

AMERICA WALKS



- Support local advocacy for walkable, accessible and equitable places
- Voice for walkability at the national level



**Increasing Safe, Enjoyable
Public Space**



**Taking Care of the
Environment**



**Lifting up Diverse Voices
and Perspectives**



**Empowering Grassroots
Advocacy**

PROGRAMS

Walking College

The Walking College offers participants an opportunity to hone their skills and knowledge around creating vibrant, safe, accessible communities for all. Paired with experienced advocates, fellows learn about the historical underpinnings of the car-centric transportation landscape, the basics of design and policy of non-motorized transportation, and develop essential leadership skills.

Technical Assistance for Walkable Communities

America Walks provides technical assistance and “rapid-response” services at no charge. We regularly receive questions on a variety of walking topics, including starting community groups, getting a crosswalk installed, passing a Vision Zero policy, and more. We respond with advice, best practices, case studies, and provide connections to other practitioners.

Community Change Grants

The Community Change Grant program supports the growing network of advocates, organizations, and agencies working to advance walkability. Grants are awarded to innovative, engaging, and inclusive programs and projects that create change and opportunity for walking and movement at the community level.

WEBINARS



How to Take on Harmful Jaywalking Laws

POSTED ON OCTOBER 18, 2021

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Authentic Community Engagement - Best Practices for Equitable Work

POSTED ON JULY 14, 2021

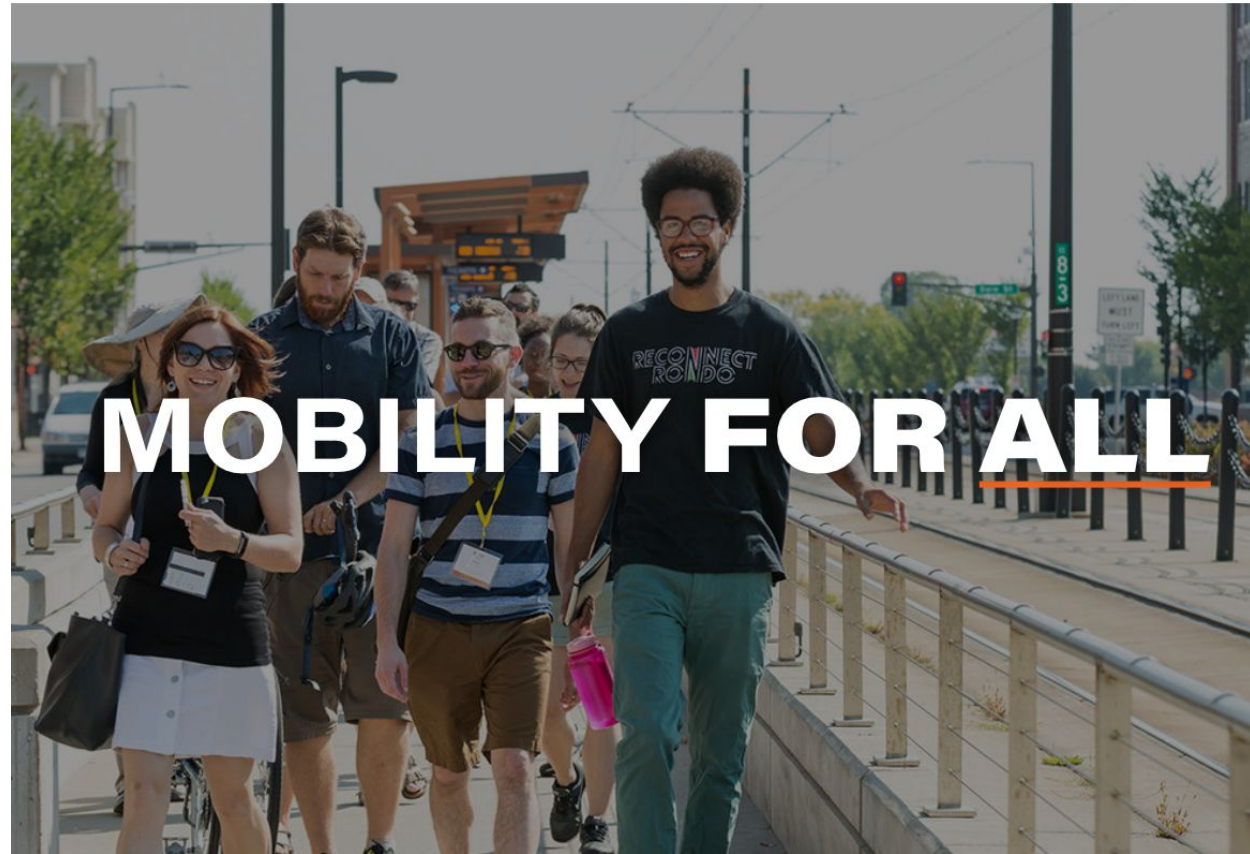
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Open Streets - What happened, what did we learn and what's next for people-first places?

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Dayton Hill



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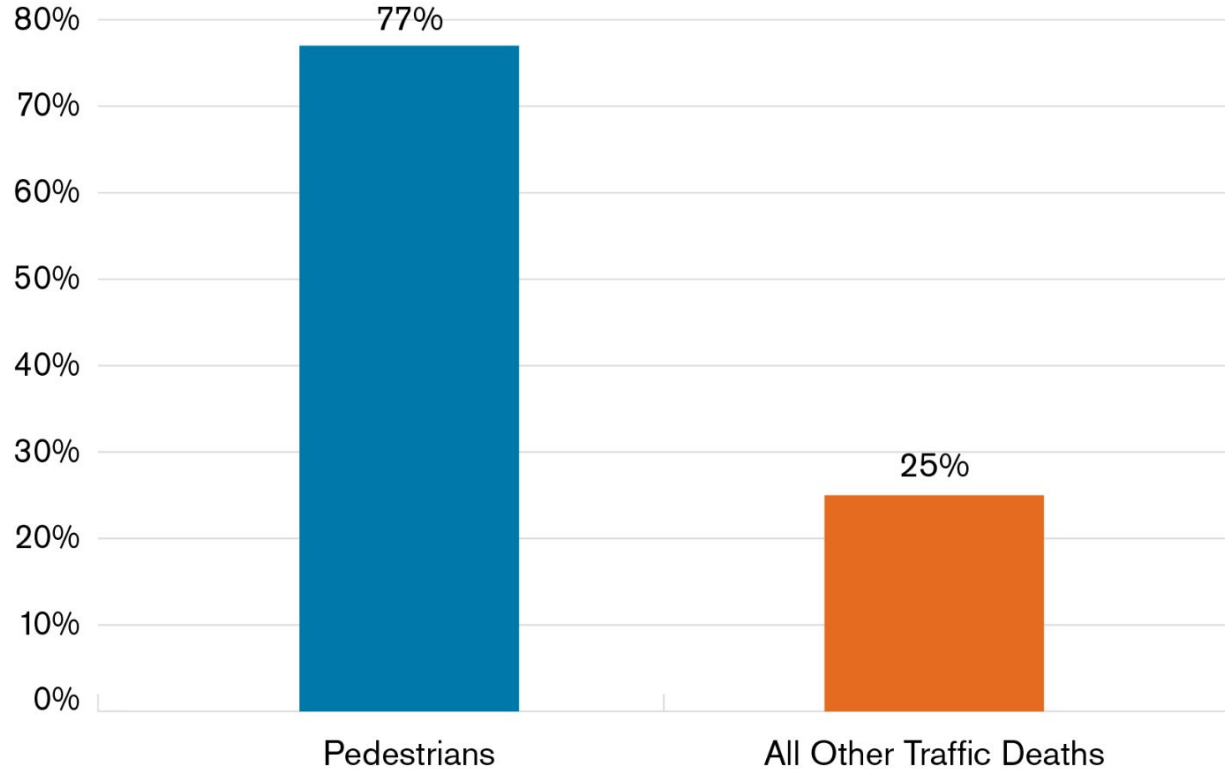
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GHSA projects at least 7,508 pedestrians were killed in traffic crashes in 2022, continuing the upward trend in recent years. This would be the most pedestrian deaths since 1981.



