

RiverCOG

Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

Safe Streets and Roads for All



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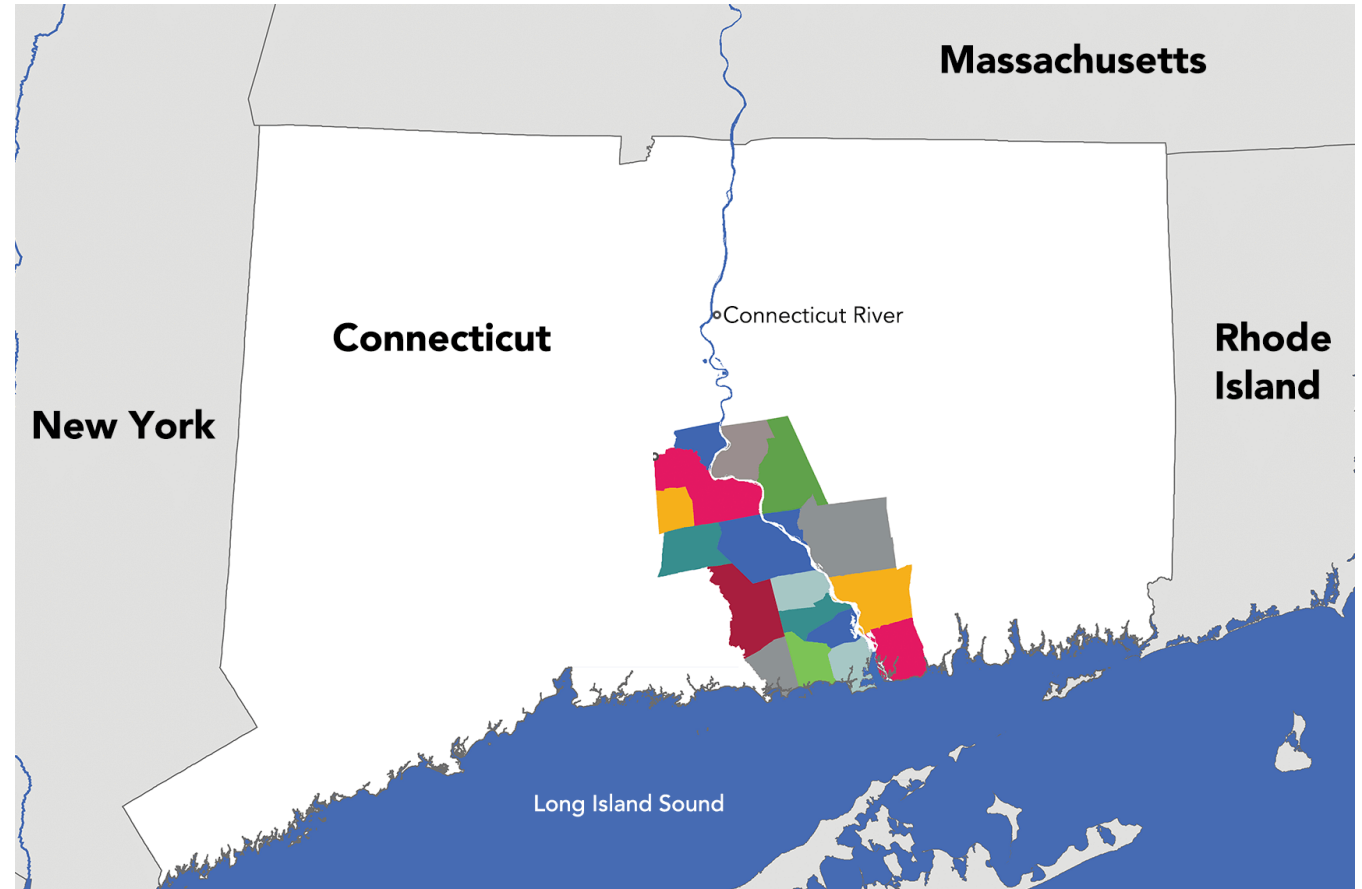


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RiverCOG is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Lower Connecticut River Valley Region that is responsible for:

- Transportation Planning
- Distribution of Federal and State Transportation Funds
- Engagement & Coordination
- Data Collection & Analysis



