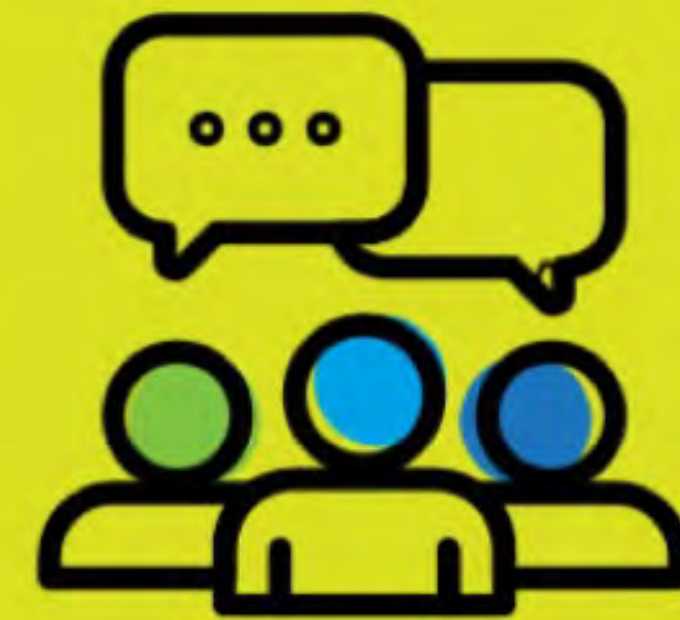


Welcome !

first stop







THIS MEETING IS BEING RECORDED.

## Safety Briefing

### - home hazard analysis

✓ home alone?

✓ means of egress

✓ weather (cloudy, mild, muddy)

✓ trip hazards

Happy Spring!

### - emergency contact

## Safety Moment (Patrick H.)

BNEDC is right on a corner that sees many uncontrolled pedestrian crossings, lots of ISU student + parent traffic.



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## Opening: Mary + Ray

3,500 crashes  
750 injuries  
12 deaths / yr

- Culmination of multi-modal, collaborative effort to improve all users' experience w. the system + eliminate fatalities + life-changing injury
- Building on work started in 2017
- Seeking your comments + input
- This is really a kick-off! This is the beginning of a movement + implementation effort.



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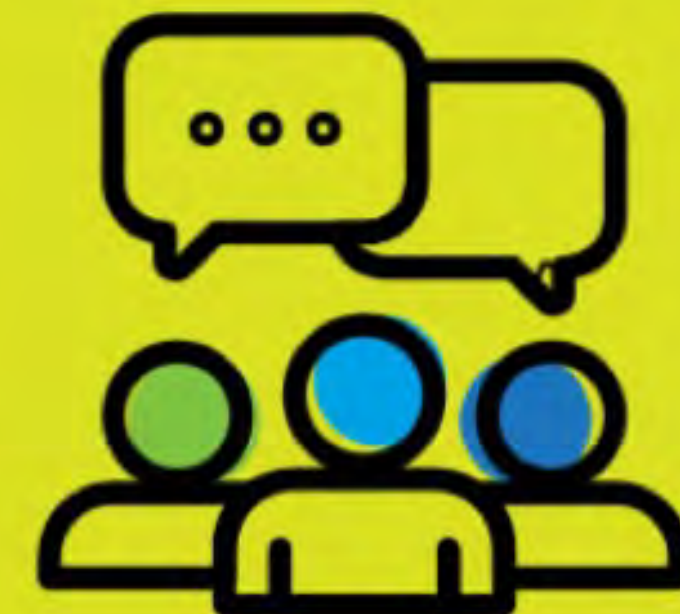
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ISU	Charley Edamala
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Friends of the Constitution Trail	Pat Dullard
Marcfirst	Brian Wipperman
State Farm	Ryan Gammelgard
Rivian	Zach Dietmeier
Connect Transit (Citizen's Advisory Committee)	Shirley Craig
Fox & Hounds	Vicki Tilton
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John M. Scott Healthcare Trust	Sue Grant
Boys & Girls Club	Tony Morstatter

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 Jonathan Seiden, Hile Group  
 Melanie Shellito, Firebrand Co-op  
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City of Bloomington (Public Works)	Kevin Kothe
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McLean County (Public Works)	Jerry Stokes
McLean County Health Dept.	Lucy Alvarez
District 87	Brian Evans
Unit 5	Dayna Brown
Economic Development Council	Patrick Hoban







students on + around campus

## Bloomington - Normal Transportation Safety

cycling on  
sidewalks where  
roads unsafe

one-way streets

cycling commutes

not enough bus shelters  
(1 or 2 seats not enough)

jaywalking @ Front St

distracted driving

(cycling boom!  
many more people  
out (+ some new  
cyclists) so it's  
crowded and has  
caused confusion +  
stress at crossings

(cars not stopping  
@ ped crossings near ISU

)  
lack of trust btwn  
(cars and bikes + peds

LIKE A DANGEROUS FIRST  
DATE : what are they gonna do?

45 mph in school zones!

Bikes + cars = cyclists + motorists (people!)