Pedestrian Deaths Are Increasing Faster Than All Other Traffic Fatalities

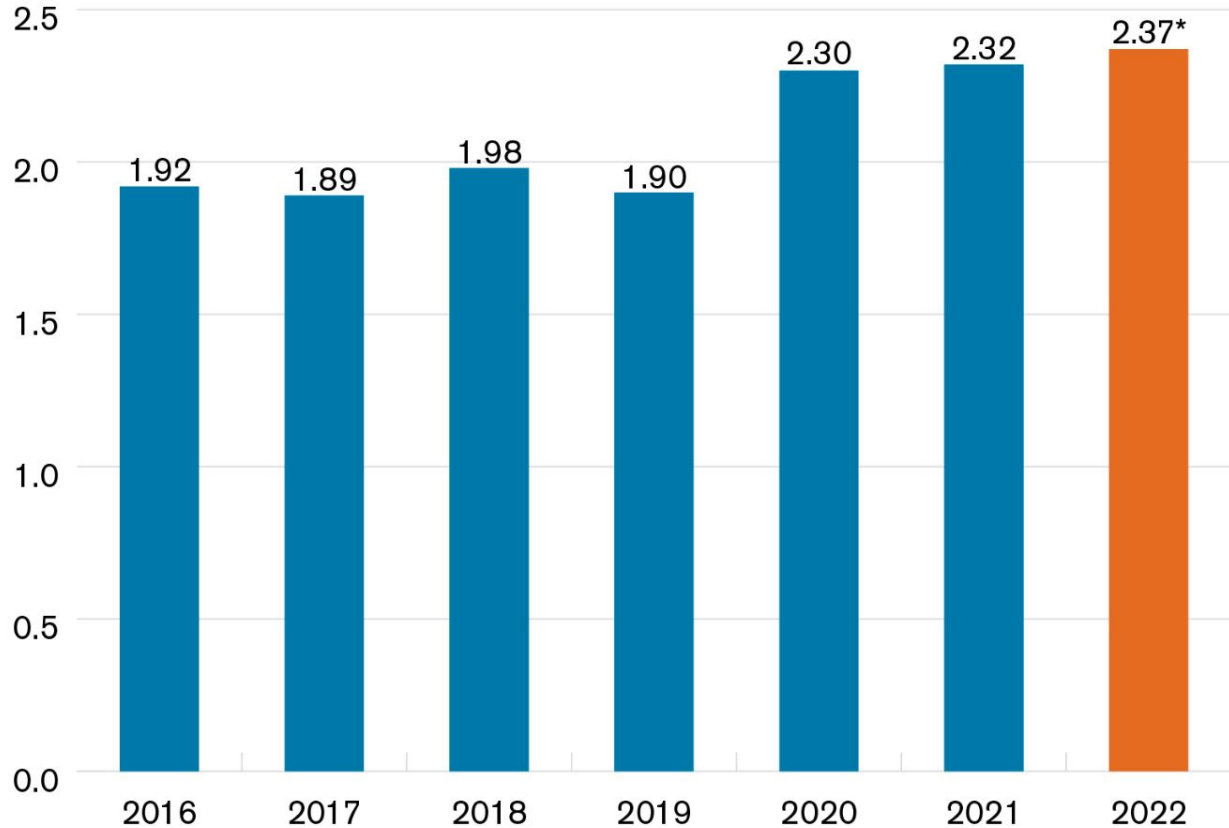
Percent Increase
in Number of
Traffic Deaths,
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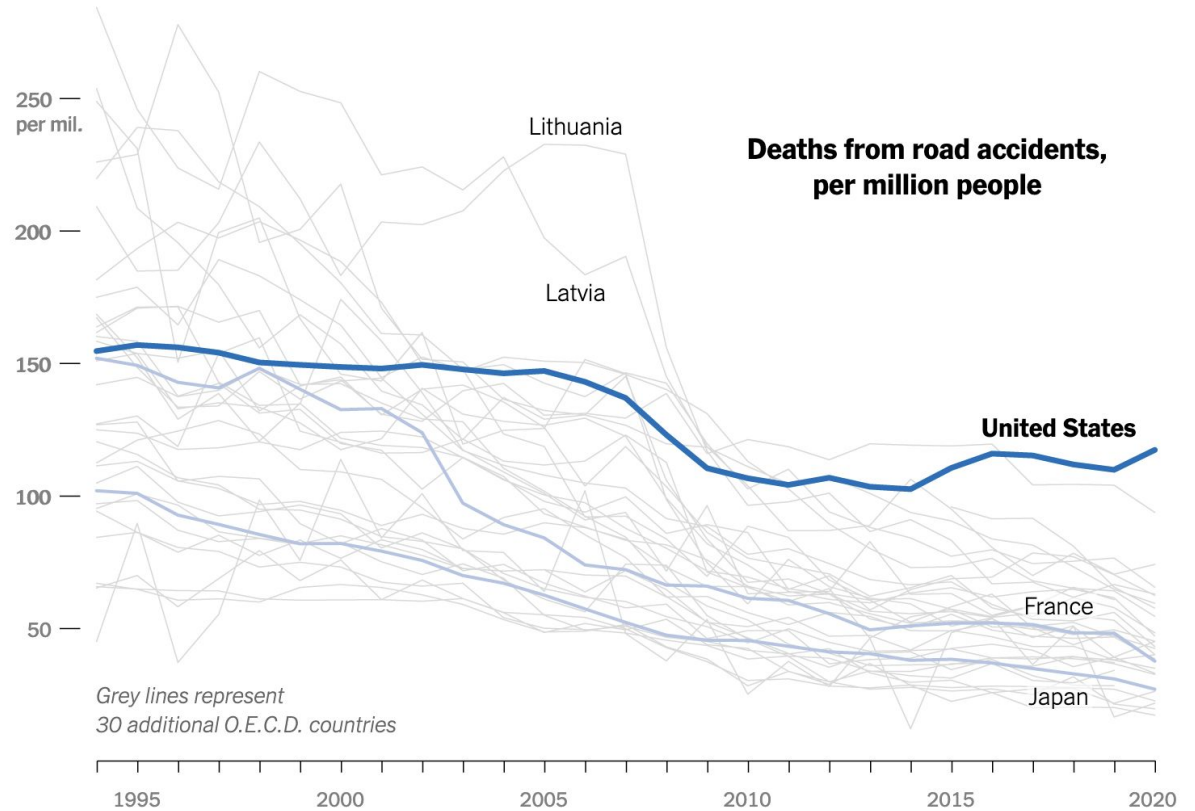
Pedestrian Fatality Rate Increased Yet Again in 2022

U.S. Pedestrian
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per One
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* Projected



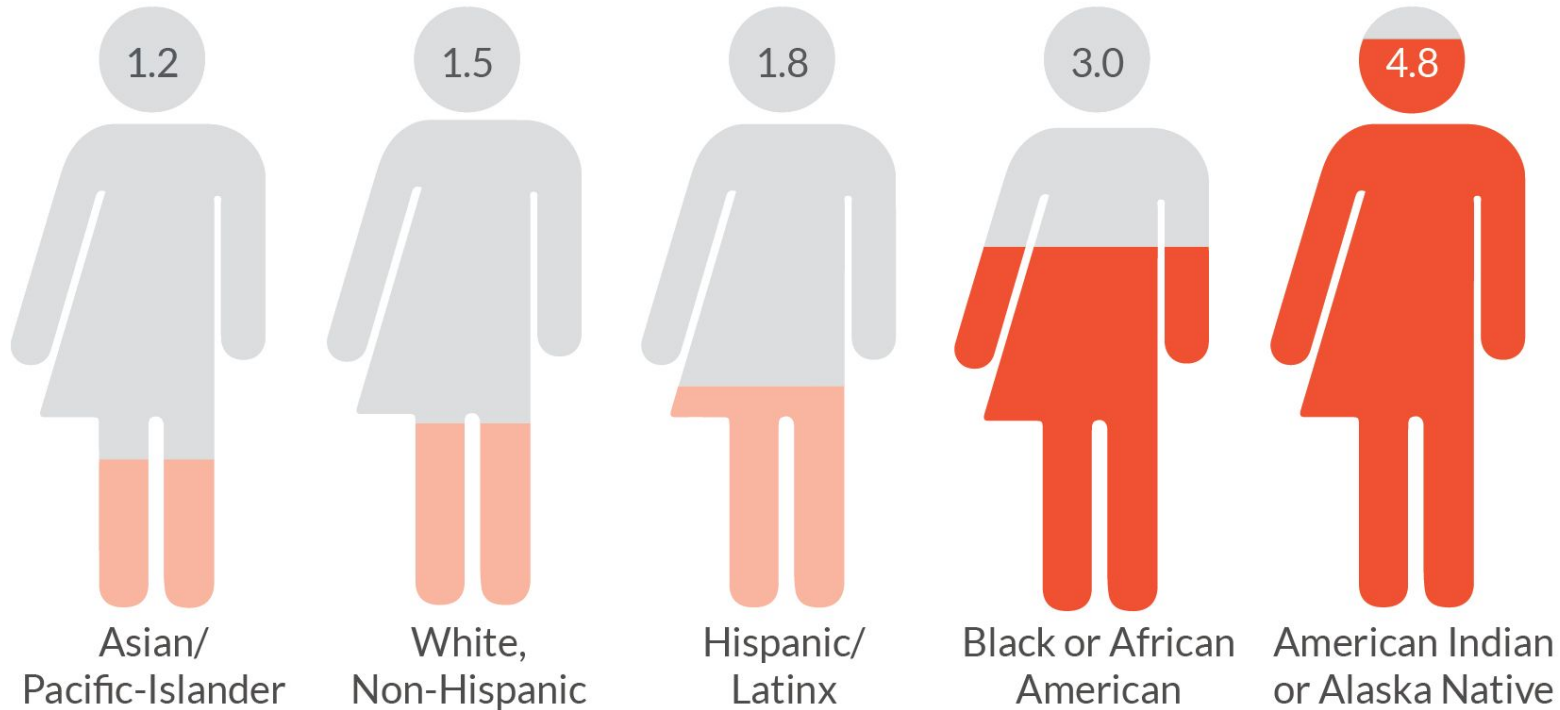
The Exceptionally American Problem of Rising Roadway Deaths



Source: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development • The New York Times