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Agenda

1. Project Overview
 - Vision and Goals
 - Engagement Summary
2. Action Plan
3. Municipal Profiles
4. Next Steps





Project Overview

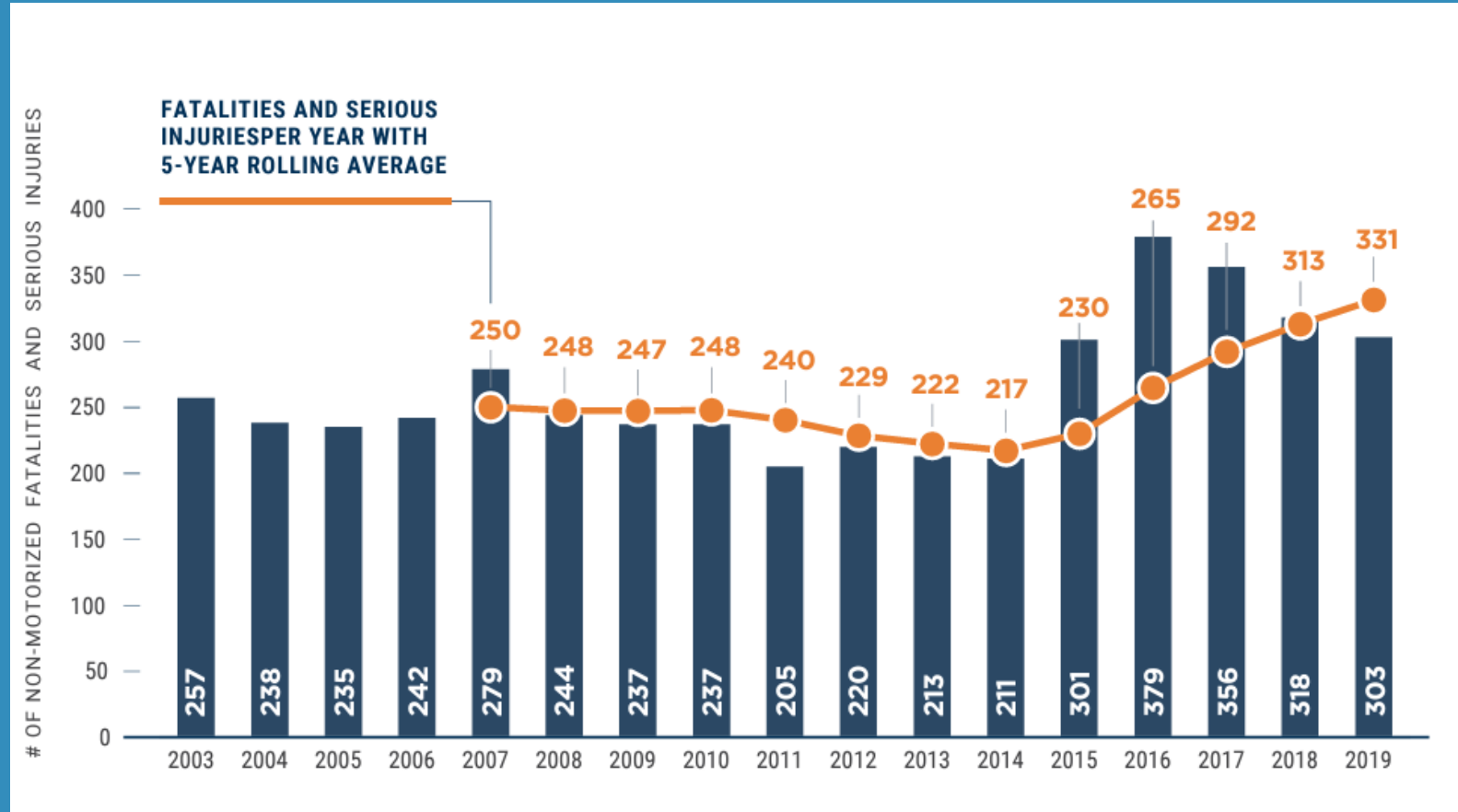
Safe Streets & Roads for All

Provides grants to local, regional, and Tribal communities for implementation, planning, and demonstration activities as part of a systematic approach **to prevent deaths and serious injuries** on the nation's roadways



Vulnerable Road Users

- Non-motorist, such as pedestrian or cyclist
- USDOT encourages prioritizing vulnerable road user safety



Non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries in Connecticut (2003-2019, CTDOT State Highway Safety Plan)



Vision and Goals

Action Plan Vision

RiverCOG will

- Aim to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries on regional roadways by 2045
- Encourage all municipalities and transportation agencies within the region to align their safety initiatives with Vision Zero
- Position municipalities with identified projects for SS4A funding and other funding sources

Action Plan Goals

Identify and prioritize opportunities to improve safety and accessibility of the regional transportation system for all users

Convene regional partners, public stakeholders, local organizations and private interests to collaborate on solutions to promote transportation safety

Improve data monitoring and reporting to document progress and improve communications to municipalities and the public