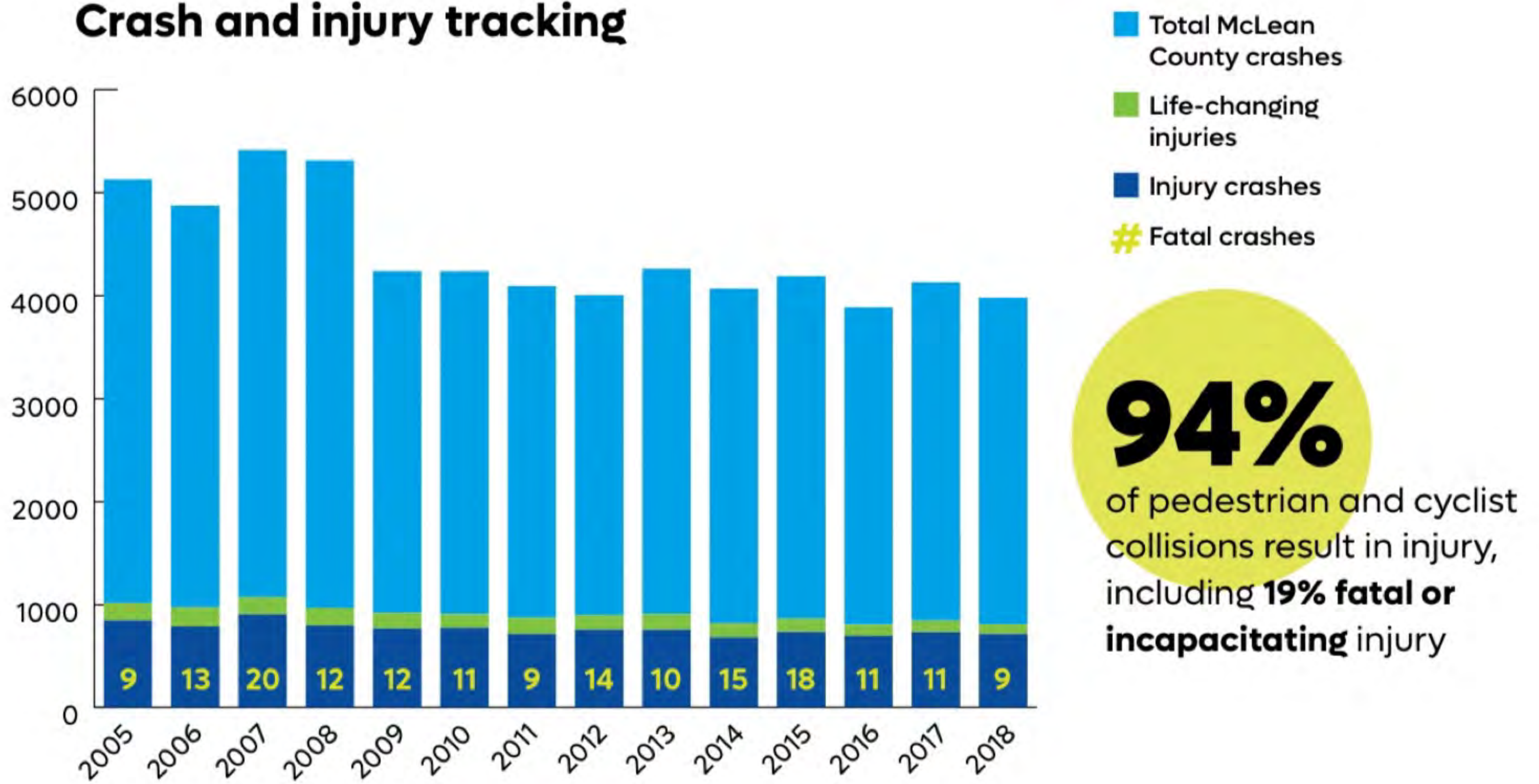


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# Zero fatalities or life-changing injuries by 2030