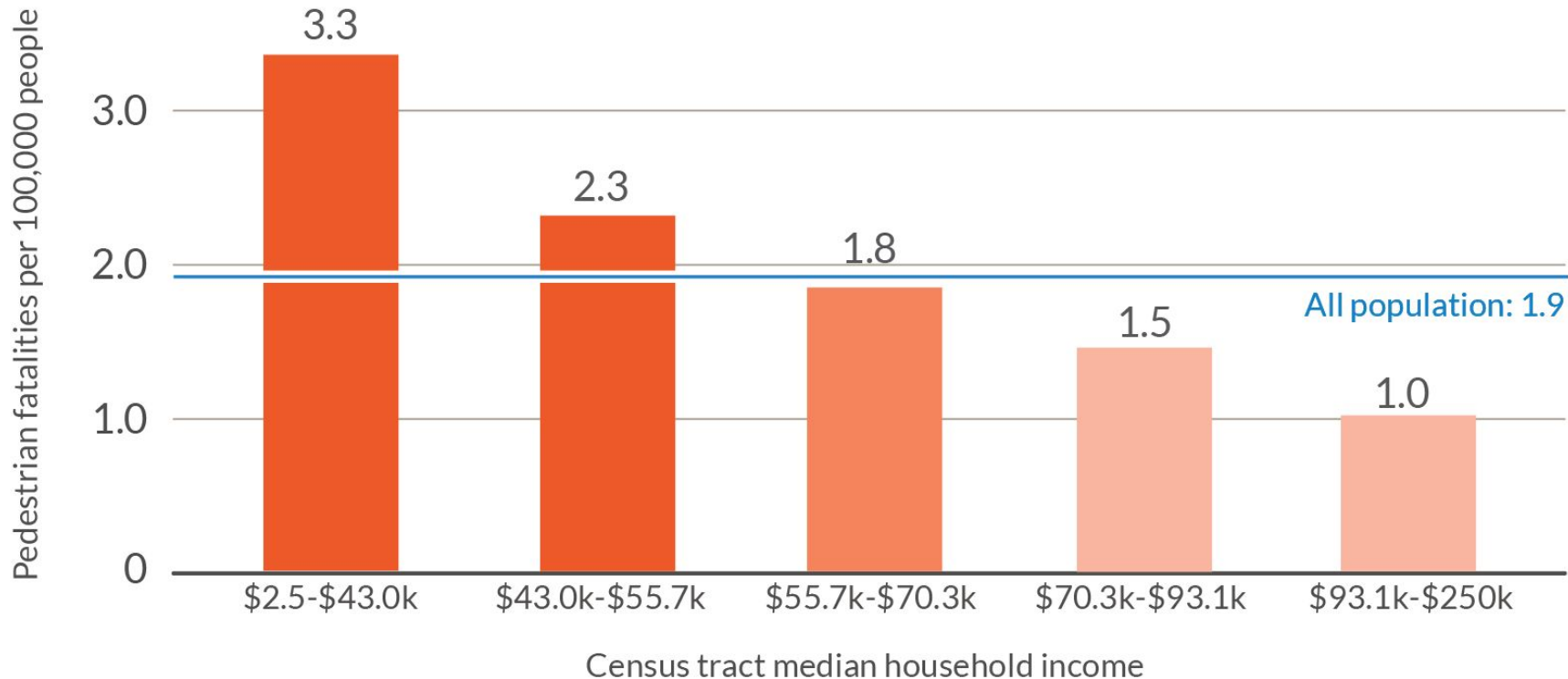
People of color, particularly Native and Black Americans, are more likely to die while walking than any other race or ethnic group

Pedestrian deaths per 100,000 by race & ethnicity (2016-2020)



People walking in lower-income areas are killed at far higher rates

Pedestrian fatalities per 100k people by census tract income



● If hit by a person driving at:

● Person Survives the Collision

● Results in a Fatality

20 MPH



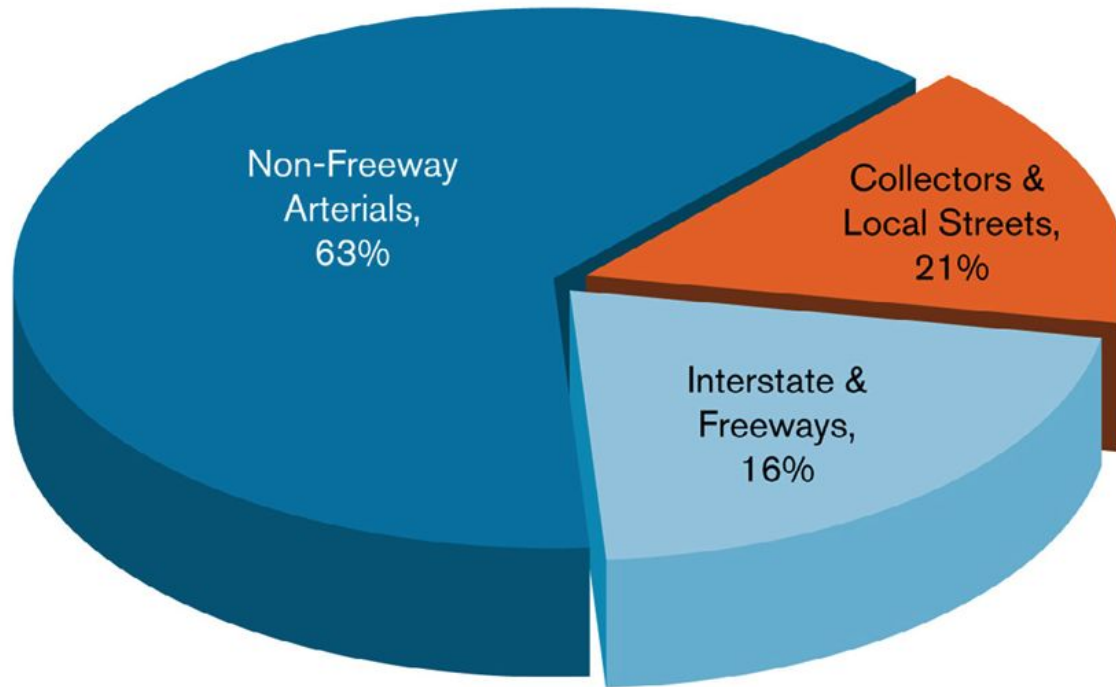
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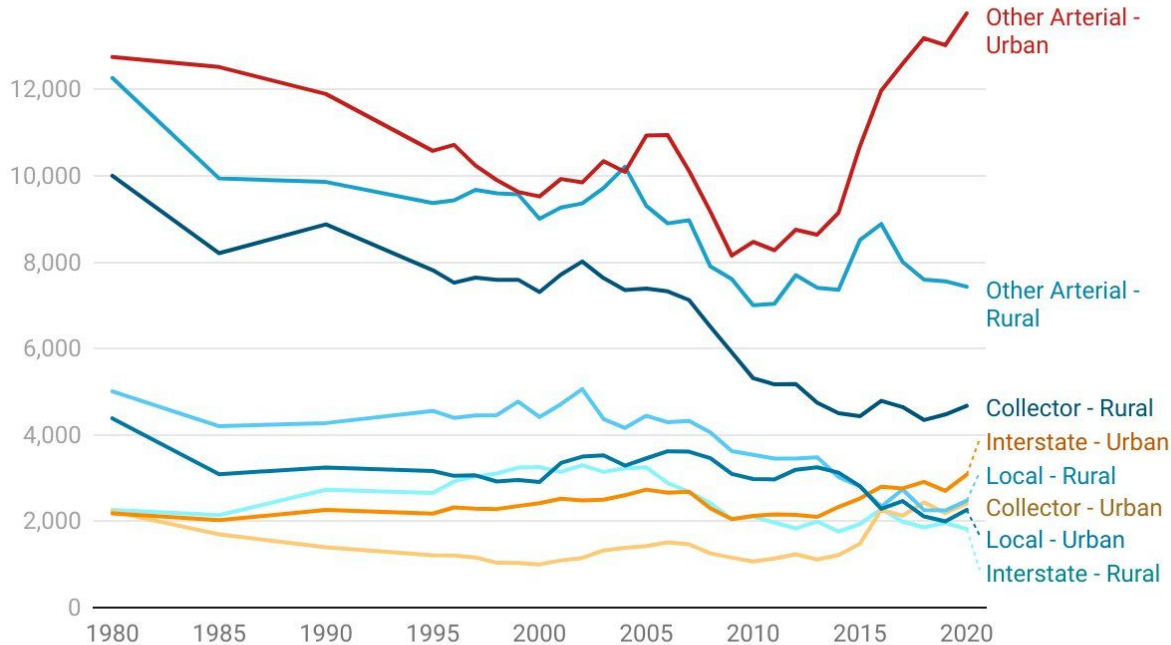
Figure 12 Pedestrian Fatalities by Roadway Function Class, 2019



Source: FARS

Motor Vehicle Fatalities by Highway Functional System

Motor vehicle fatalities on urban arterials have increased dramatically over the last decade. Urban interstates and urban collectors have also seen increases. Rural roads and local urban roads have seen decreases over time.



Functional classification data labeling changed from original so that urban and rural roadways could be displayed on the same chart. Rate of traffic deaths per vehicle miles traveled (VMT) omitted, but it suggests that urban arterials are about 50% safer today per VMT than in 1980 despite over 1,000 additional deaths.

Chart: The League of American Bicyclists • Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics • Created with Datawrapper





<https://www.strongtowns.org/journal/2018/3/1/whats-a-stroad-and-why-does-it-matter>