Engagement Summary

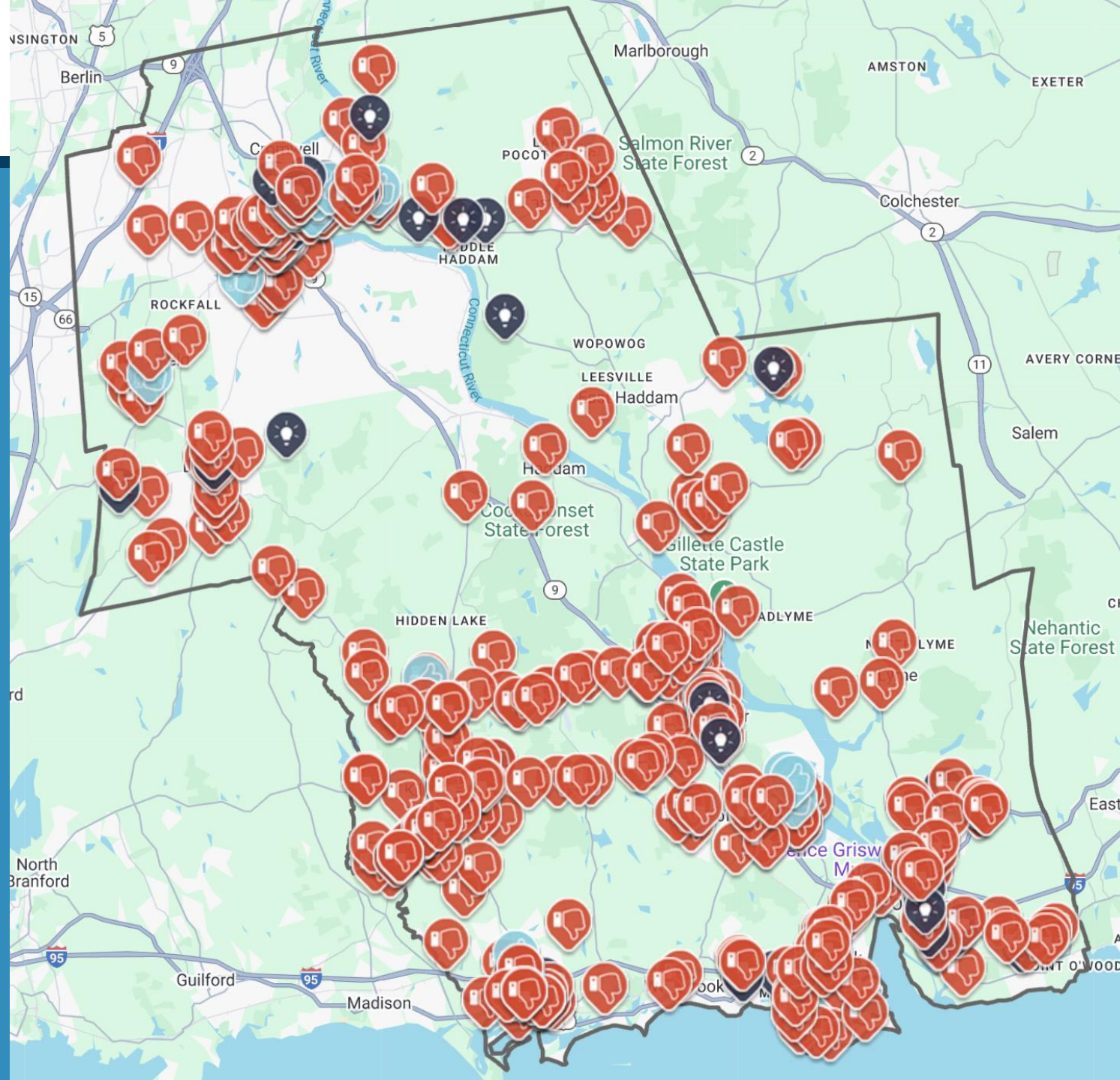
Engagement Update

- Virtual Engagement Mapping Tool
- Pop-up Events
- Study Advisory Committee Meetings
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Public Meetings:
 - 4 Virtual
 - 3 In-person (Chester, Old Saybrook, Cromwell)
- RiverCOG Board Meetings
- Regional Planning Commission Meeting



Mapping Tool

- 680 submissions
- 63% of comments related to driver behavior
- Pedestrians and visibility concerns each accounted for 1/3 of comments
 - Desire for safety, infrastructure, and accessibility improvements
- Most concerns on state roadways



Study Advisory Committee

- RiverCOG
- Connecticut Department of Transportation
- Municipal Representatives
- River Valley Transit
- Middlesex Chamber of Commerce
- Jonah Center

