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June 13, 2025

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Purpose Statement

This webinar will introduce participants to innovative methods used to support Vision Zero and SS4A initiatives. Presenters will demonstrate new and accessible techniques including vehicle heading analysis at intersections, sliding window analysis, and crash tree diagram visualizations.

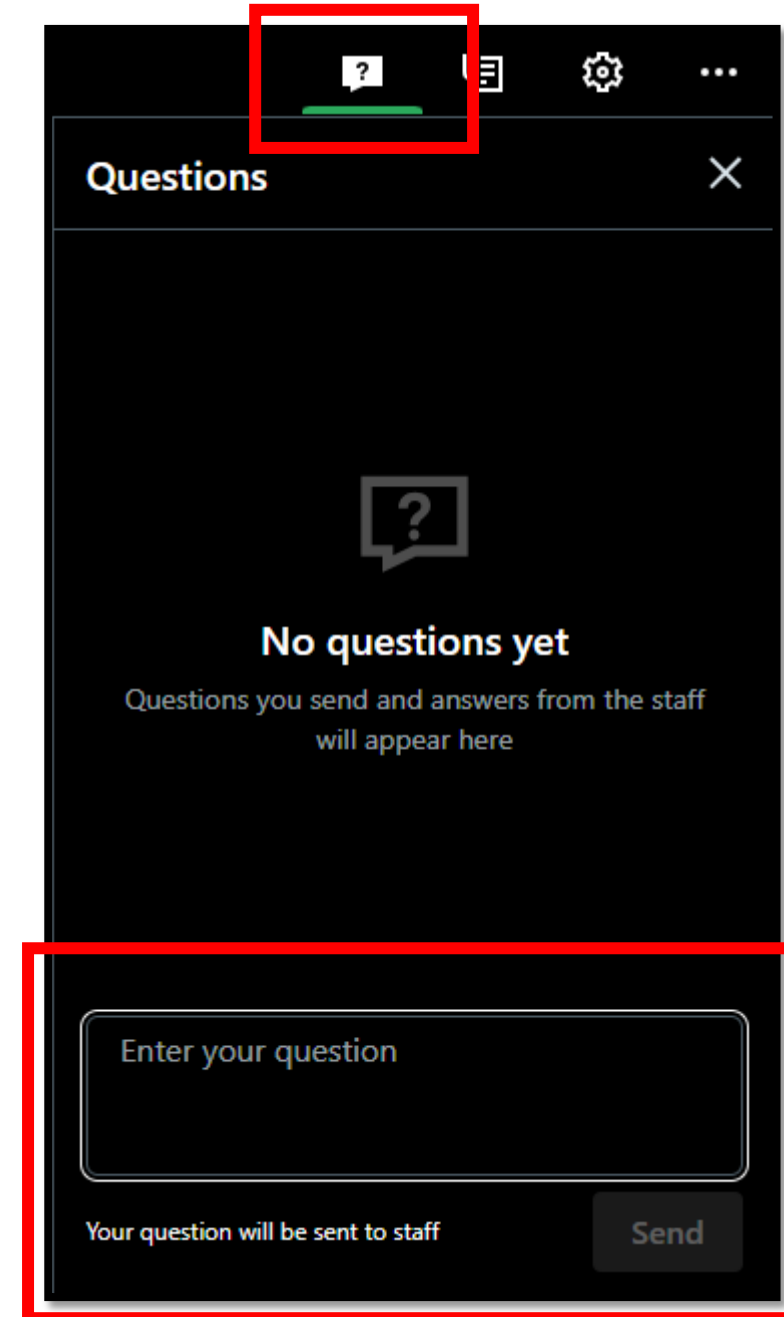
Learning Objectives

At the end of this webinar, participants will be able to:

- Describe new approaches for analyzing and visualizing safety planning data
- Explain how Big Data and AI can be applied to safety planning
- Identify methods to validate and visualize safety analysis results

Questions and Answers

- Please type your questions into your webinar control panel
- We will read your questions out loud, and answer as many as time allows



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Leveraging AI and Big Data to Enhance Safety Analysis

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Phase 1

- Literature review of AI/ML frameworks
- Literature review of big data used in safety analysis
- Identification of data needs

Phase 2

- Develop framework and AI/ML models
- QA/QC
- Pilot projects
- User guide on how the data and results can be used

Bellevue Pilot Project



Problem Statement: What is the effect of intersection curb radii on actual vehicle turning radii and vehicle turning speed?