VIDEO: How the MUTCD Cuts Off Food Access For Pedestrians

By Don Kostelec | Mar 30, 2021 | 







<https://www.dearwinnipeg.com/2022/04/03/accidentally-on-purpose/>



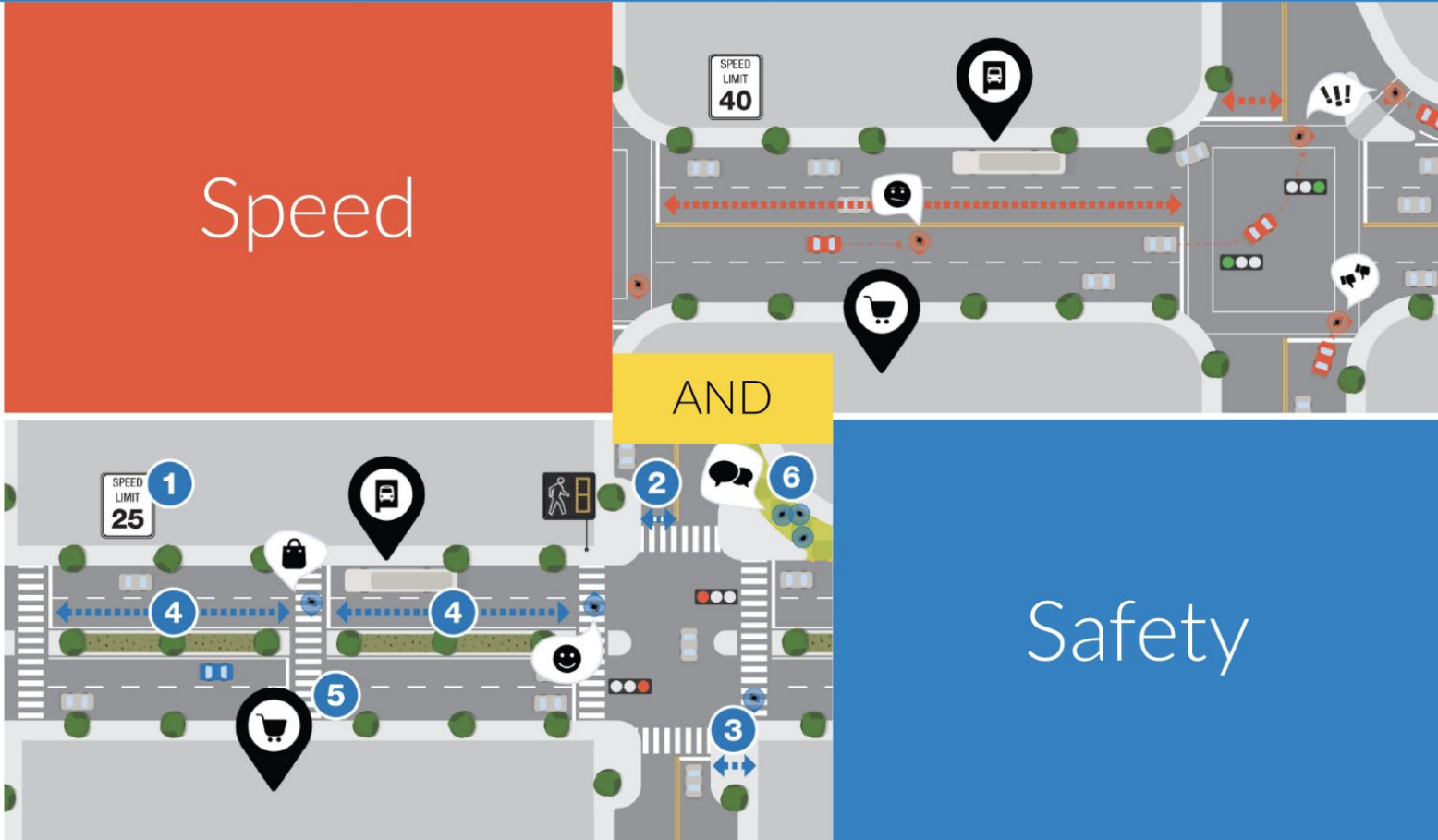
What do these poles
tell us
about what we value?

It's impossible to prioritize both...

Speed

AND

Safety



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High Visibility Crosswalk Study

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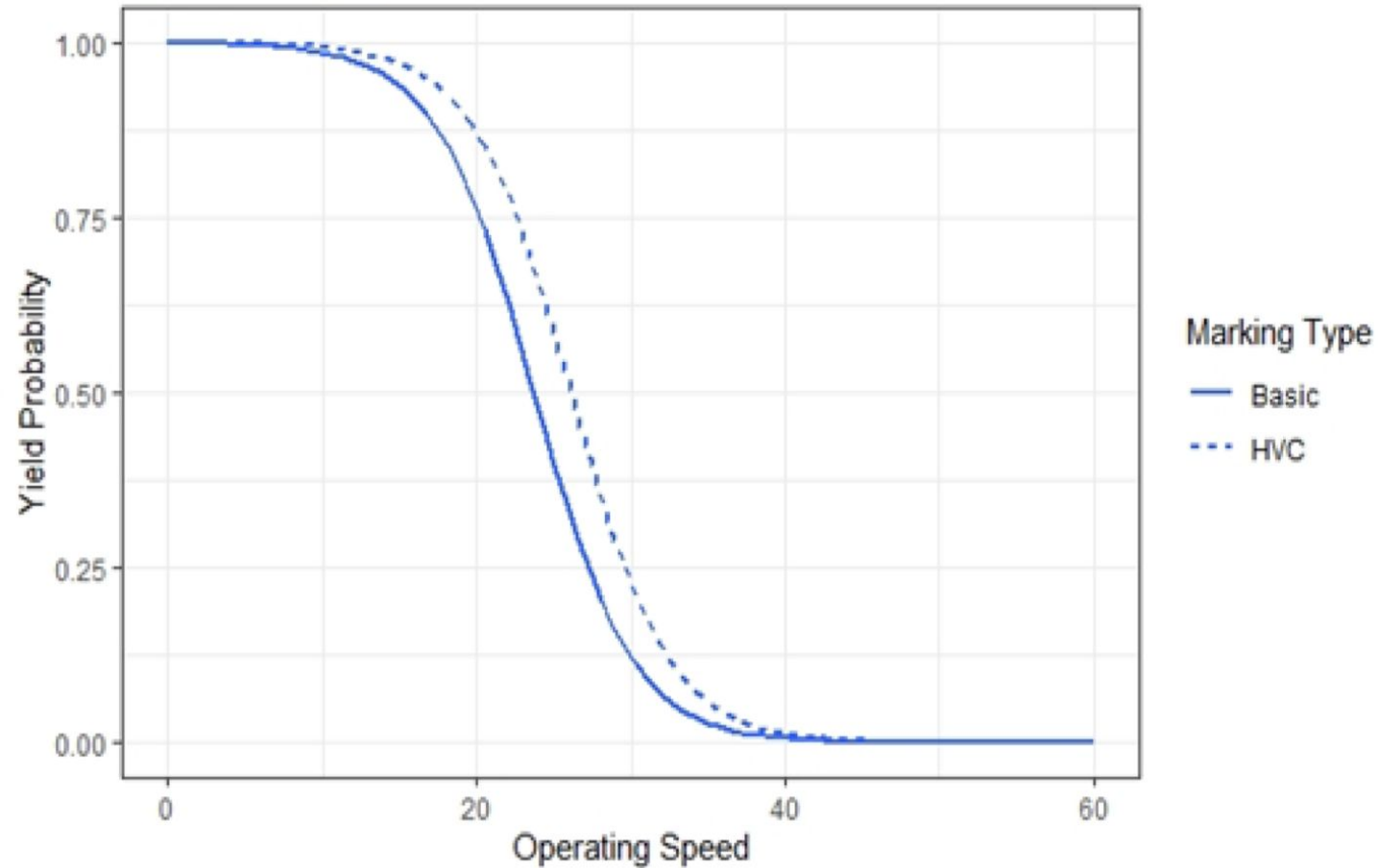
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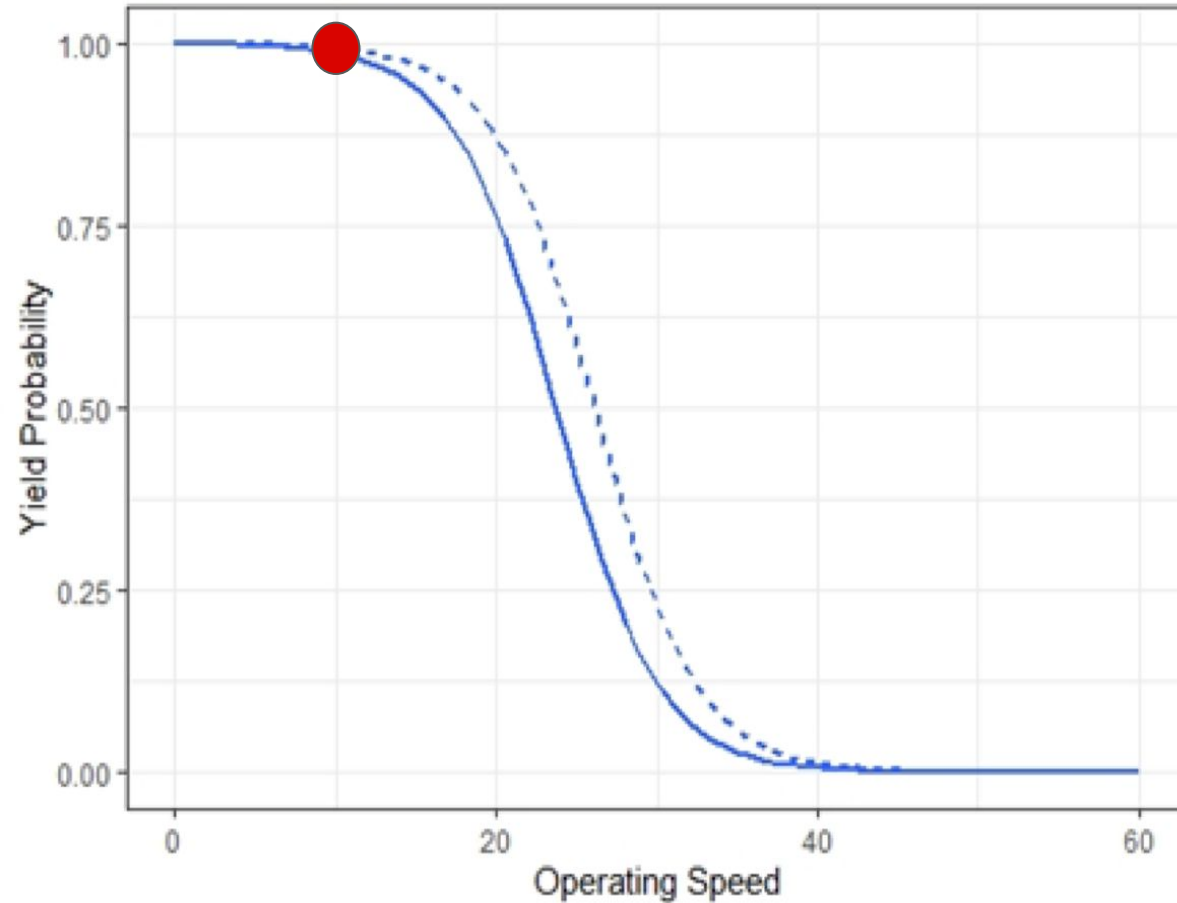
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- **1,200 Crossing Attempts**