How Your Feedback Supported the Plan

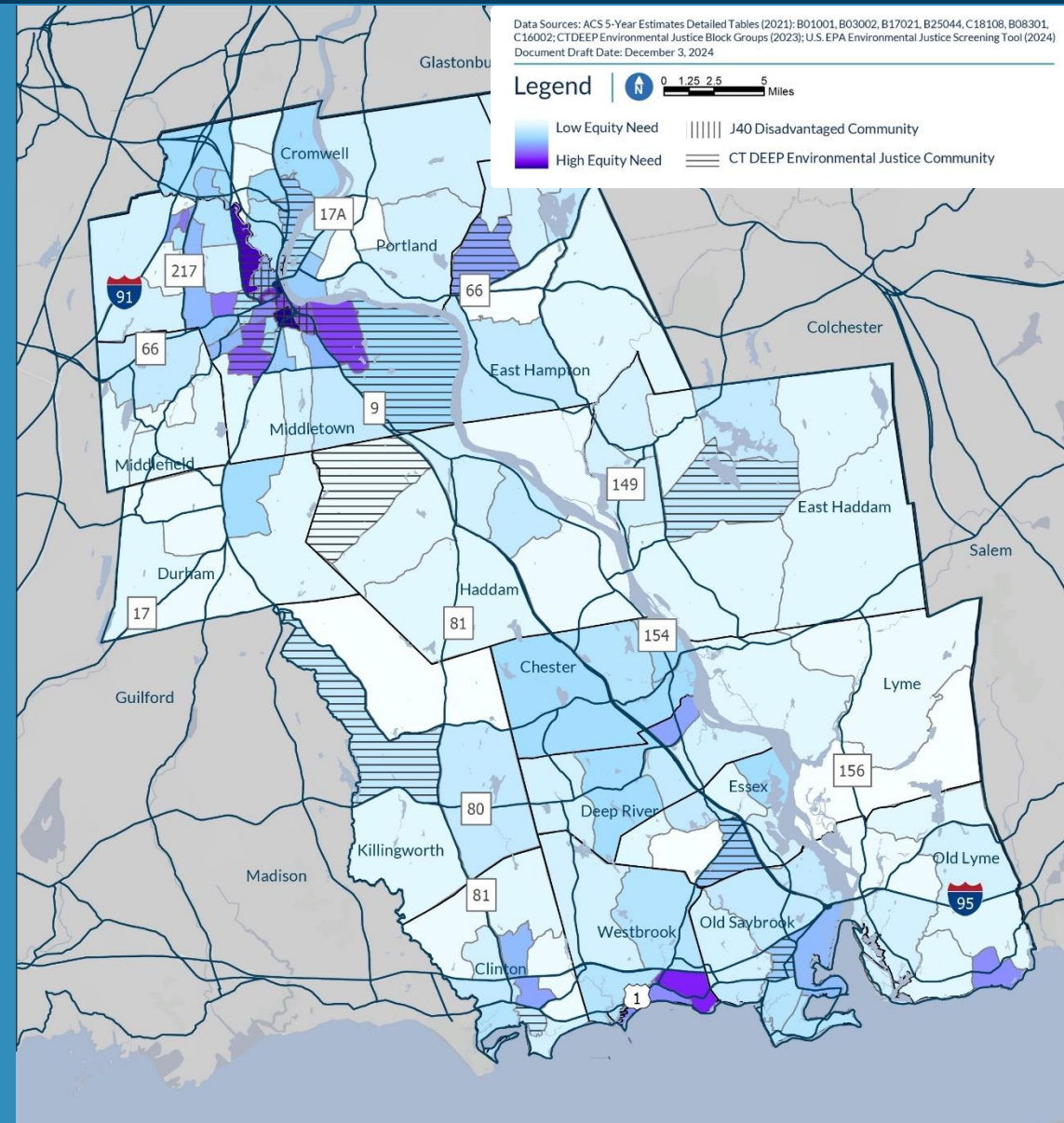
- Determined vision for safety
- Identified infrastructure needs
- Defined policy opportunities
- Reviewed crash data and focus corridors
- Provided input on corridor concepts, municipal profiles, and draft plan



Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

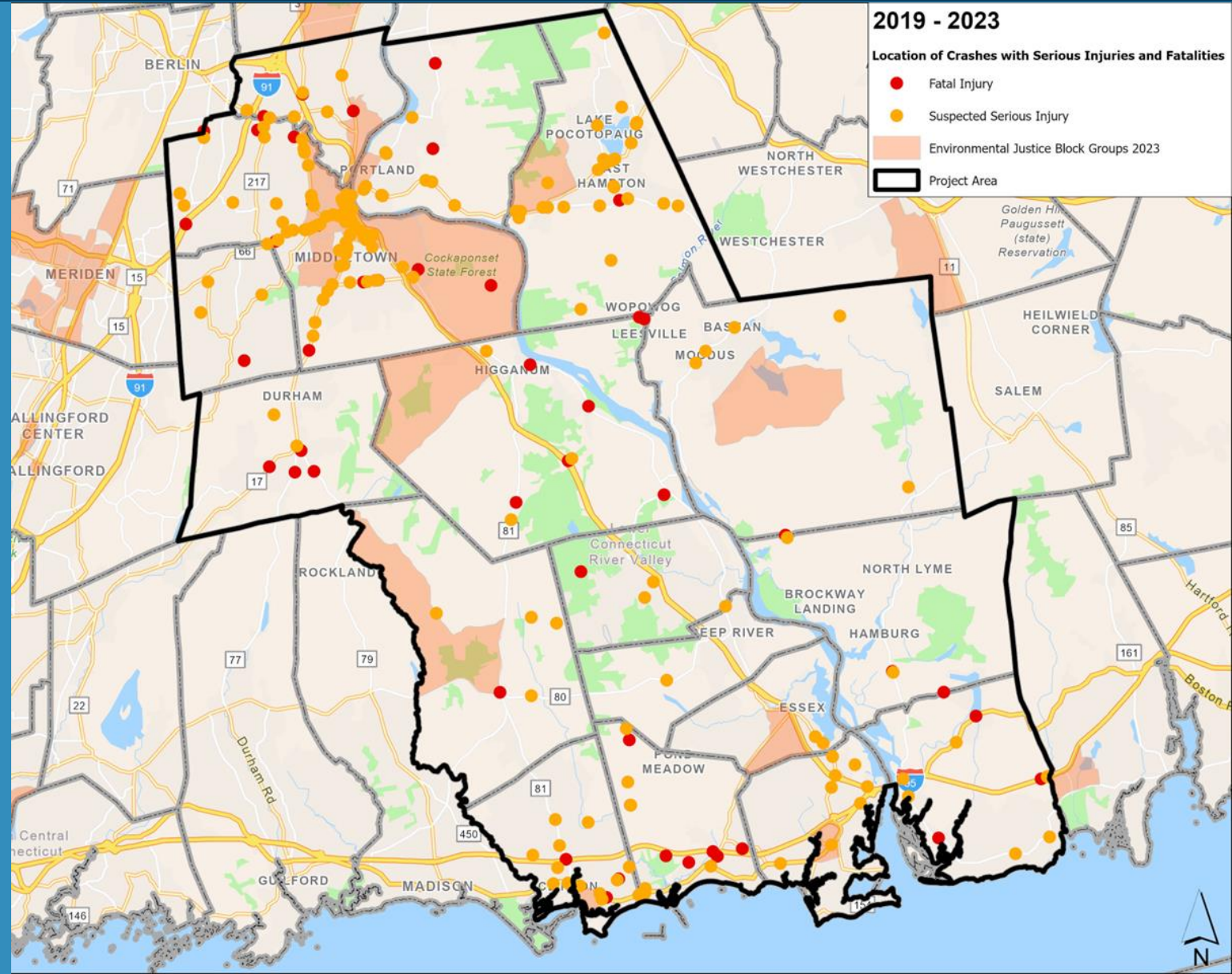
Transportation Access and Need

- Location of schools
- Federal guidance (Justice40, Disadvantaged Communities)
- State guidance (CT DEEP)



