

PSRC Regional Safety Action Plan

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Equity Advisory Committee



Puget Sound Regional Council



We are leaders in the region to realize equity for all. Diversity, racial equity and inclusion are integrated into how we carry out all our work.

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Agenda

1. Purpose of plan, scope and schedule
2. Data & the state of our region
3. State of the Practice
4. Inventory of Plans and Policies
5. Outreach and Engagement
6. Next Steps
7. Discussion



Background

- Regional Transportation Plan directs PSRC to develop a Regional Safety Action Plan (RSAP), including strategies, actions and performance indicators
- PSRC awarded ~\$8 M for development of RSAP through Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Program
 - Additional funding awarded to PSRC to serve as pass-through and administrator for 15 local jurisdiction safety action plans
- For RSAP work, PSRC Contracted with WSP for Technical Support and Uncommon Bridges for Engagement



Purpose of Regional Safety Action Plan

- Use data analysis, research and community outreach to better understand safety issues/challenges across the region
- Identify key typologies and distinctions to frame the development of a menu of strategies and countermeasures
- Jurisdictions will use plan to choose the best approach based on the specific context and safety issue they are addressing



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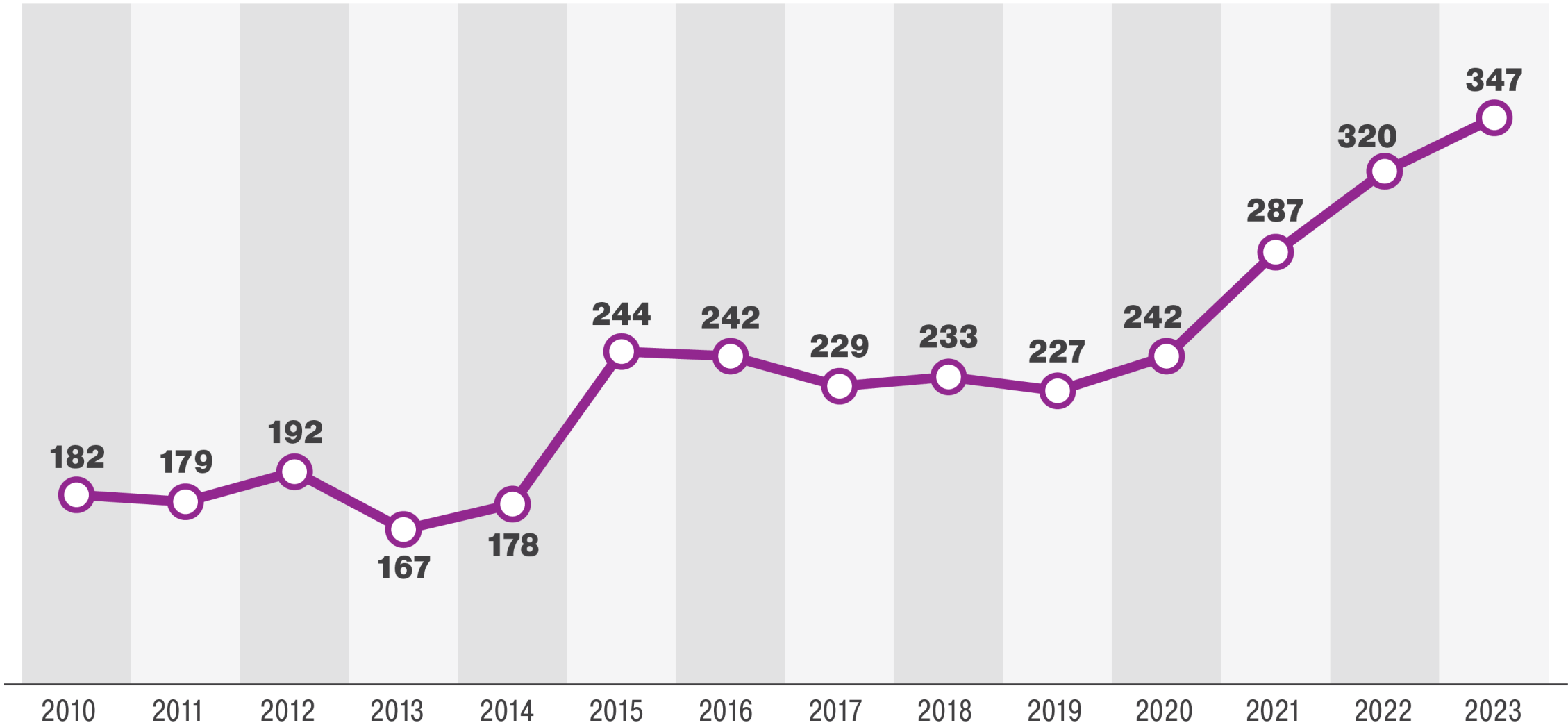
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Traffic Related Deaths are at historic levels