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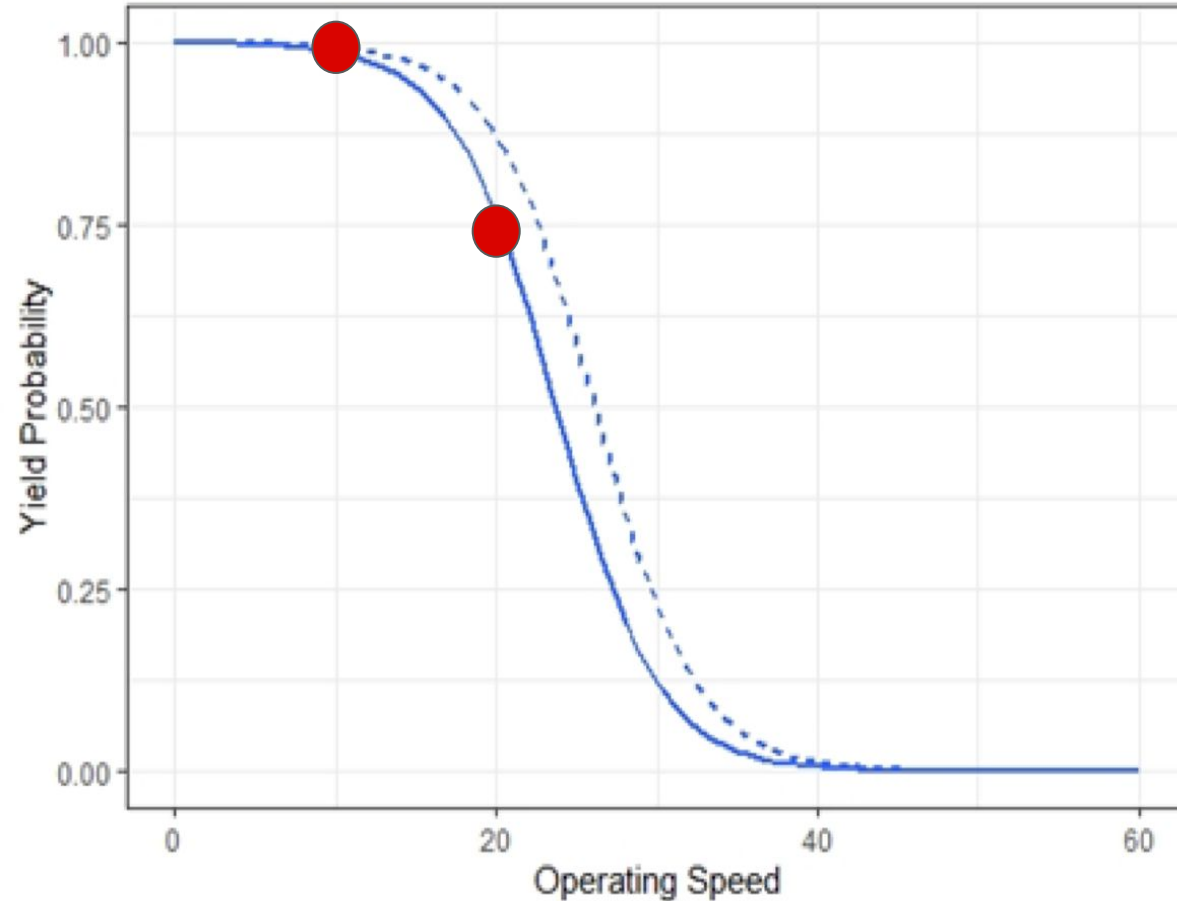
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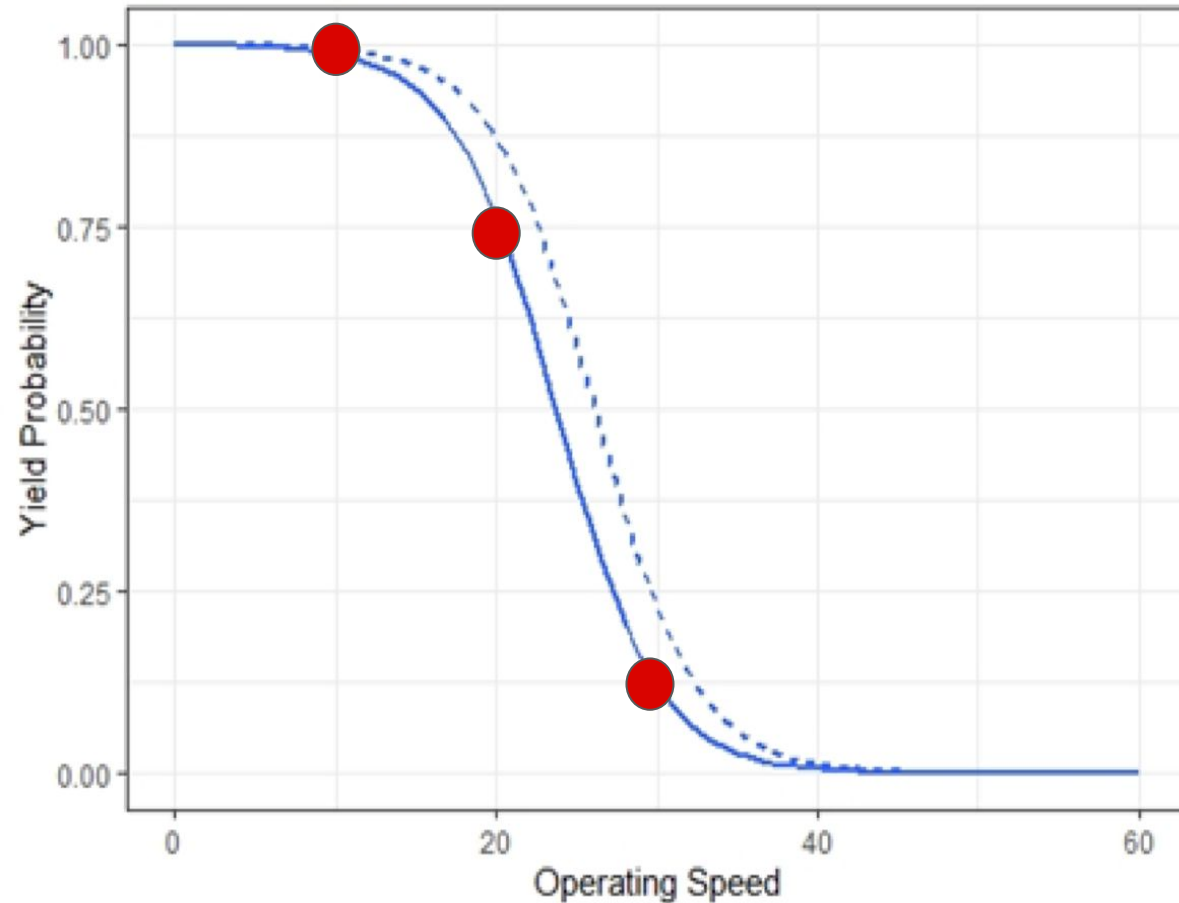
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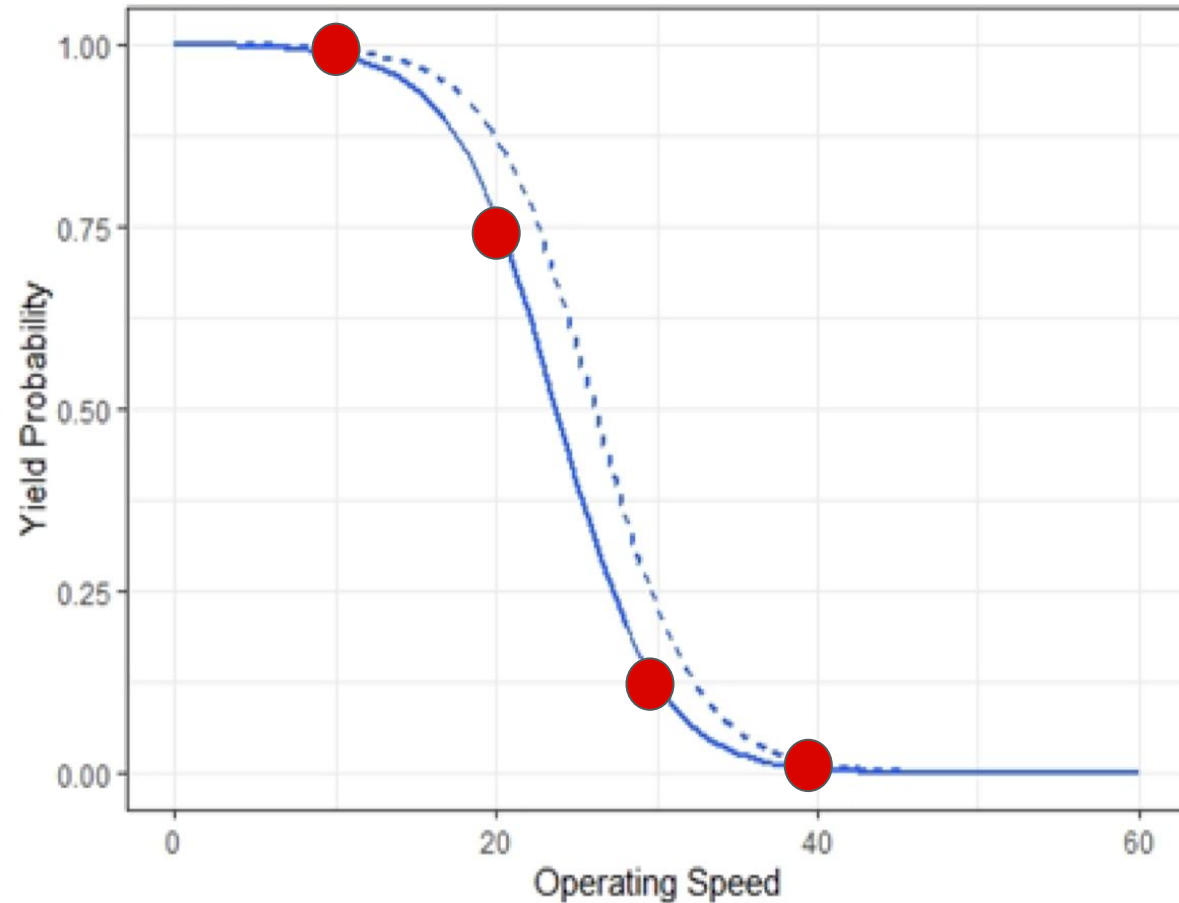
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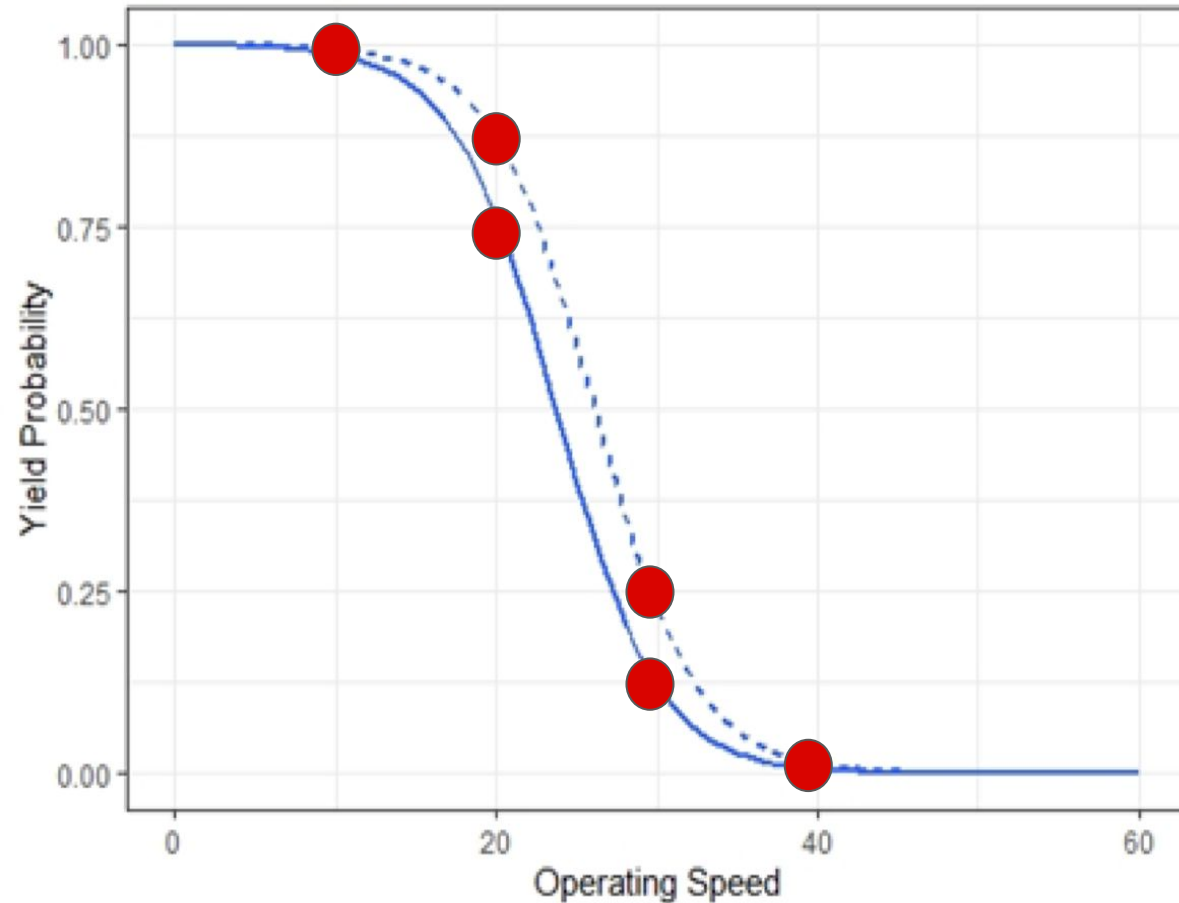
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HI-Viz slightly better