Safety Analysis –Fatal and Serious Crashes

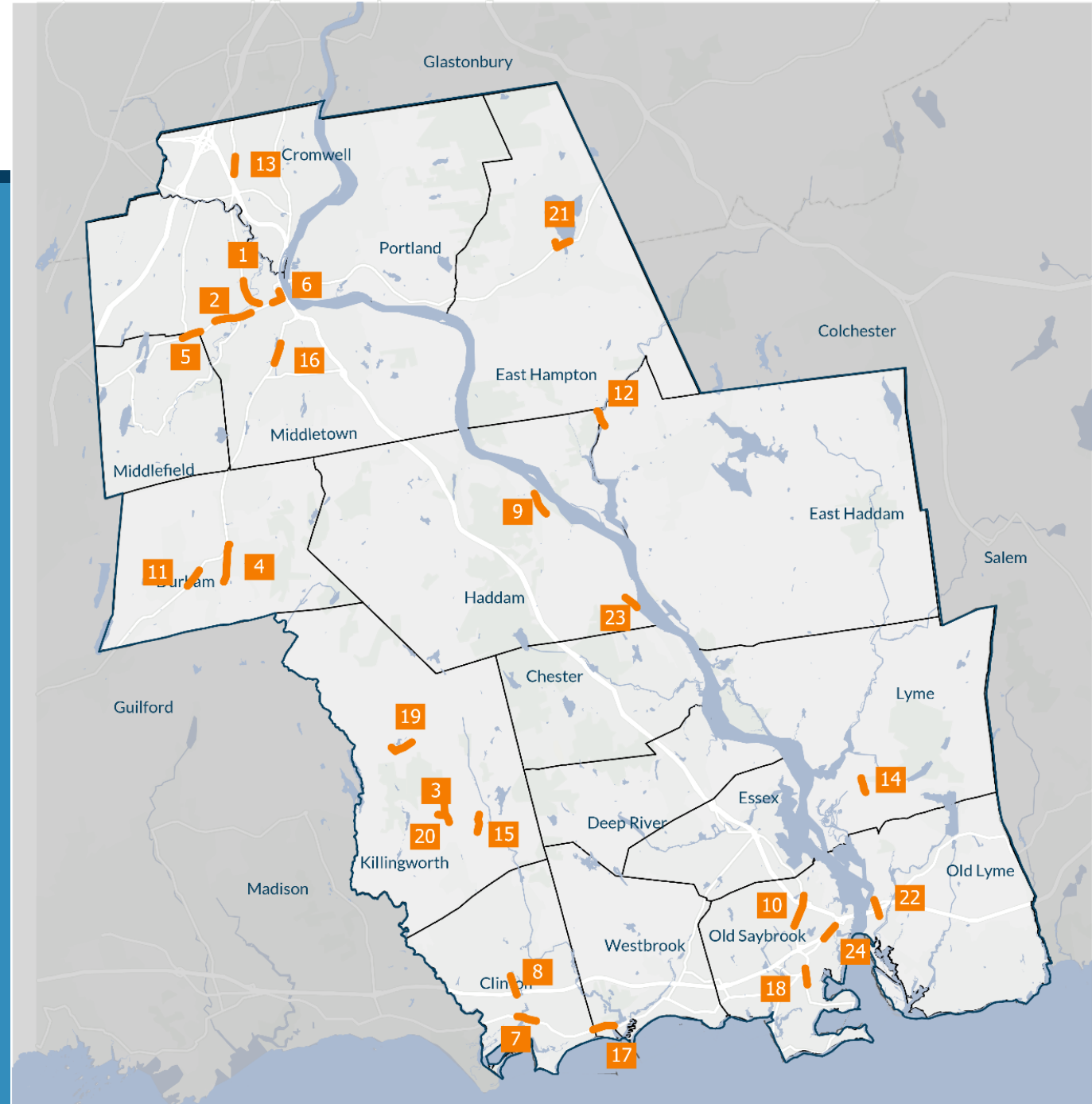
- State roadways account for **74%** of all fatal and serious injury crashes



Focus Corridors

Prioritized corridors based on:

- Crash history
- Public input
- Transportation access & need



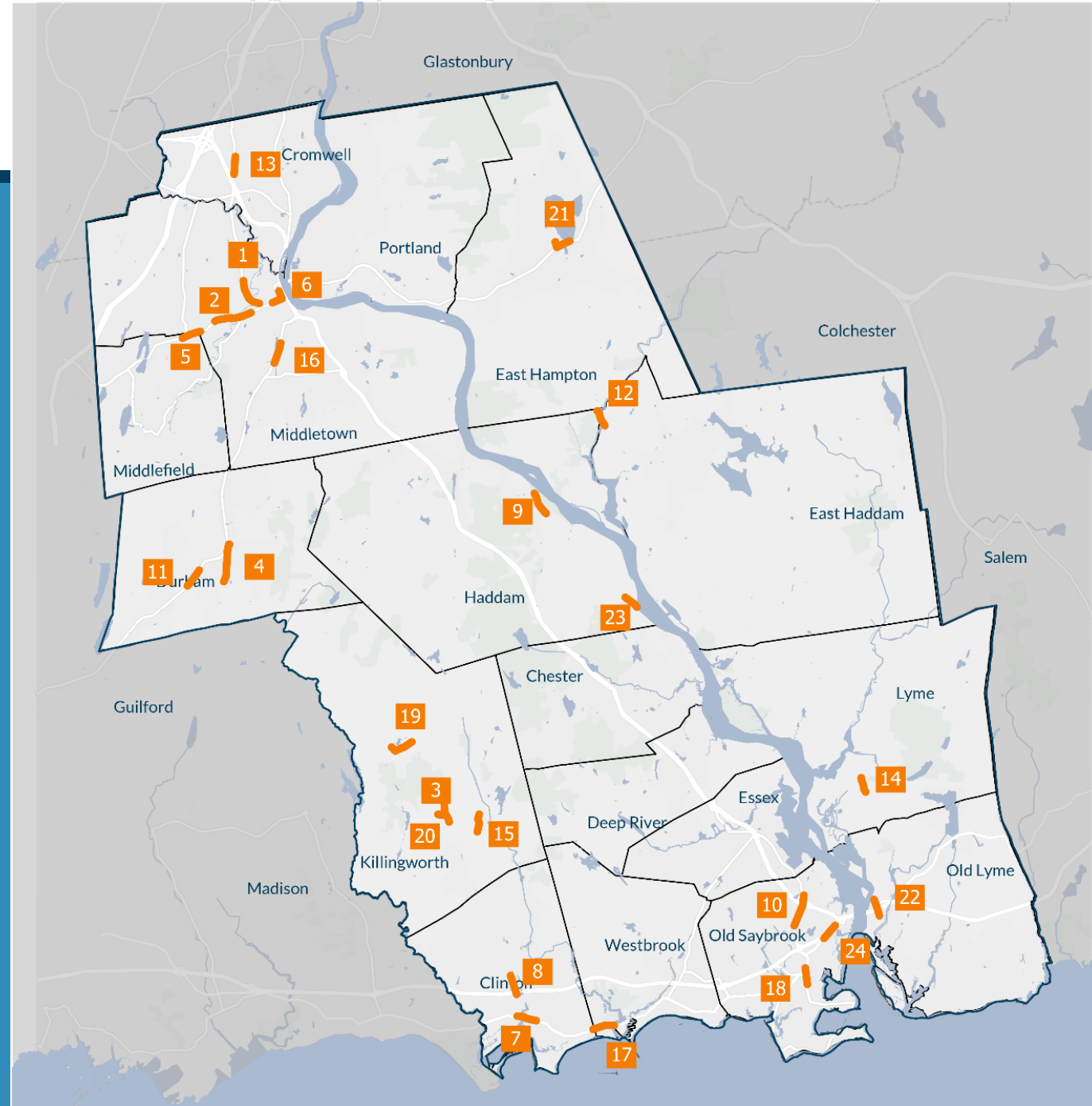
Safe Design

Review of Focus Corridor crash data suggests:

- **31 total** fatal and serious injury crashes: **9 fatal and 22 serious injury**
- **Angle and head on crashes** make up **58%** of the focus corridor fatal and serious injury crashes
- **16%** of crashes occur in **dark conditions**
- **Half** of all pedestrian crashes and **all** bike crashes on the corridors occurred at **night**
- **27%** of crashes involved a driver **under the influence** and **19%** of vehicle occupants were not wearing a **seatbelt**
- **32%** of crashes involved **speed concerns**

Focus Corridors

Additional study at 10 corridors throughout the region to connect safety data and community input with infrastructure solutions



Safe Design

Safety improvements to address fatal and serious injury crashes on focus corridors:

- Realigned intersection geometry
- Access management
- Speed reduction measures
- New lighting
- Bike and pedestrian infrastructure (e.g., high-visibility crosswalks, ADA ramps)
- Advanced warning signage & rumble strips