Traffic Related Deaths



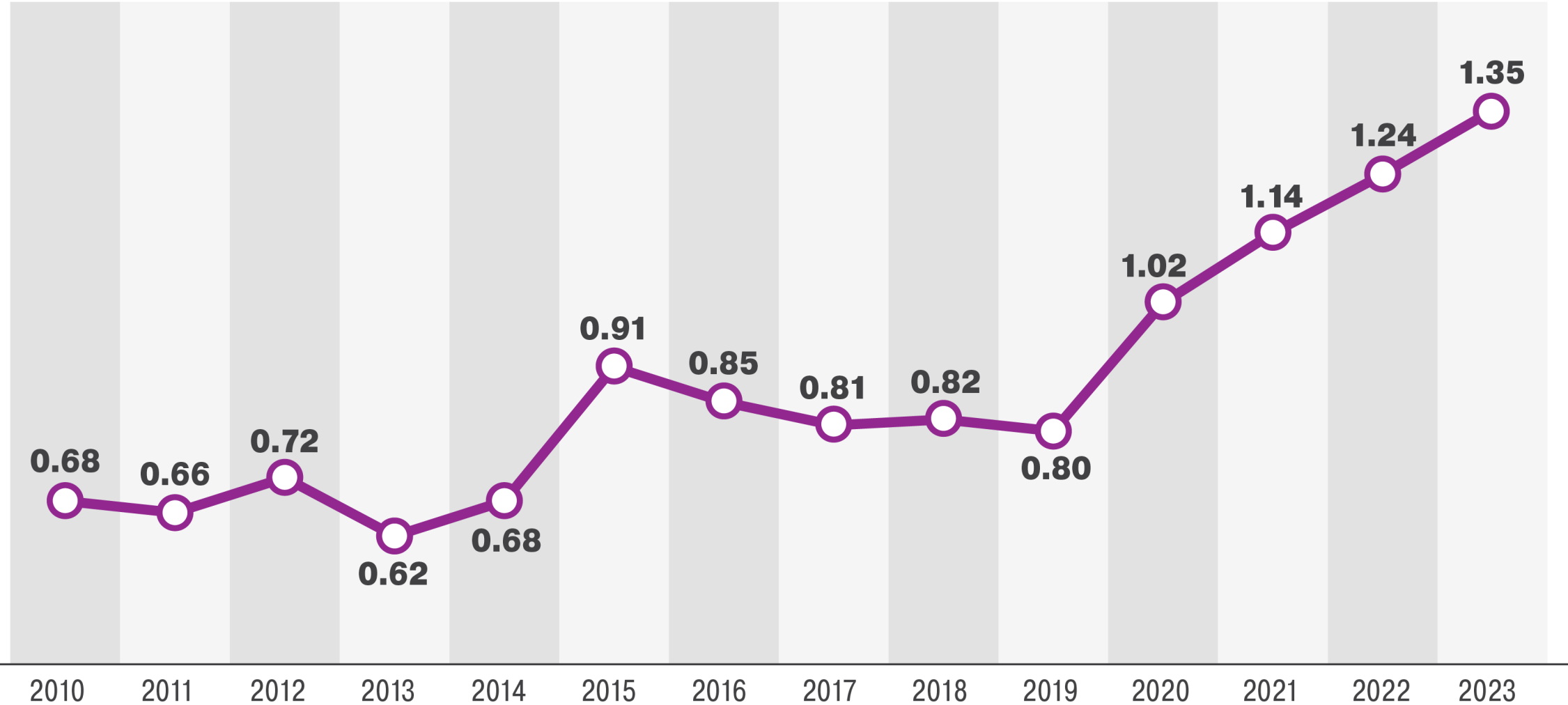
It isn't because more people live here

Traffic Related Deaths per 100,000 People



It isn't because people are driving more

Traffic Related Deaths per 100M Vehicle Miles Traveled



What can we do to address this troubling trend?