## Crash and injury tracking

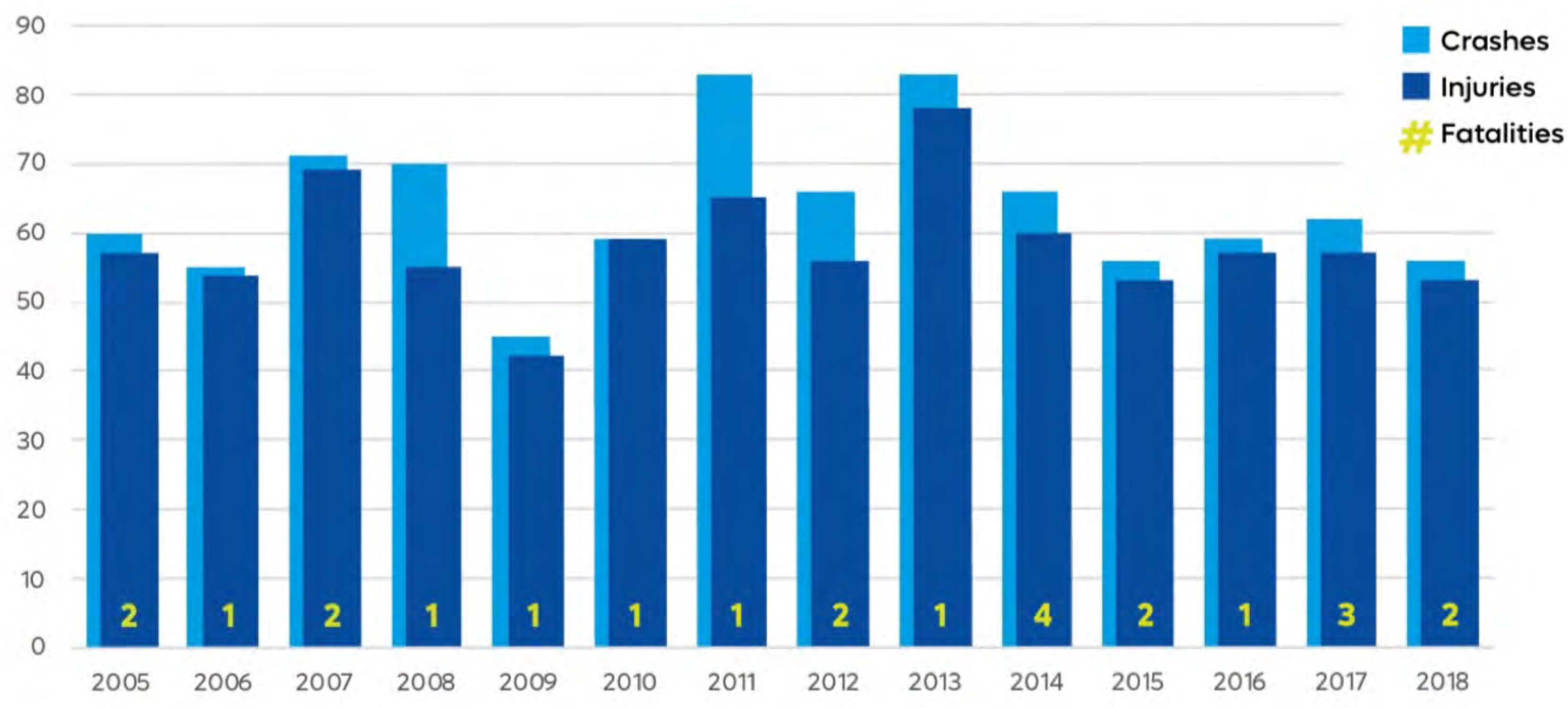


## County / State / U.S. Comparison

	Crashes			Fatalities			Injuries		
	2005	2018	% change	2005	2018	% change	2005	2018	% change
McLean	4191	3181	-24%	9	9	+0%	865	714	-17%
Peoria	6302	4586	-27%	11	19	+73%	1355	1122	-17%
Sangamon	6351	5101	-20%	24	20	-17%	1405	1140	-19%
Champaign	4686	3566	-24%	15	18	+20%	999	844	-16%
Illinois	421522	319146	-24%	1233	951	-23%	79425	67453	-15%
U.S.A.	6,159,000	6,734,000	+9%	39,189	33,654	-14%	1,816,000	1,894,000	+4%



# Pedestrian and Cyclist Crashes, Injuries, and Fatalities

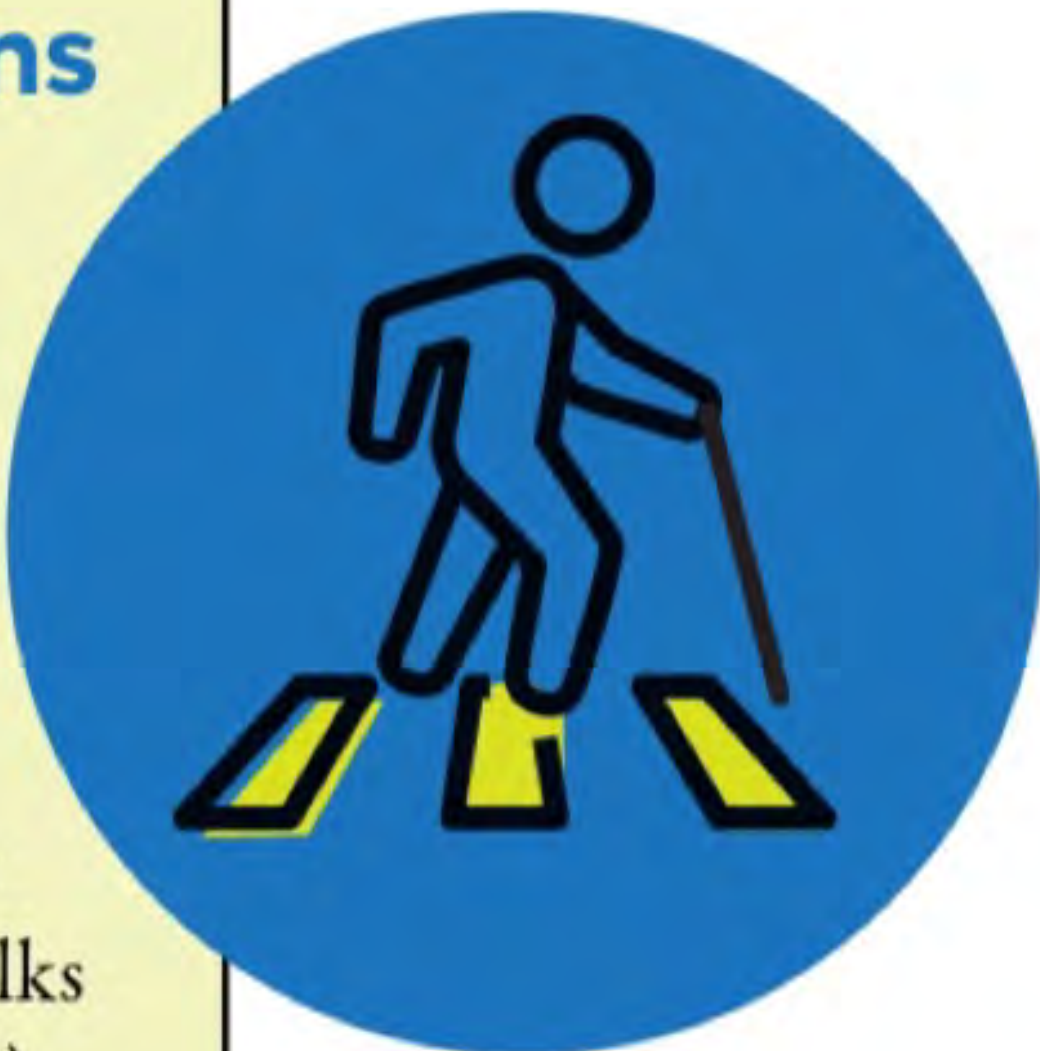


## Known Threats

- Distracted driving
- Other kinds of impaired driving
- Veteran’s Parkway
- Multiple modes at intersections
- Unclear markings at intersections

## Vulnerable populations

- Elderly
- Children
- Recent arrivals/immigrants
- People of color
- Visitors
- Anyone crossing Veterans on foot or on bike (perhaps reach these folks through employers along Veterans)