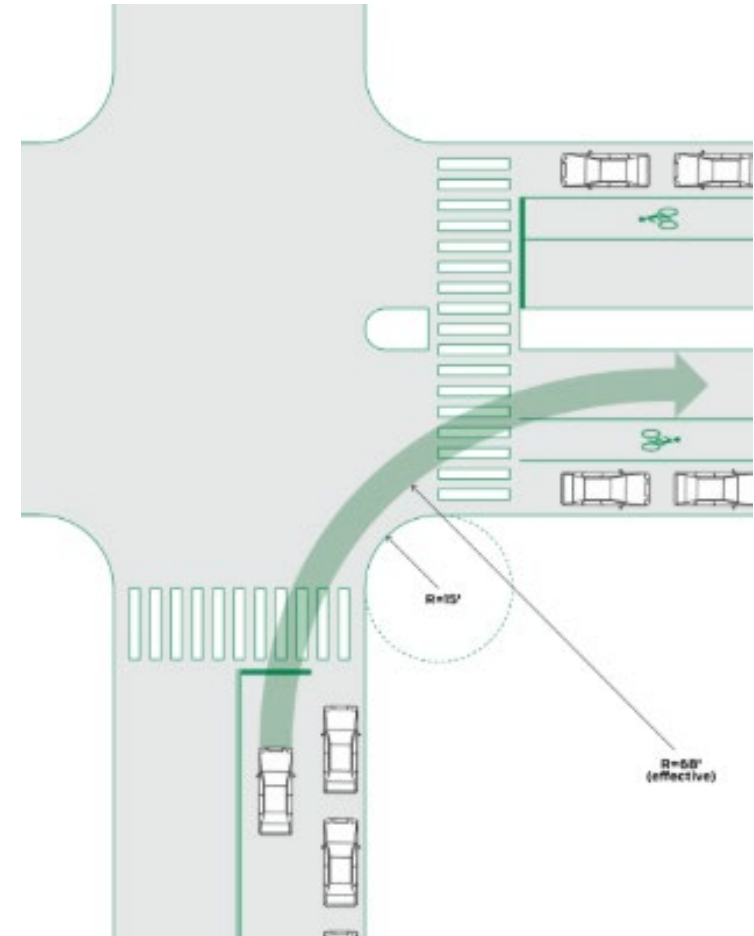


How: Examine how video analytics can be used for more in-depth analysis of road user behaviors.



Goal: Finding the connection between vehicular turning behavior and roadway geometries helps agencies to understand VRU risks better and propose countermeasures.

VRU = Vulnerable Road User



Source: NACTO corner radii

Pilot Overview



Significance: urban area, data-rich (AMAG, INRIX), Vulnerable Road Users



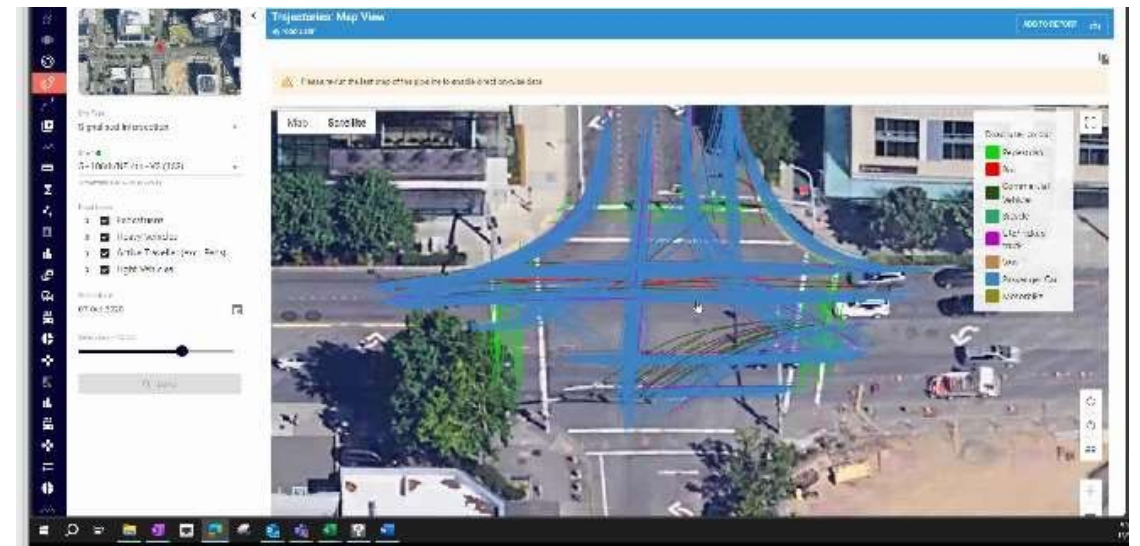
Motivation: relate turning behavior to roadway geometries so that VRU risks are understood better and countermeasures selected.