Progress & Transparency

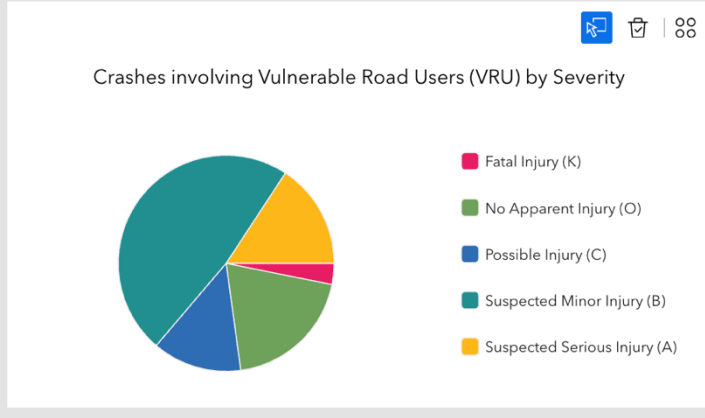
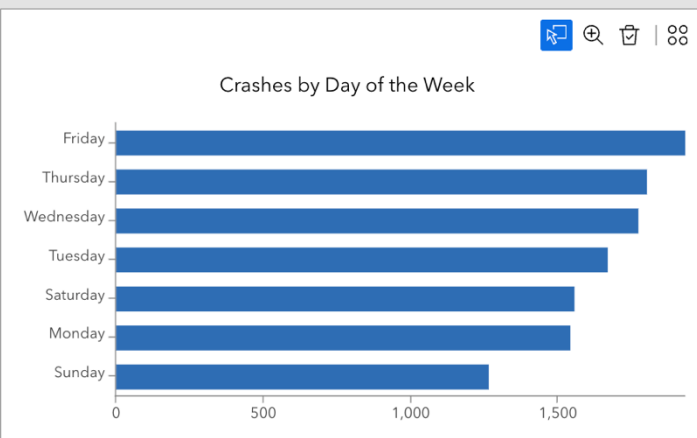
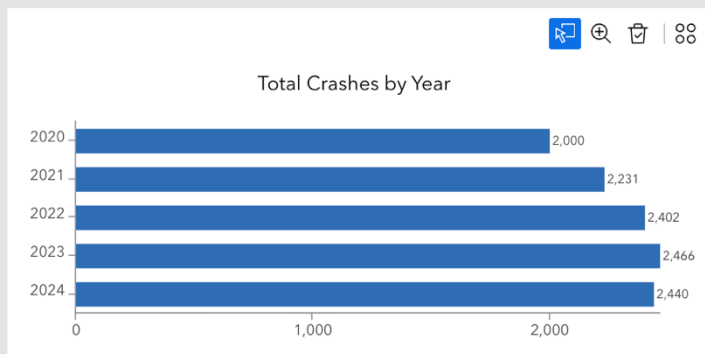
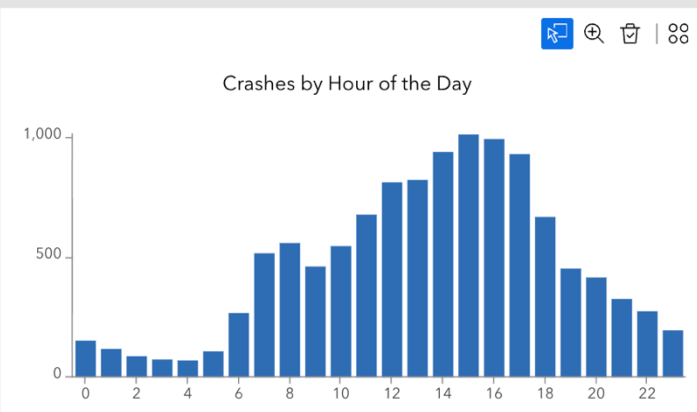
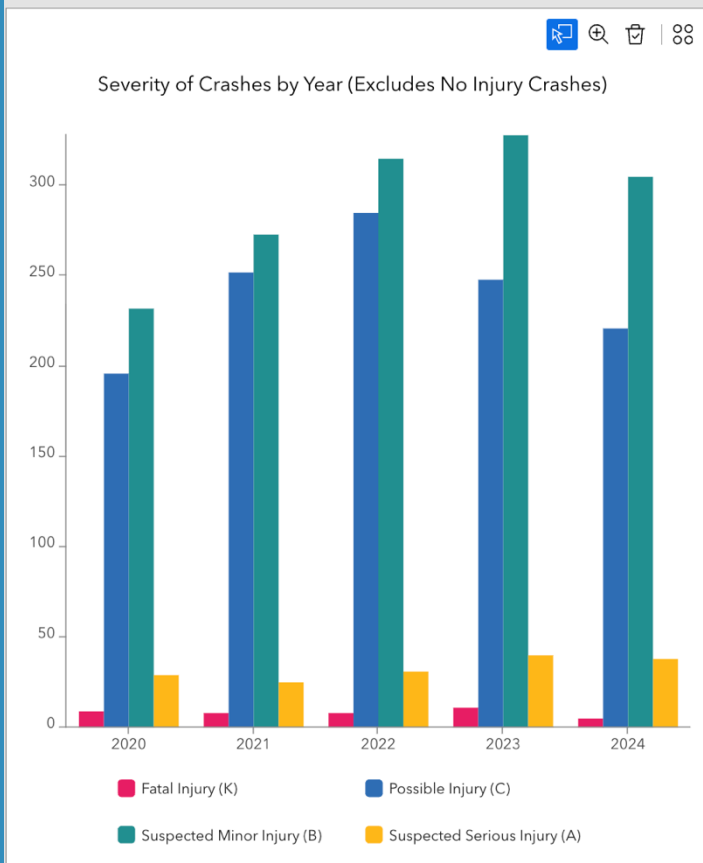
Crash Data Dashboard



Overview

Crashes

Focus Corridors



Data does not include crashes on Route 9 or major highways.

Crash Data Dashboard

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Reading the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

What is in the Action Plan?

- Resolutions
- Safety Assessment
- Assessing Access & Transportation Need
- Public Engagement
- Regional Focus Corridors
- Action Plan Recommendations
- Progress & Transparency
- Municipal Profiles
 - Site Investigations
 - Concept Plans

Action Plan Recommendations

Safe Design (infrastructure improvements e.g., curb extensions, high-vis crosswalks)

Policies and Practices (e.g., Complete Streets policy)

Education, Resources, and Enforcement (e.g. speed reductions, driver campaigns)

Data Monitoring



Next Steps

Next Steps

- Public Comment Period
 - Submit your comments by December 5
- Integrate Public Feedback
- RiverCOG Board Meeting (Resolution and Action Plan Adoption)
 - January 28, 2026

Thank You!

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