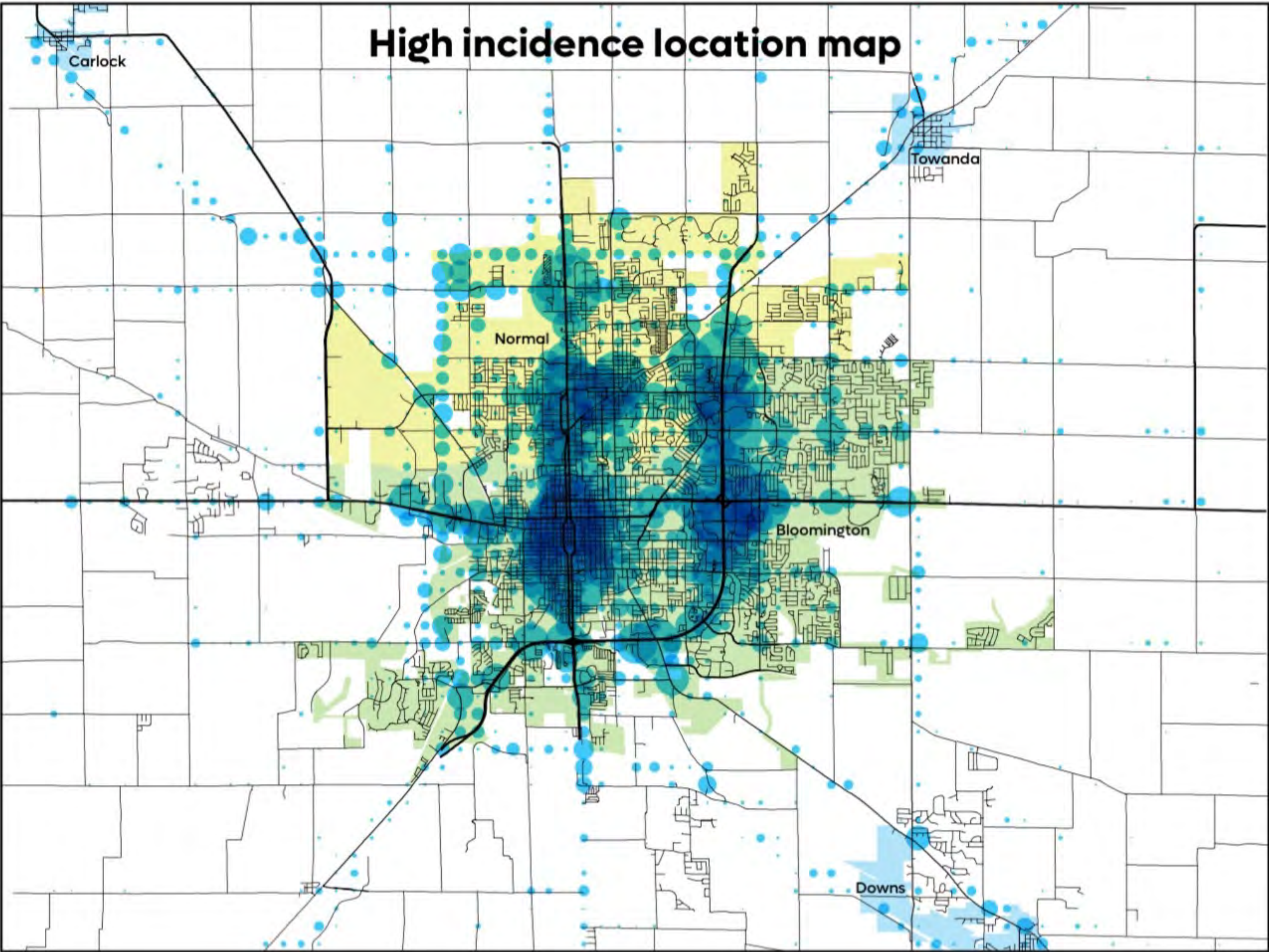
■ people living w. disabilities

Since 2005:

**3,500**

traffic collisions resulting  
in **750 injuries** and  
**12 fatalities**  
annually