← 3300 NE 75th St

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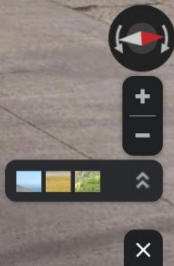
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NE 75th St

2025
SPEED
LIMIT
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← 3299 NE 75th St

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Proven safety treatments



Rainier Ave S (Columbia City and Hillman City)

- Injury collisions **down 30%**
- Collisions with people walking and biking **down 40%**
- Top-end speeding **down 75%**

2000

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2018



Between 2000 and 2018, the average pickup grew 11% taller and became 24% heavier. Pedestrians stayed about the same height.



Europe Requires Intelligent Speed Assistance In All New Cars

WHAT IS INTELLIGENT SPEED ASSISTANCE?

1. Car receives position information via GPS and current speed limit from a digital map. Can also be combined with video camera sign recognition.

2. Speed limit is displayed on the dashboard.

Driver can override system by pushing harder on accelerator.

3. Car helps driver not to speed when speed limit is reached.



The New York Times

***If You Won't Stop Speeding,
Your Car Will Do It for You,
E.U. Tells Drivers***



NEW WEBINAR

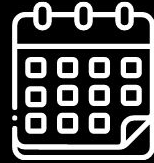


SAFER FLEETS CHALLENGE

**How Adopting Intelligent Speed
Assistance Can Make Your Community a
Better Place to Walk**

APRIL 11TH, 2023

2PM, EASTERN



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Creating An Active America, Together



Health Benefits of Physical Activity for Adults

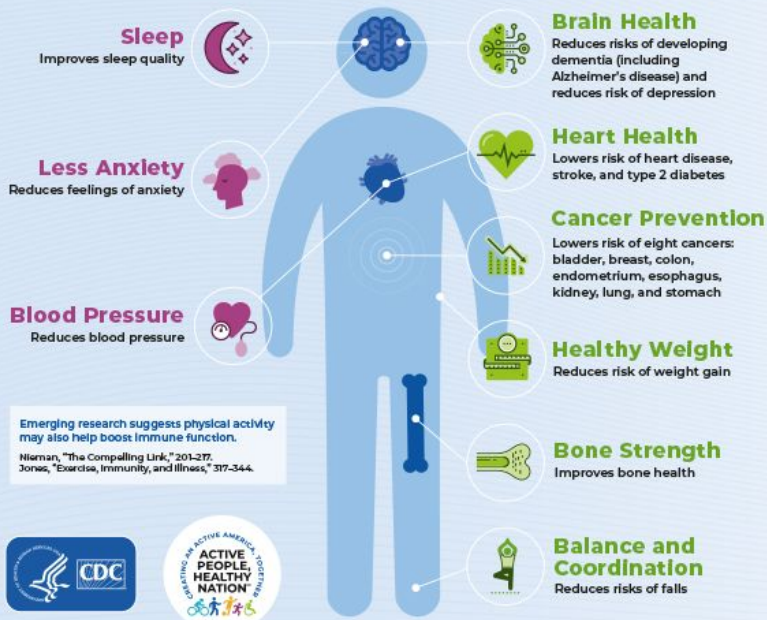


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LONG-TERM

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Source: *Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans, 2nd edition*

To learn more, visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/basics/adults/health-benefits-of-physical-activity-for-adults.html>

August 2020

Health Benefits of Physical Activity

FOR ADULTS 65 AND OLDER

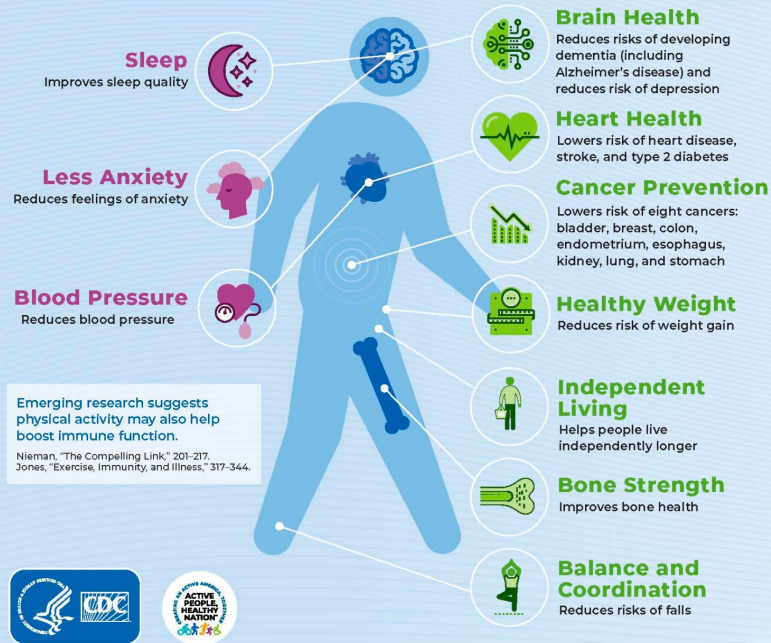


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Place Types by Walkability



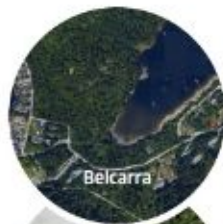
Exurban
0-5 dwellings per acre

Suburban
5-10 dwellings per acre

Semi-urban
10-15 dwellings per acre

Town Centre
15-25 dwellings per acre

Urban Core
25-60 dwellings per acre



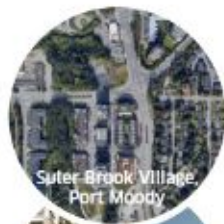
Belcarra



Hammond,
Maple Ridge



Cloverdale,
Surrey



Suter Brook Village,
Port Moody



West End,
Vancouver



Other examples:
Eagle Harbour
(West Vancouver),
Shaughnessy
(Vancouver)



Other examples: Capital
Hill (Burnaby), Searfair
(Richmond)



Other examples:
Dundarave (West
Vancouver), Sunset
(Vancouver)



Other examples:
Brighouse (Richmond),
Suter Brook (Port
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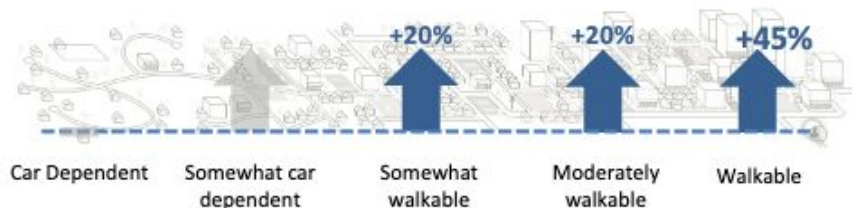
Other examples:
Lower Lonsdale (North
Vancouver), Downtown
(New Westminster)

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Vancouver, BC

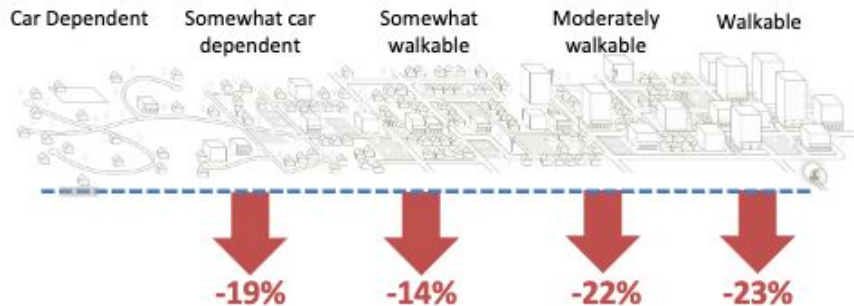
Walkability and Physical Activity

Transport Walking (at least 30 min/day)



People living in a somewhat walkable area are 20% more likely to walk 30 minutes or more for transportation and people in a walkable area are 45% more likely compared to those living in a car dependent area.