Source: USDOT



Data in the Regional Safety Action Plan

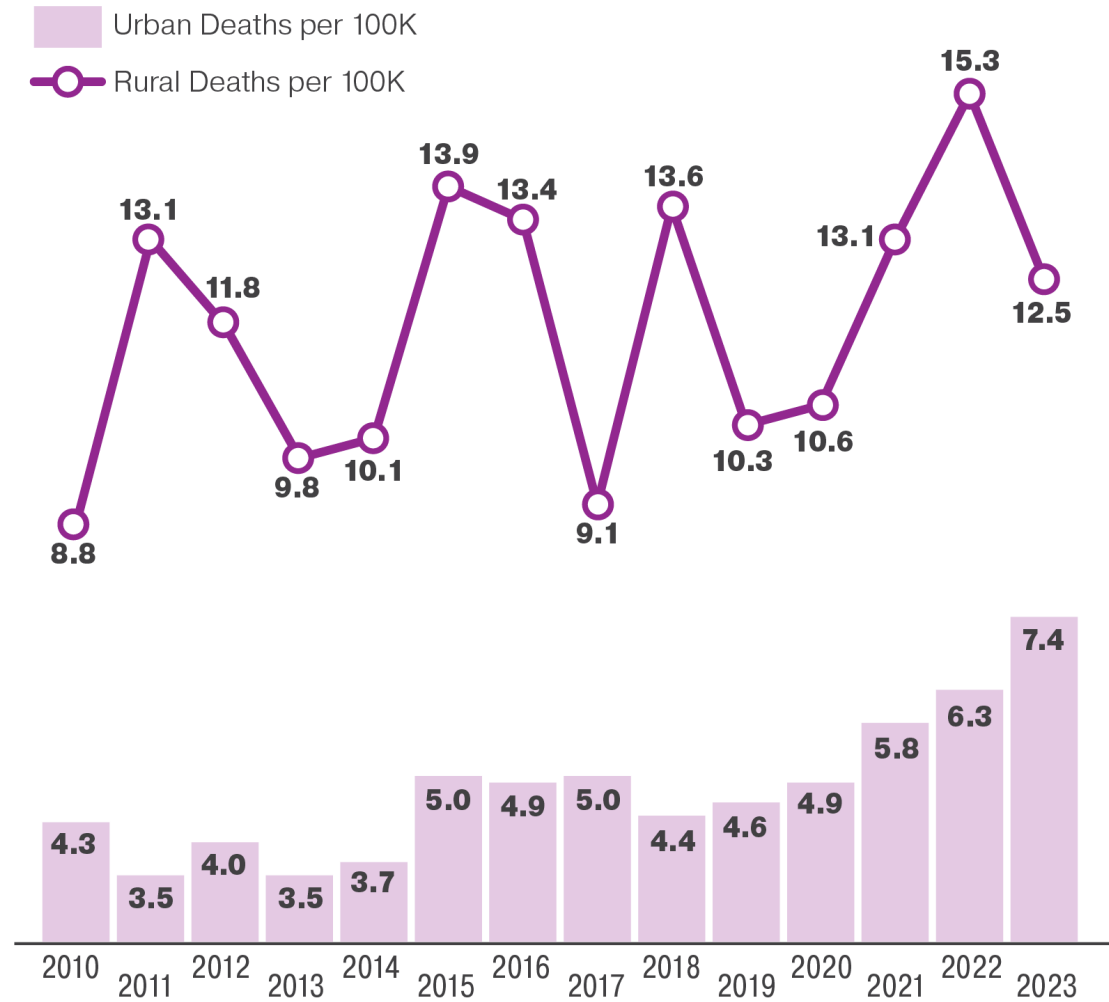
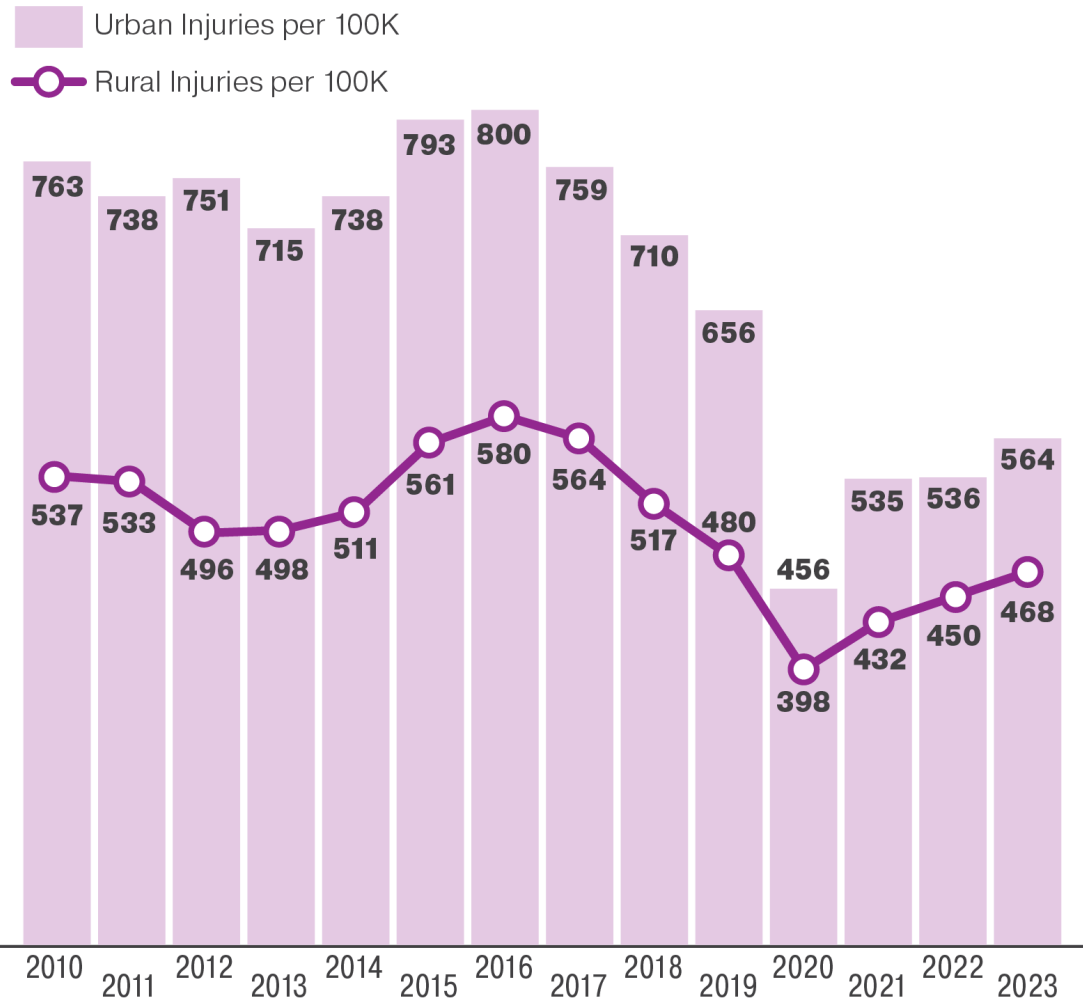
When it comes to tools and strategies, context matters and one size does not fit all