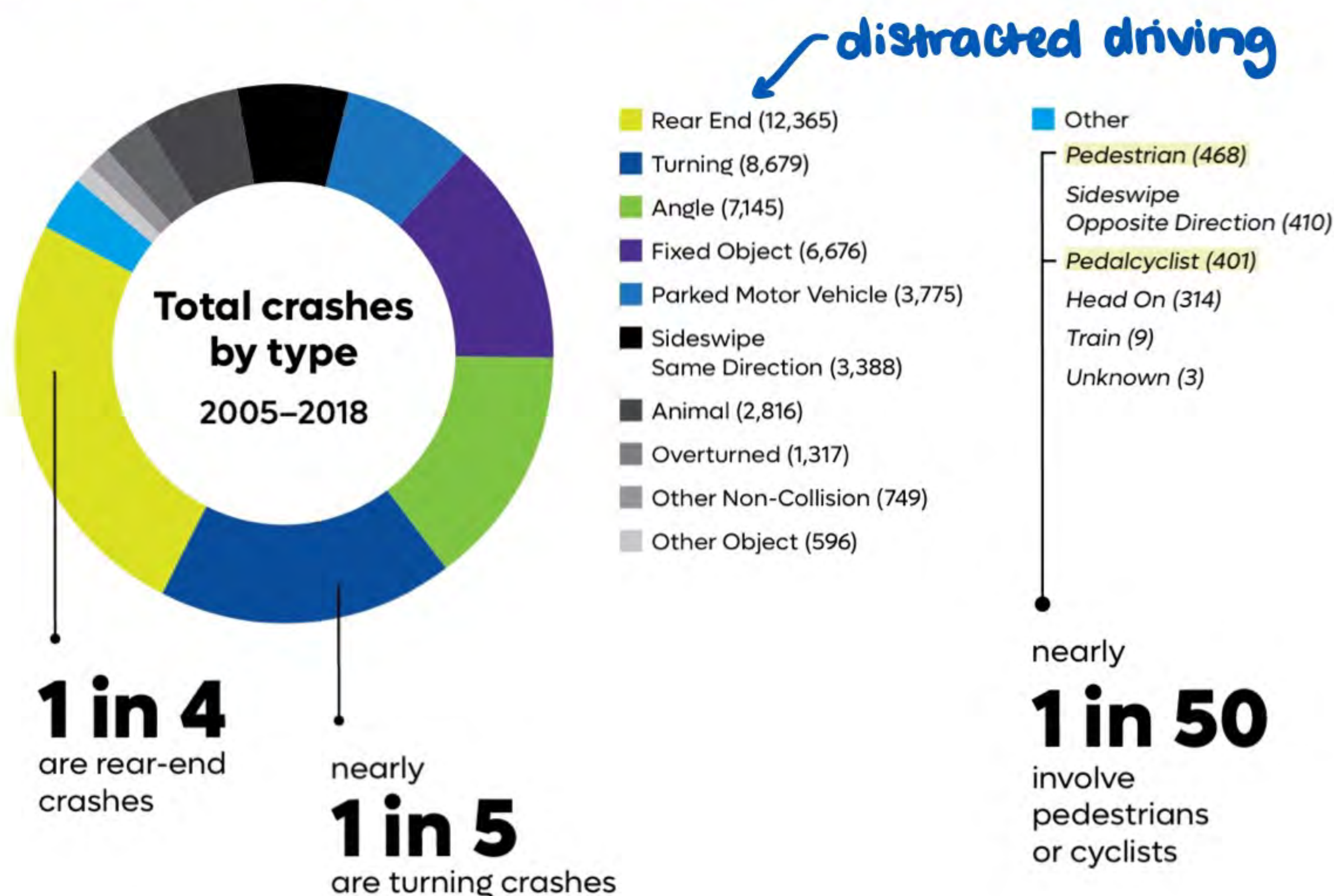


Crashes by Time/Day (2005–2018)

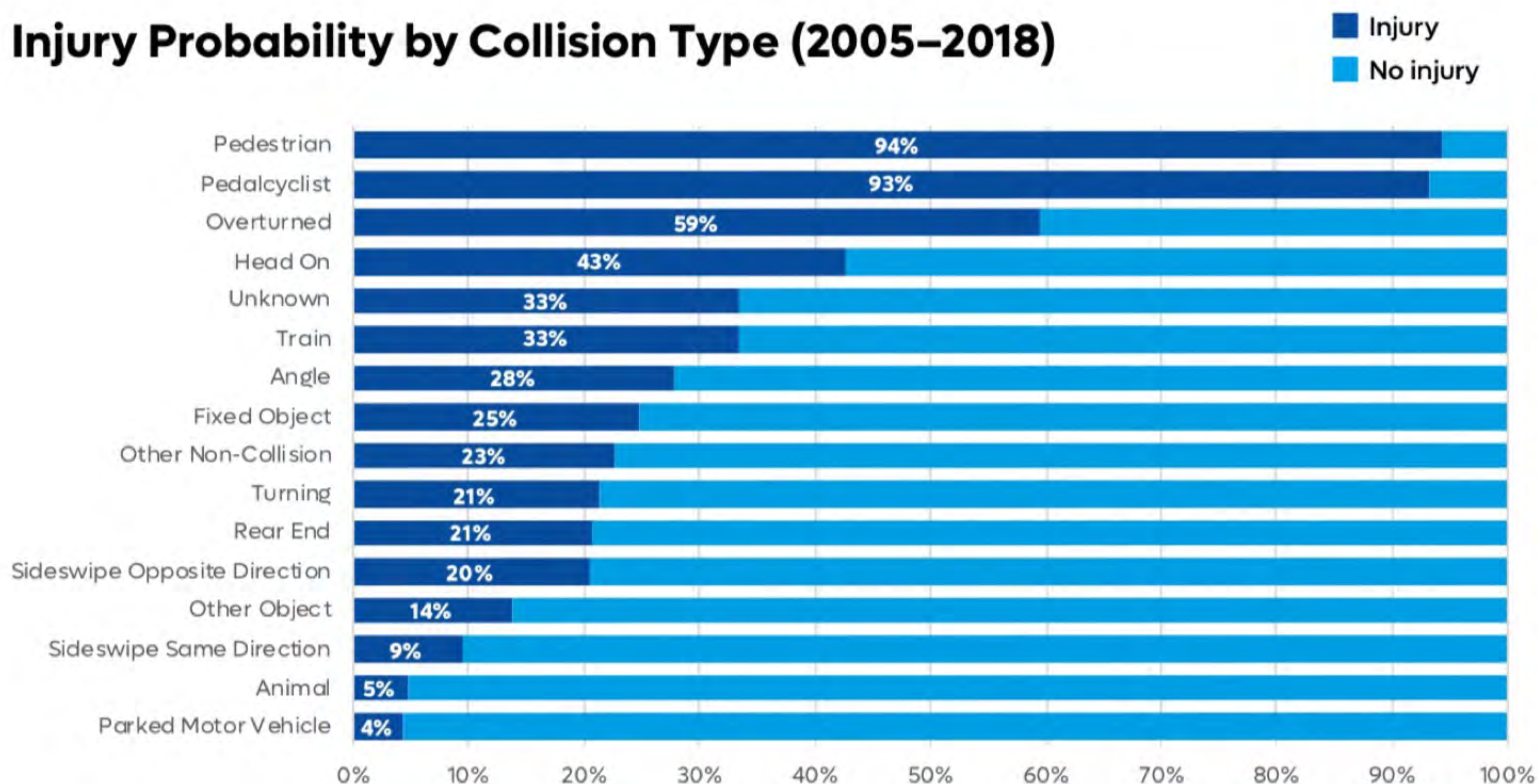
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Sun	182	184	197	107	106	84	93	125	136	180	227	275	327	310	297	324	356	312	298	274	227	199	153	107
Mon	96	73	37	56	61	107	231	486	392	271	288	384	425	361	402	636	642	686	403	258	231	205	149	105
Tue	85	72	50	40	51	87	216	550	425	278	342	397	454	376	391	626	694	767	422	294	231	201	141	105
Wed	88	78	55	44	49	95	202	532	446	274	276	393	427	391	391	594	730	758	435	293	264	218	128	130
Thu	98	109	68	46	57	85	192	477	432	278	298	367	469	438	409	603	734	662	428	292	261	224	181	138
Fri	140	115	82	70	65	84	205	484	385	295	336	476	500	554	556	735	733	681	497	343	307	328	271	212
Sat	189	208	200	110	84	92	112	162	222	276	360	433	467	413	437	427	405	409	350	306	247	265	256	230
TOTAL	878	839	689	473	473	634	1251	2816	2438	1852	2127	2725	3069	2843	2883	3945	4294	4275	2833	2060	1768	1640	1279	1027