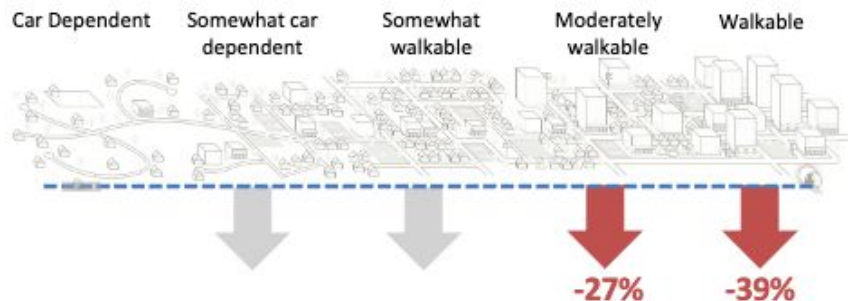
Walkability and Stress



People living in a somewhat car dependent area are 19% less likely to have stressful days and people in a walkable area are 23% less likely to have stressful days compared to those living in a car dependent area.

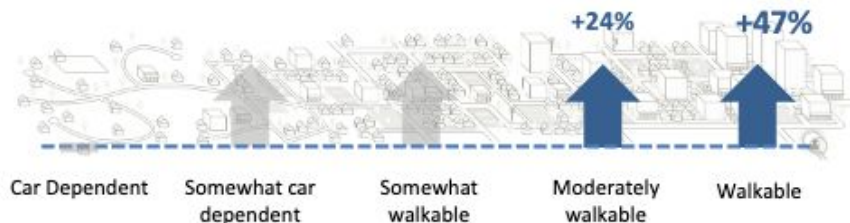
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Walkability and Diabetes



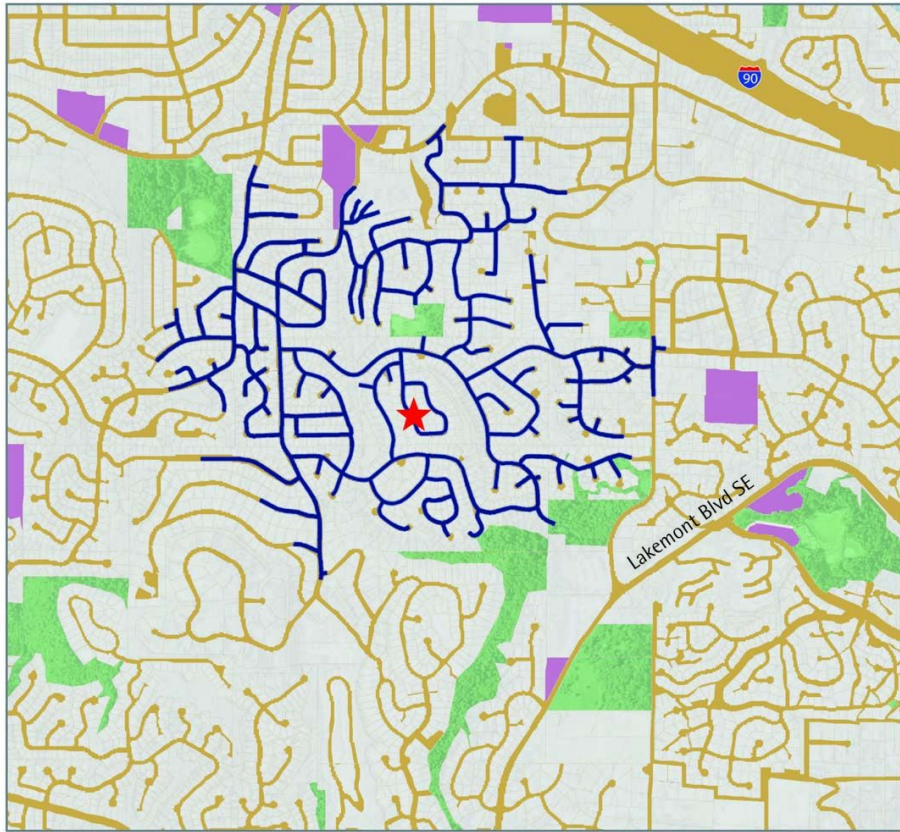
People living in a moderately walkable area are 27% less likely to have diabetes and people in a walkable area are 39% less likely to have diabetes compared to those living in a car dependent area.

Walkability and Sense of Community



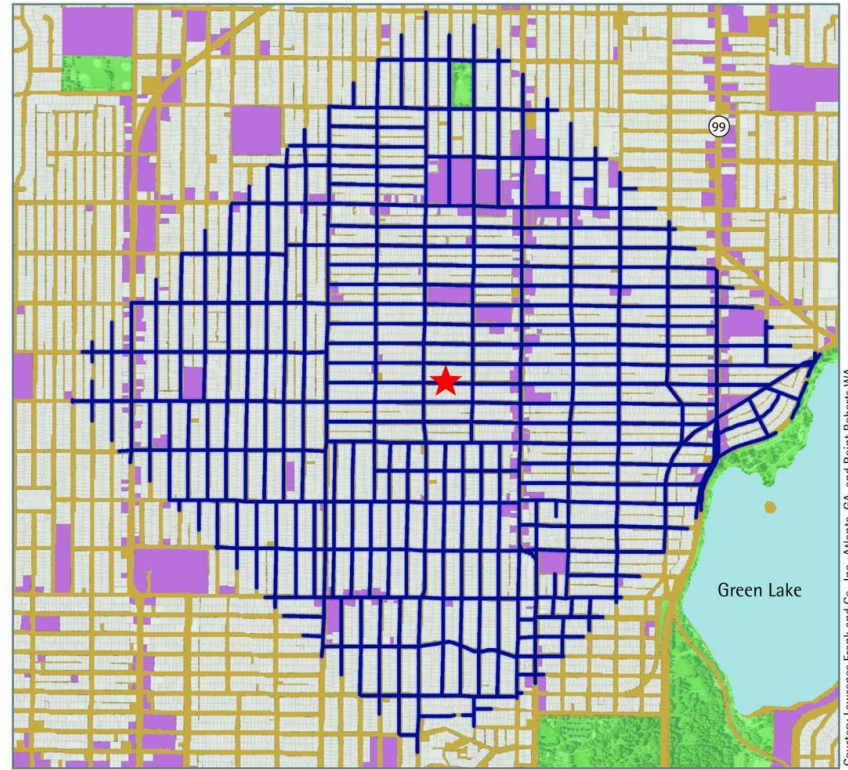
People living in a moderately walkable area are 24% more likely to have a strong sense of community belonging and people in a walkable area are 47% more likely compared to those living in a car dependent area.

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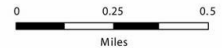
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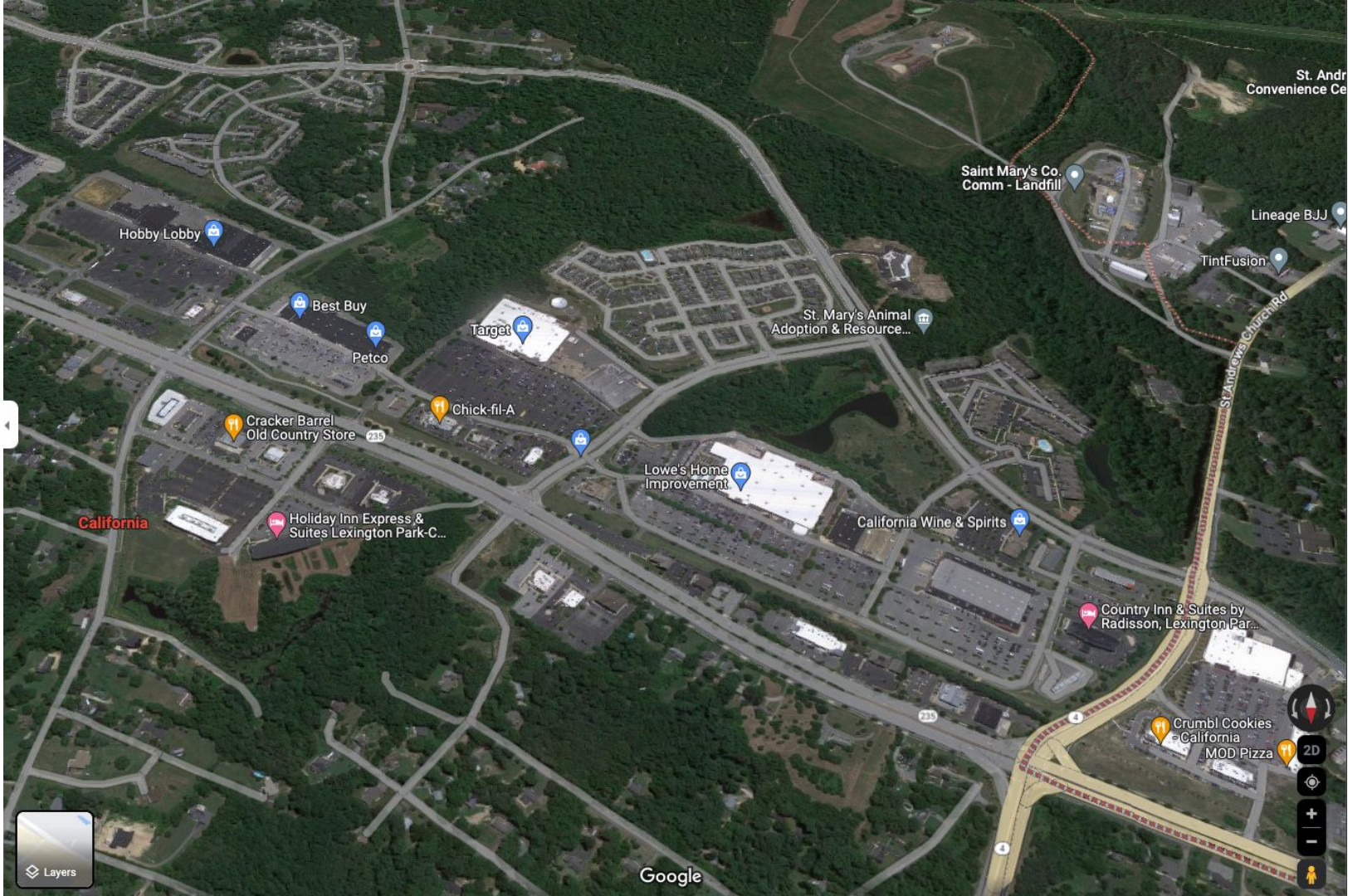
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Convenience Ce