Examples of Typologies:

- Urban & Rural
- Regional Geographies
- User types / modes
- Demographics
- Facility type
- Contributing factors



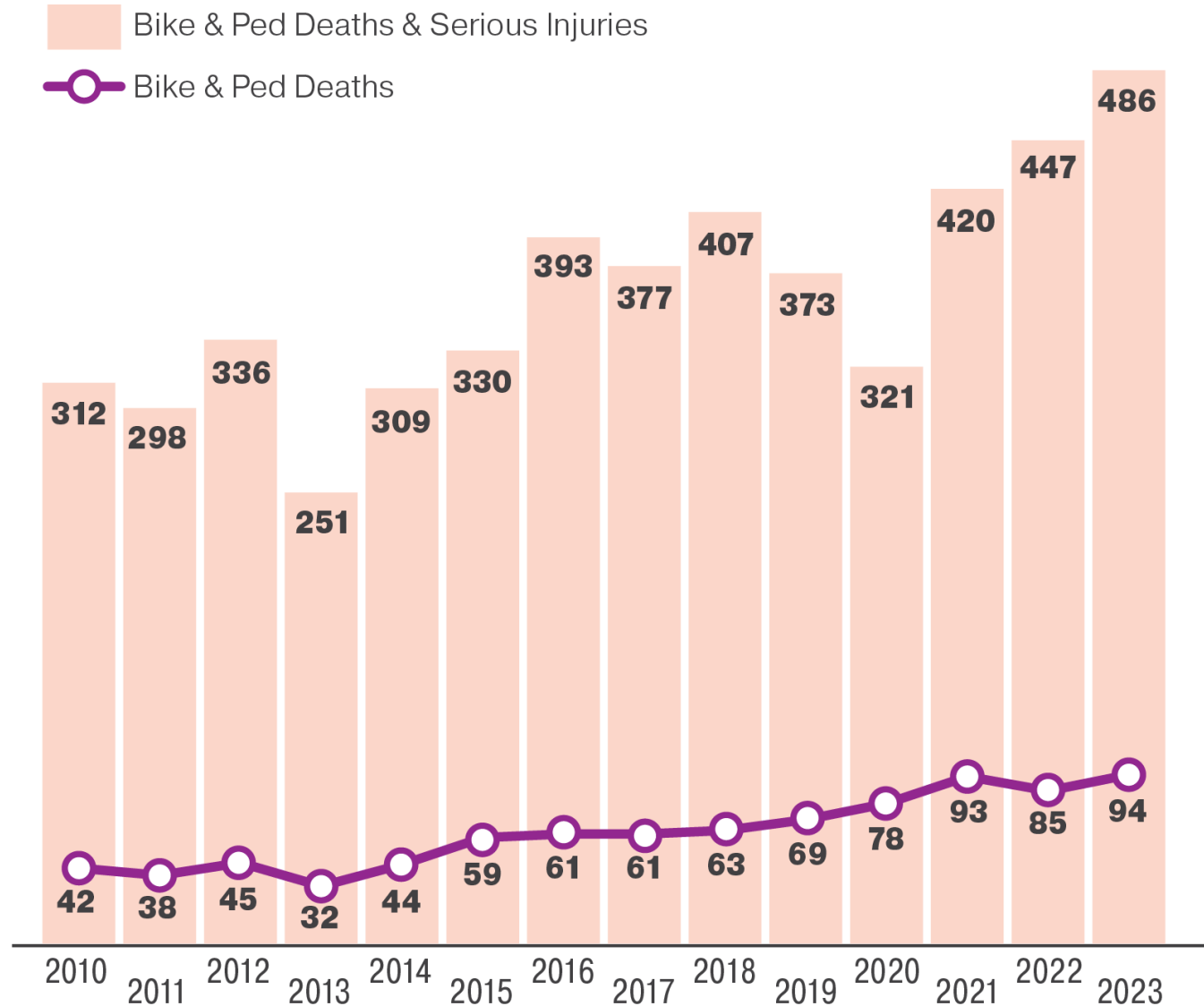
Rate of Fatalities in Rural Areas Higher than Urban Areas