Over 20% of crashes occur on weekdays between 3PM and 6PM





## Injury Probability by Collision Type (2005–2018)



**Increasing the number of people contributing to and learning from the data our transportation system generates and welcoming diverse representatives into discussion will support a **comprehensive and equitable approach** to safe transportation planning.**



# Go:Safe priorities

**EQUITY.** The processes, strategies, and outcomes of Go:Safe must serve *all* system users, particularly vulnerable and traditionally underserved populations.

**EDUCATION.** Go:Safe will promote information exchange that will not only raise awareness about traffic safety but also spur individuals and institutions to change their behavior on the streets.

**ENFORCEMENT.** The rules of the road, especially those against unsafe speeds, must be enforced fairly and reliably while maintaining vigilance against bias or inequity.

**ENGINEERING.** Safe transportation systems are designed for safety from the start — to calm traffic, enhance visibility, minimize conflicts, and enable safe navigation for all modes.

**EVALUATION.** Routine assessment of all safety interventions, made public and shared with decision makers, is essential for prioritizing investments and maintaining continuous improvement.

## **ENCOURAGING MULTIMODAL TRAVEL.**

Encouraging walking, biking, and riding public transit reduces Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) by automobiles, the strongest community-level predictor of traffic fatalities.\*

**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP.** Transportation system hazards extend to the long-term impacts of excessive carbon emissions. Go:Safe decisions protect the environment by prioritizing public transportation and low-emission modes.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT.** Safe transportation systems drive economic outcomes by connecting residential and commercial districts, supporting local businesses, employing local operators, and attracting talent and other resources to our community.


\* National Center for Statistics and Analysis. (2016, August). 2015 motor vehicle crashes: Overview. (Traffic Safety Facts Research Note. Report No. DOT HS 812 318). Washington, DC: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration







# core principles

- Traffic deaths are preventable and unacceptable. (not “accidents”)
  - Human life is our highest priority.
    - Preserving human life takes priority over convenience.
    - Saving lives is not expensive.
    - Bloomington-Normal’s transportation system should be safe for all users in all neighborhoods.
  - Human error is inevitable and predictable. Our transportation system should be designed to anticipate human error, so that the consequence is not death or severe injury.
  - Safe human behaviors, education, and traffic safety enforcement are essential contributors to a safe transportation system.
  - People are inherently vulnerable, and speed is a fundamental predictor of crash survival. Our transportation system should be designed for speeds that protect human life.
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# 5-year Go:Safe strategy & recommendations

There are no silver-bullet measures that will guarantee success. Go:Safe will engage diverse stakeholders in a multi-pronged strategy built on **infrastructure**<sup>1</sup>, **data, research, and technology**<sup>2</sup>, and **community culture change**<sup>3</sup> tactics.