Saint Mary's Co.
Comm - Landfill

Lineage BJJ

Hobby Lobby

TintFusion

Best Buy

St. Mary's Animal
Adoption & Resource...

Petco

Target

St. Andrews Church Rd

Cracker Barrel
Old Country Store

Chick-fil-A

Lowe's Home
Improvement

California

Holiday Inn Express &
Suites Lexington Park-C...

California Wine & Spirits

Country Inn & Suites by
Radisson, Lexington Par...

Crumb Cookies
-California
MOD Pizza



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Bellevue, Maryland

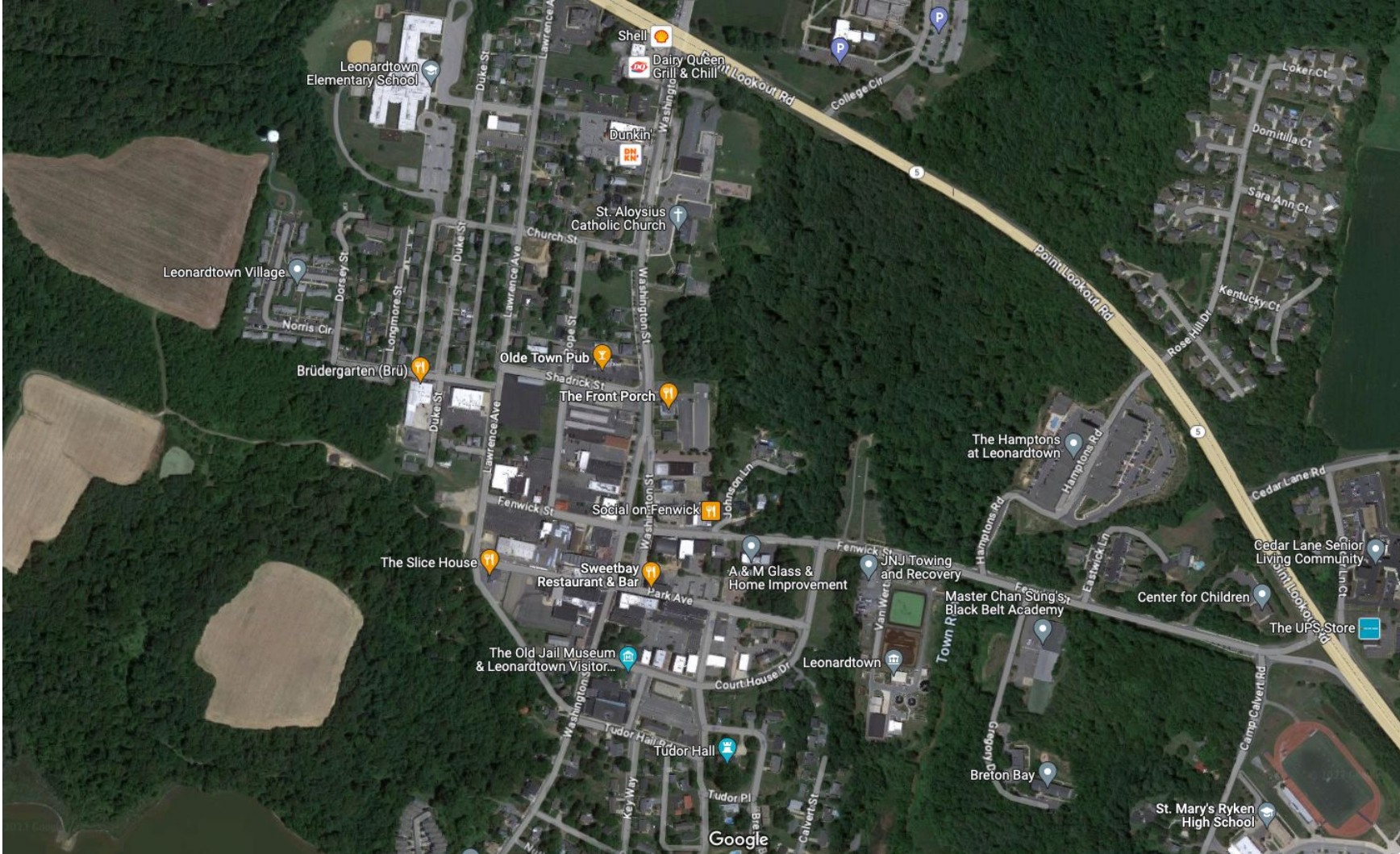
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Luigi's Pizza
Chipotle
Gas Station





Leonardtown Elementary School

Shell
Dairy Queen Grill & Chill

Dunkin'

St. Aloysius Catholic Church

Leonardtown Village

Brüdergarten (Brü)

Olde Town Pub

The Front Porch

Social on Fenwick

The Slice House

Sweetbay Restaurant & Bar

A & M Glass & Home Improvement

The Old Jail Museum & Leonardtown Visitor Center

Tudor Hall

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The Hamptons at Leonardtown

JNJ Towing and Recovery

Master Chan Sung's Black Belt Academy

Cedar Lane Senior Living Community

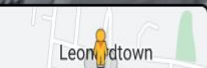
Center for Children

The UPS Store

Breton Bay

St. Mary's Ryken High School

Dreamy Days Beauty





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Seattle, Washington

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FIND LOCAL WALKING ORGANIZATIONS

These organizations are working at the state and local levels to make walking safe, routine, and enjoyable.

Select a State





INTERSECTIONS
INITIATIVE

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About the Initiative

What's at Stake

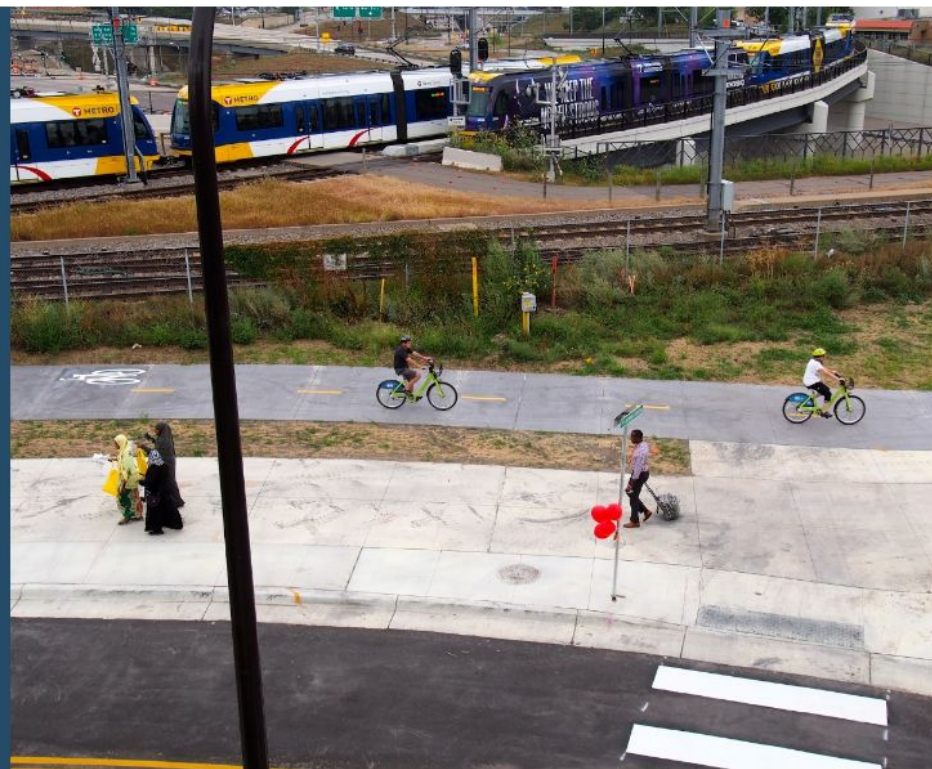
Get Started

INTERSECTIONS INITIATIVE

HEALTHY, THRIVING COMMUNITIES FOR EVERYONE.

The Intersections Initiative connects community leaders, organizations, and local government agencies to technical assistance and funding that make our streets safer and more accessible for people to walk, roll, and bike.

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