Bike and Ped Deaths

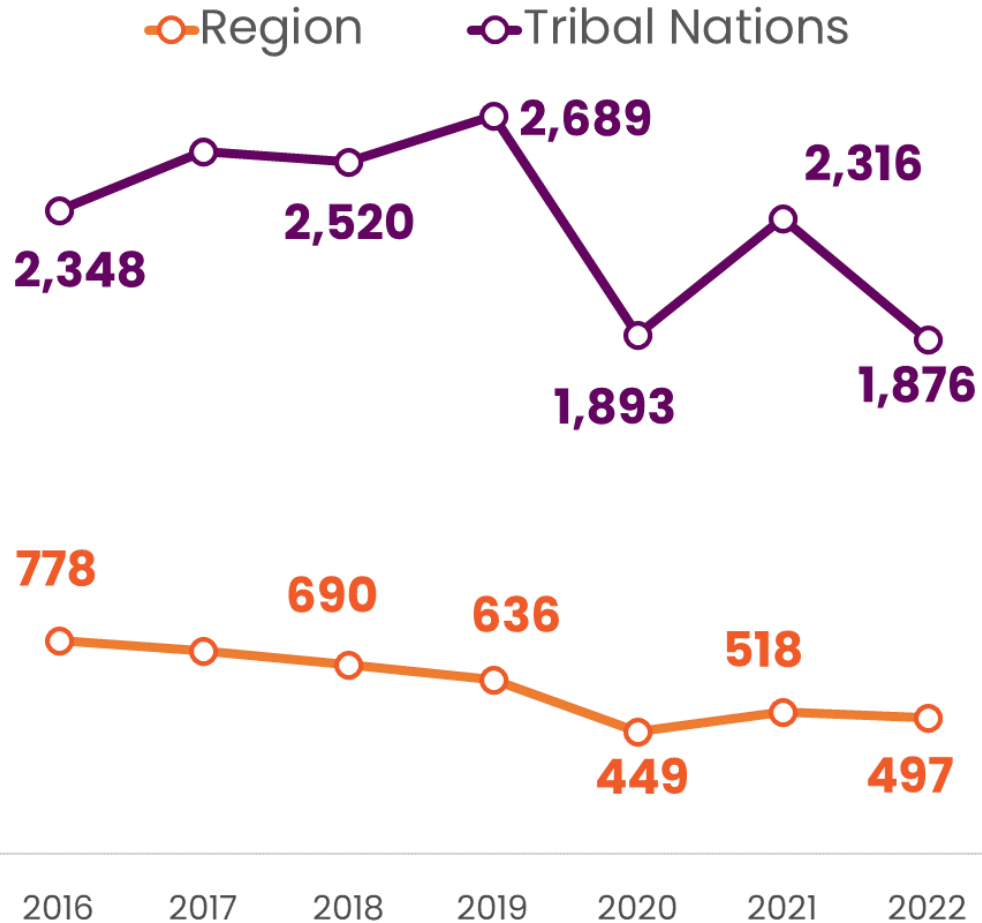
Bike and Pedestrian Deaths are increasing as well along with injuries

- All crashes are 64% pedestrian/36% bike
- Fatality and Serious Injury crashes are 77% pedestrian/23% bike
- Fatality crashes are 89% pedestrian/11% bike