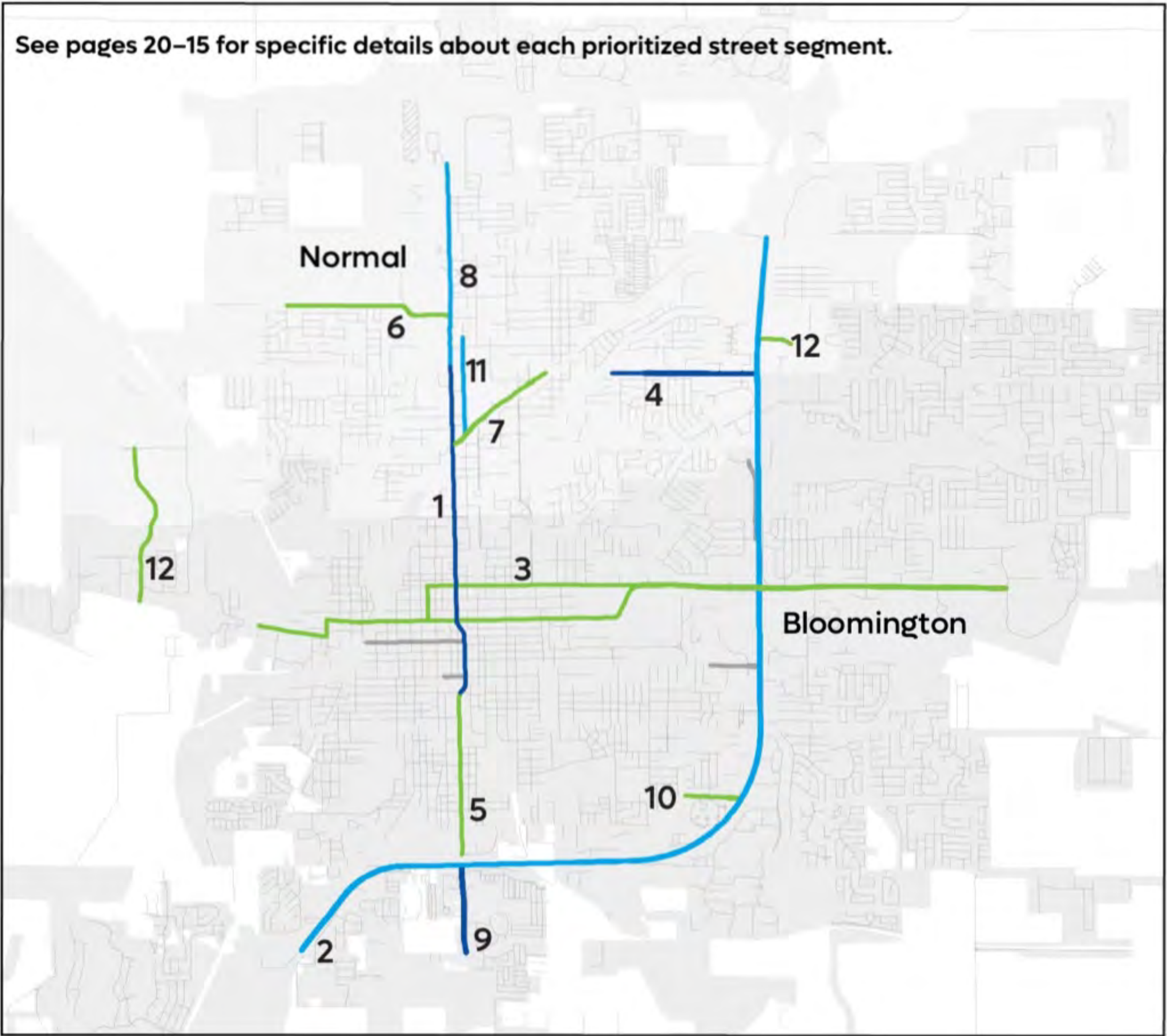


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- ① Upgrade the Go:Safe priority street segments listed on pages 20–25 with appropriate Complete Streets improvements
- ② Continue to prioritize and target transit stops for infrastructure improvements
- ③ Fully interconnect walking and bicycling networks with transit routes to expand the public transit catchment area by adding bike lanes and pedestrian facilities
- ④ Review each reconstruction and resurfacing project using a Complete Street checklist that provides a process for transportation professionals to plan and review roadway projects with the following outcomes:
  - Develop context-sensitive design based on existing planned land use, mode, and roadway conditions
  - Ensure projects and designs comply with applicable Complete Streets policies
  - Encourage safe multi-modal travel, particularly for cyclists, pedestrians, transit-riders, and other vulnerable populations
- ⑤ Recruit local transportation safety stakeholders, including business and institutional partners, to engage with IDOT on plans for Complete Streets infrastructure on state-owned facilities that will accommodate present-day use and promote expanded multi-modal use in future



# prioritized street segments



**IDOT's five-year improvement plan includes \$170 million of investment in redesign and repair of state-owned roads in McLean County.**



## GO:SAFE DATA RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1 Actively monitor, publicly share, and facilitate discussions of transportation safety data
- 2 Supplement existing data sets with new sources
- 3 Explore other opportunities for increasing community data collection and processing capabilities
- 4 Promote transparency and protect system-user privacy in data collection and analysis efforts



**Every day, about 8 people in the United States are killed in crashes involving a distracted driver.**





## GO:SAFE RESEARCH RECOMMENDATIONS

- ① Convene a research consortium to harness the collective capabilities of major corporate partners (Rivian, State Farm, COUNTRY Financial), the medical community (OSF, Carle, McLean County Public Health Department), universities, and local government agencies to conduct research and help analyze data for safety purposes
- ② In partnership with research consortium, conduct periodic evaluations of Go:Safe policies' impact on transportation system safety
- ③ Review and advise on safe paths forward for procuring and implementing new transportation technologies, including autonomous and connected vehicles, "Vehicle-to-Everything" (V2X) communication technology, and computing techniques for handling large amounts of associate data
- ④ Review and advise on safe paths forward for ethical data-use and research to ensure transparency and privacy for system-users whose movement will be captured as data



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## GO:SAFE TECHNOLOGY RECOMMENDATIONS

- ① Ensure that micromobility crashes and associated injuries are incorporated into regular crash data collection and reporting
- ② Examine ways for existing infrastructure to adapt to and accommodate micromobility devices with minimal vehicle and pedestrian conflicts, as well as ways to develop new infrastructure that will allow for micromobility to be adopted in a safe way
- ③ Create and disseminate broadly accessible educational materials concerning:
  - Use of advance driver assistance systems like back-up cameras and lane departure alerts, specially for older drivers
  - The safe operation of micromobility devices, and consider limiting the use of micromobility devices to those who can demonstrate their understanding and ability to use the device safely
- ④ Empower local law enforcement to understand safe and unsafe uses of micromobility devices and how to best encourage safe use, especially at high incidence times and locations
- ⑤ Explore opportunities for Vehicle to Infrastructure (V2I) communications and how they may be utilized in the McLean County area, including to improve public transit service delivery, emergency response, speed limit enforcement, safe pedestrian and bike crossings
- ⑥ Explore opportunities for accessible automated shuttles on university and hospital campus properties as a pilot for automated vehicles in Bloomington-Normal



**Automated vehicle safety features (rearview video systems, automatic emergency braking, lane keeping assist, and adaptive cruise control) can prevent up to 40% of passenger-vehicle crashes otherwise caused by human error.**



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  - Secure Letters of endorsement from the County Board, Mayors, Public Health Department Chair, and a representative from the Illinois Department of Transportation
  - Create a Go:Safe Pledge, and launch it with community leaders
- 4 Ensure equitable opportunities to participate in the local transportation system
  - Promote public engagement in planning meetings
  - Schedule community information and planning meetings at times working people can attend
  - Incorporate public art projects into safety infrastructure
  - Promote police ride-alongs to interested parties
  - Consider youth internships in the transportation arena

### Towns:

**go:safe**  
Lexington

**go:safe**  
Bloomington-Normal

### Schools:

**go:safe**  
Illinois State University

**go:safe**  
Parkside Penguins

### Organizations:

**go:safe**  
LifeCIL

**go:safe**  
Faith in Action





**Before you drive, check the list:**

- Rear view mirror adjusted
- Side mirrors adjusted
- Seat belts buckled
- Doors locked
- Seat adjusted
- Steering wheel adjusted
- GPS set and functioning
- Feet clear of bags and stuff on the floor
- Back and side windows free of obstructions
- Cell phone out of reach
- Food or snacks out of reach
- Radio/music set to prevent distraction
- Radio/music set below volume needed to hear traffic cues
- Passenger(s) asked to limit distractions
- Mind on route of travel, not on destination

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mcplan.org/GoSafe

**Car visor checklist**

Reinforce good safety habits every time you get in the car.