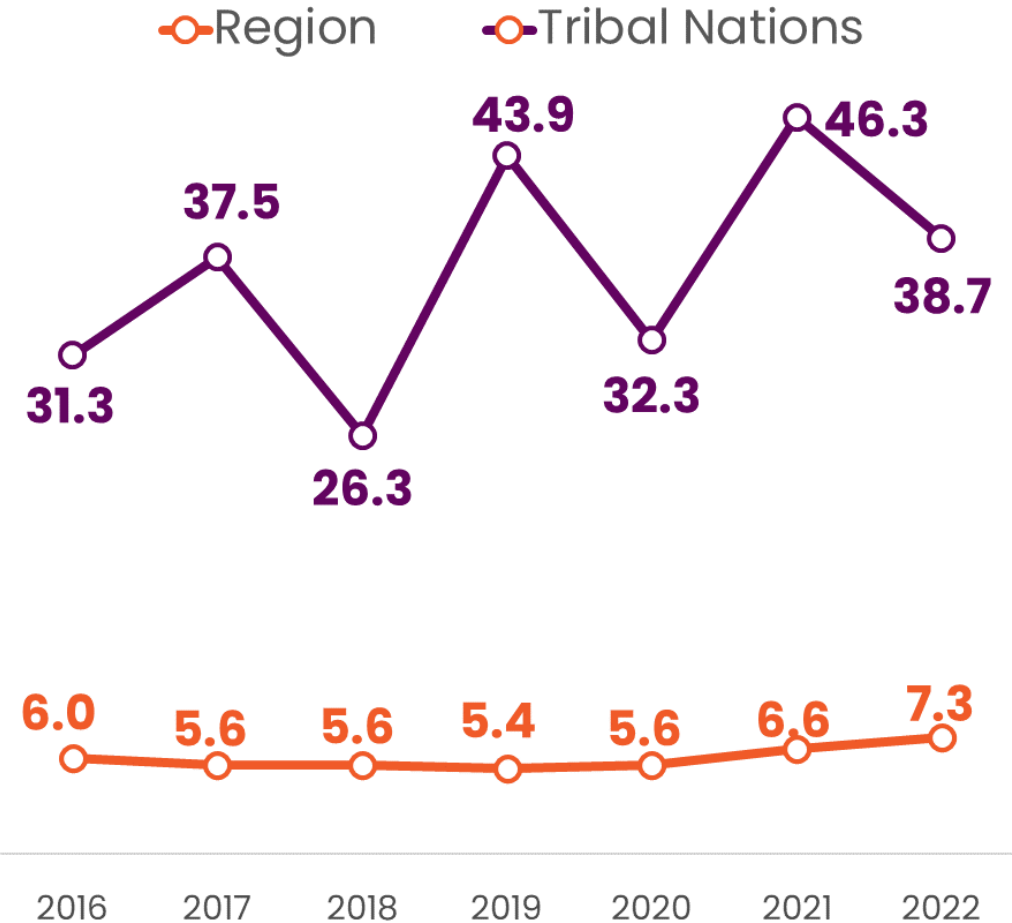


Collisions on Tribal Lands are more severe

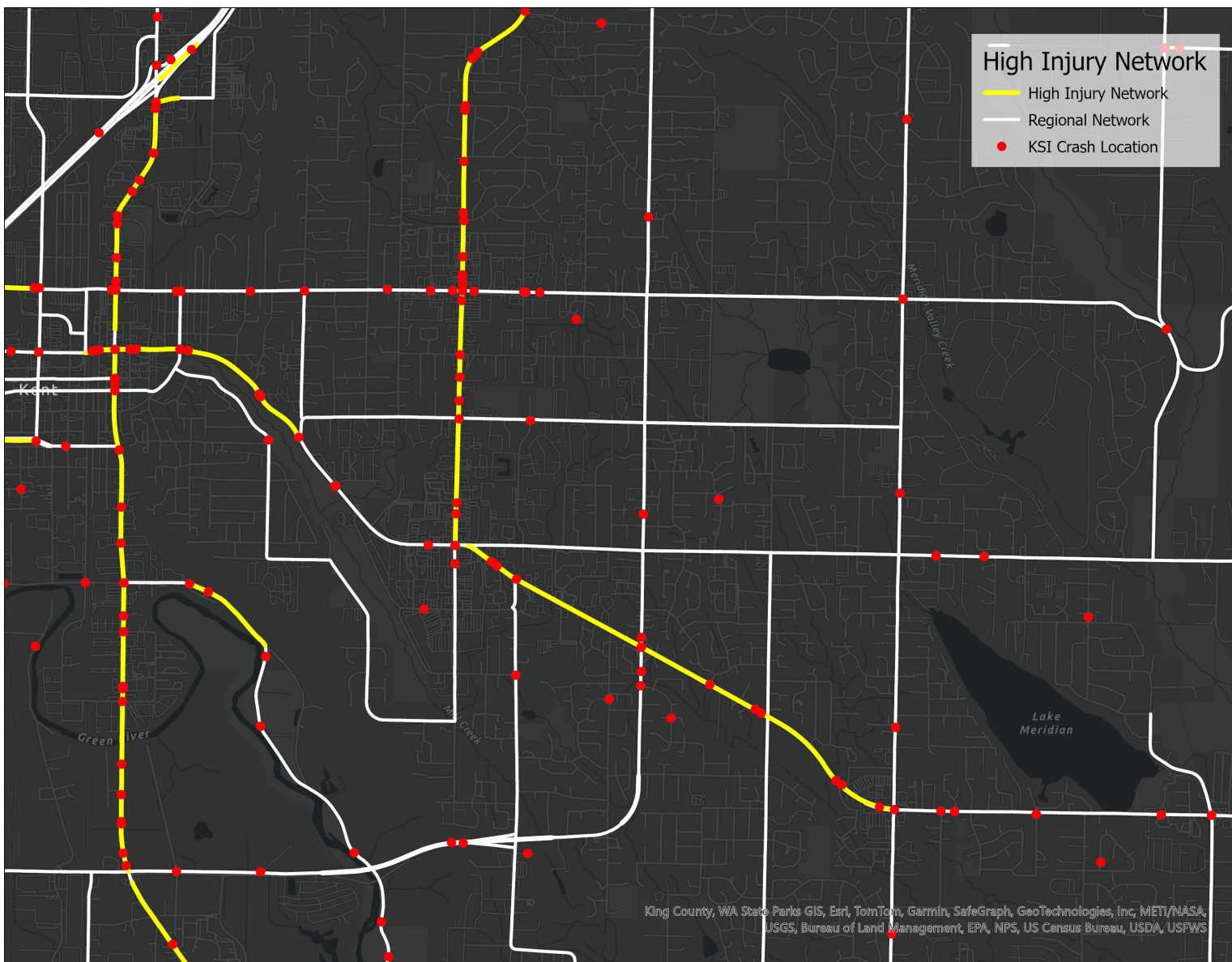
All Injuries per 100,000



Deaths per 100,000



High Injury Network



Highlights the worst contiguous segments (over a mile) on the regional network

Data will be available for download and analysis via the web



Samples of Contributing Factors: 2016 - 2022

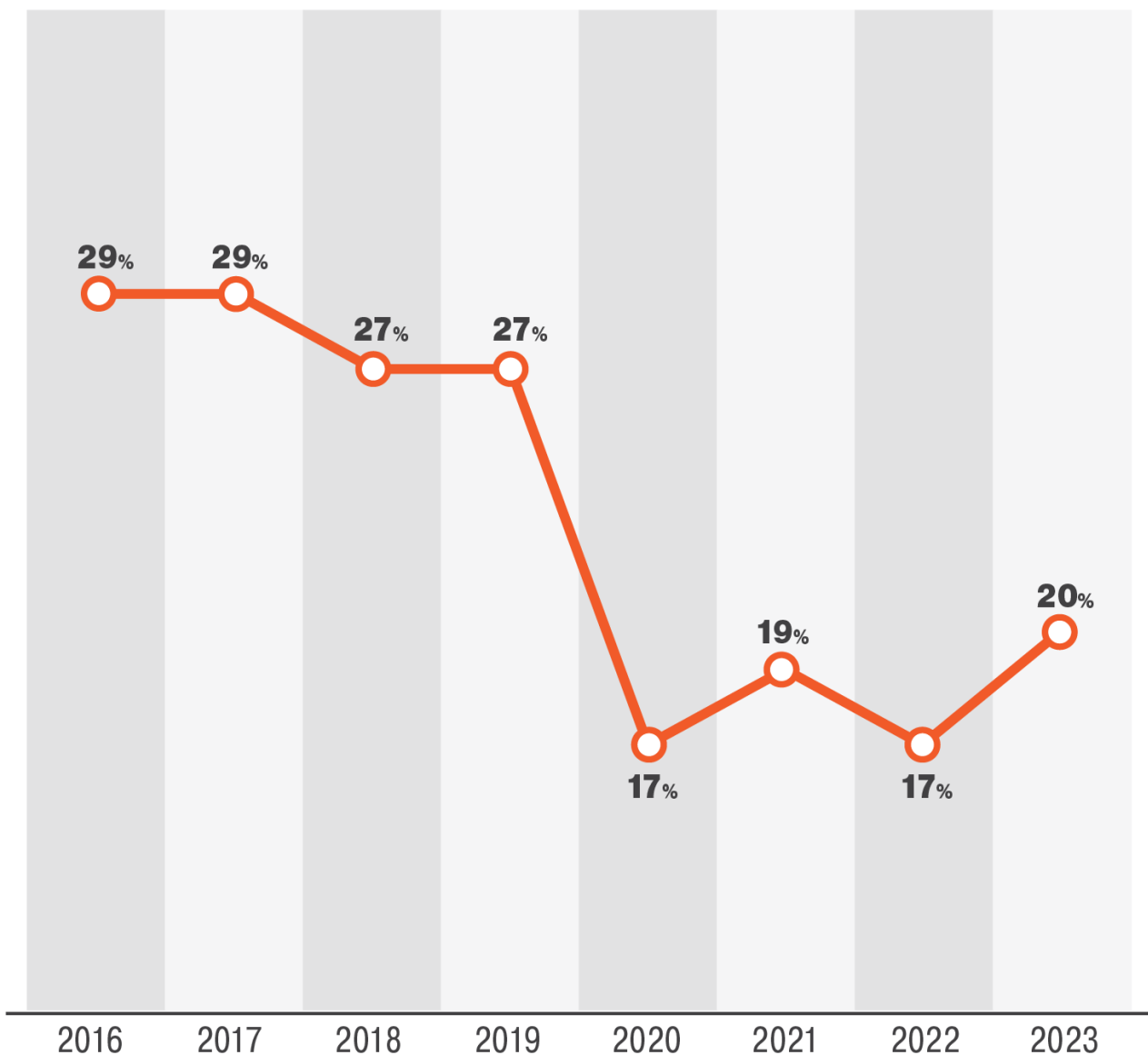
| Metric | All Injuries | | Death & Serious Injury | | Ratio Severe to all Injury |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-------|------------------------|-------|----------------------------|
| | Total | Share | Total | Share | |
| Alcohol Impaired* | 10,923 | 6% | 1,644 | 15% | 1 : 7 |
| Drug Impaired* | 2,861 | 2% | 642 | 6% | 1 : 4 |
| Vehicle Travel in Wrong Way | 664 | 0% | 169 | 2% | 1 : 4 |
| Single Vehicle Surface Streets | 27,531 | 15% | 4,336 | 40% | 1 : 6 |
| All Crash Types | 180,380 | | 10,708 | | 1 : 17 |

* Impaired may include pedestrians or cyclists involved in the crash



Distracted Users

○ Percent of Distracted Person Involved



- Distracted Users accounted for more than $\frac{1}{4}$ of serious injuries in 2018
- By 2023, distracted driving accounted for 20%



State of the Practice – Safe System Approach

State of
the
Practice



Source: USDOT



Safer Speeds

- **Speed Cameras**
 - Maryland uses mobile speed cameras
 - There are permanent speed cameras throughout PSRC




Portable speed camera used in Montgomery County, Maryland.

- **Bellevue Updated Speed Limit Operating Procedures**


Type 1: High Density Mixed-Use

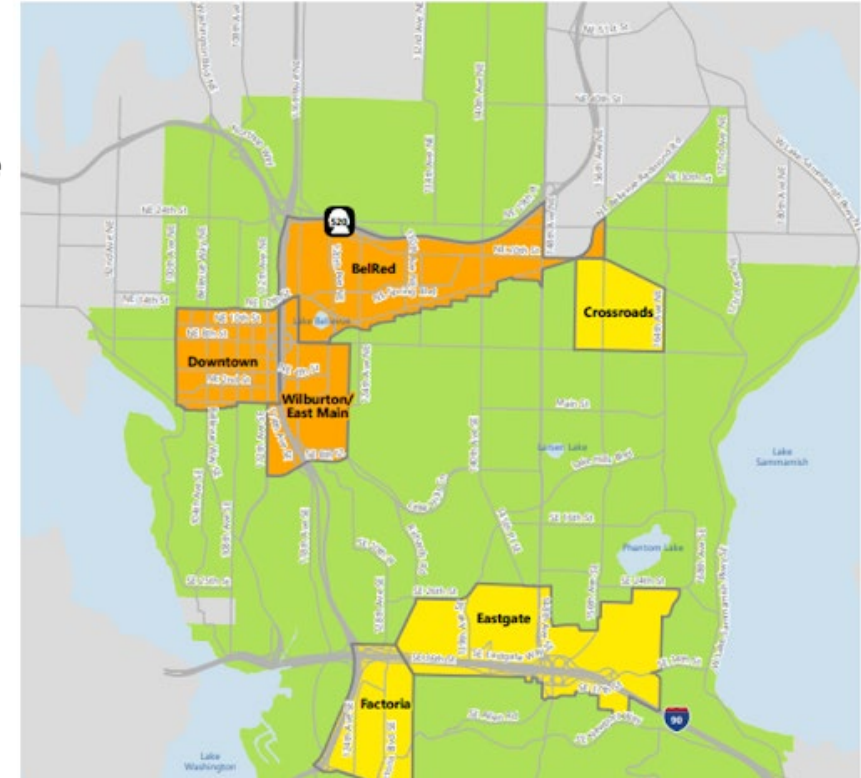
 BelRed, Downtown, Wilburton/East Main

Type 2: Medium Density Mixed-Use

 Crossroads, Eastgate, Factoria

Type 3: Low Density Residential Neighborhoods

 Residential Areas



Safer Roads

- Blue Zones: Parkland – Spanaway (Pierce County) Blueprint
 - Support route walking & biking



- Port Orchard Roundabout on Bay Street & Bethel Avenue
 - Slows Traffic
 - Reduces Conflict Points
 - Improve Traffic Flow



State of the Region: Summary Statistics



86

TOTAL JURISDICTIONS
IN PSRC



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HAVE STANDALONE
SAFETY PLANS



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HAVE A SAFETY SECTION
IN THEIR
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



42

SURVEYS
COMPLETED

INCLUDING ADDITIONAL
PARTNERS:

- WSDOT (2)
- PIERCE TRANSIT



70/86

HAVE SAFETY POLICIES
IN THEIR
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



11

ATTENDEES ATTENDED MAY 3RD FOCUS
GROUP TO SHARE INSIGHTS



Summary Statistics

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DESIGN GUIDELINES FOCUSED ON SAFETY

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HAVE A BIKE PLAN

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HAVE A SPEED LIMIT POLICY

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HAVE A PEDESTRIAN PLAN

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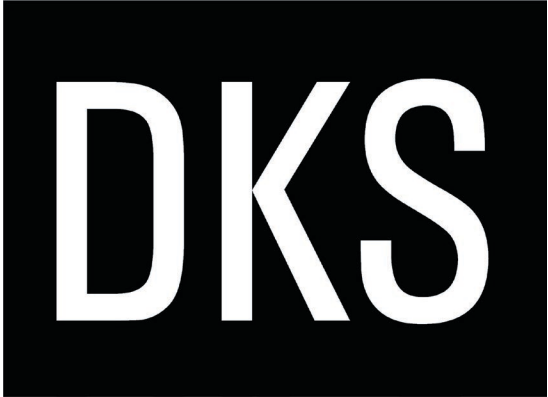
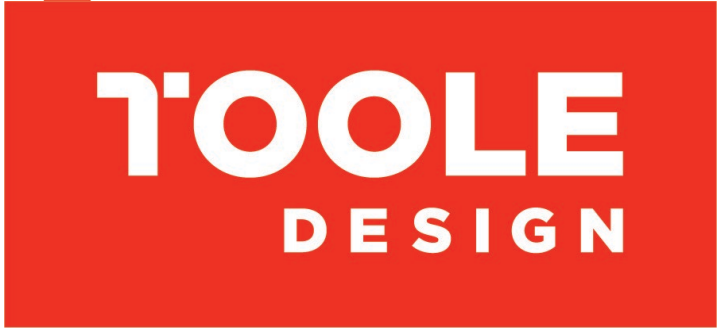
HAVE A SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PLAN

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HAVE A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY



Next Steps



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Guiding Principles for Equitable Engagement

- Do this work in partnership
- Accountability to those closest to impacts and harms
- Relationships and capacity building are essential to long-term success
- Course correcting is inherent
- Conflict is an important element of growth



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Public Involvement Plan

Community Events & Interviews

Jun 2024 – Aug 2024

Online Hub

Jul 29 – Oct 15

Public Opinion Survey

Aug 15 – Sep 30

Regional Public Meetings

Sep 15 – Oct 11

Focus Groups

Oct 1 – Nov 15

Internal Briefings

Jun 2024

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Sep 2024



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Next Steps



1. State of the Region Report
2. What we hear from communities (Public Engagement) and other stakeholders
3. Typologies
4. Tools and Strategies
5. Develop Draft Plan



Discussion