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- mindset is key — in some ways the most direct, predictable, cost-effective strategy
- data collection should be done carefully + intentionally
- it's going to take time — at the macro level (project) and micro level (each trip)
- incentivise public education in some way — price break on car insurance?
- education > enforcement in terms of reach (peer to peer is especially effective)
- interesting to balance focus on behavior change with acknowledgement of inevitable human error





## community conversations

- Oakland + Lincoln:  
good example of  
refuge island

- establish more safe ways beyond + in addition to the Trail (East-West)
- public-private partnerships to fund key improvements (overpass to State Farm?)
- bike lanes between active roadways<sup>-left</sup> and street parking<sup>-right</sup> feel very dangerous — people can come at you from all directions
- How to decide about spending more on a few transformative changes vs. lots of incremental changes?
- High value in integrating the many policies + reports under one brand w. culture change focus
  - + jurisdictions
  - ↳ unified voice from people in the system daily



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# make Go:Safe a part of your community



- community organizations  
(social, cultural orgs. especially  
if their demographic is unlikely to attend these  
kinds of conversations)
- centering safety in existing events in town
- Schools (parents, students, crossing guards)  
└ K-12 + universities
- religious orgs
- Connect Transit onboard  
comms + community bus
- IL Secretary of State
- League of American Bicyclists
- social agencies w. listservs / networks
- targeted training (driver tests / ed)  
└ motorcycles, too
- news media
- social media (use the Go:Safe brand!)  
└ dave@rideillinois.org
- Danish Biking Federation!
- Ride Illinois ✓✓
- medical communities (check in reading material?)





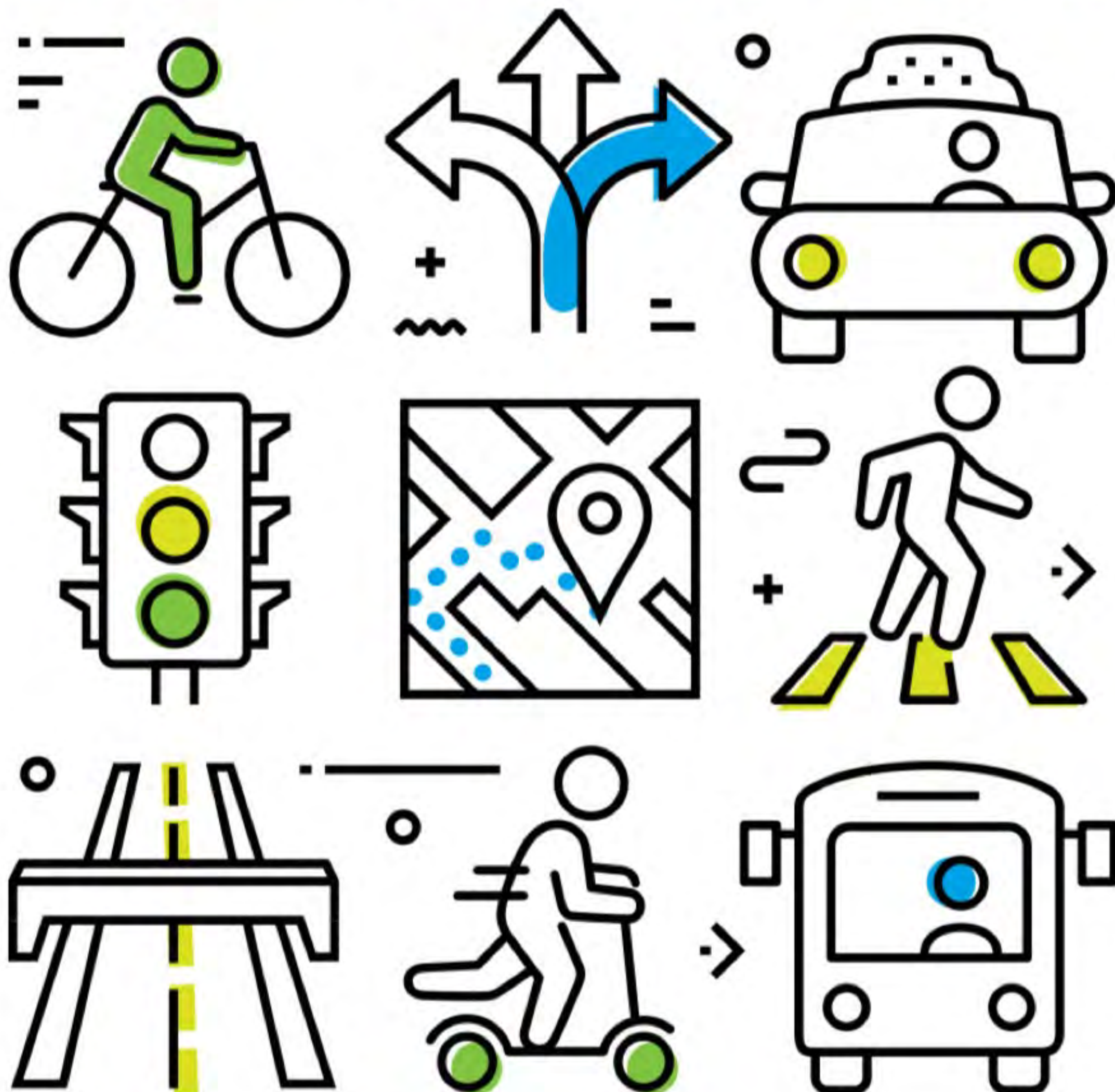
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