Data needed: turning trajectory and speeds at intersections, intersection geometries



Data sources: AMAG (vehicle trajectory and speeds), research team (intersection geometries)

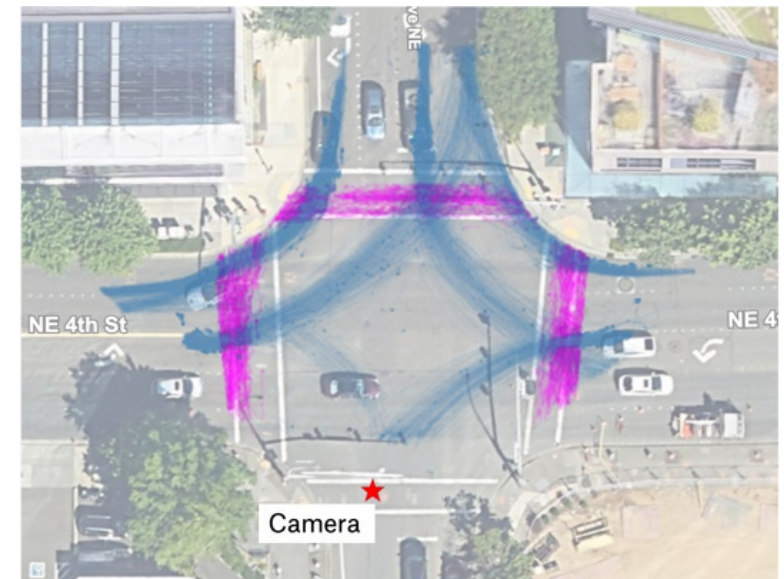
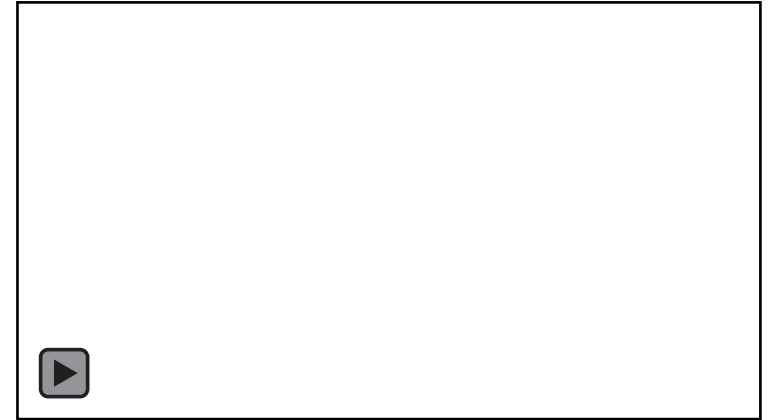


Source: City of Bellevue Traffic Camera, AMAG SMART platform

Data Preparation

Site & Data

- 106th Avenue NE & NE 4th St
 - 18,000 entering vehicles per day
- Complete view of two right-turn pockets + four left-turn movements
 - SB-R has one departure lane and two receiving lanes
 - WB-R has movements from a shared R/T lane into a single lane
- 24 days x 14 hour/day frame-by-frame object detection and tracking

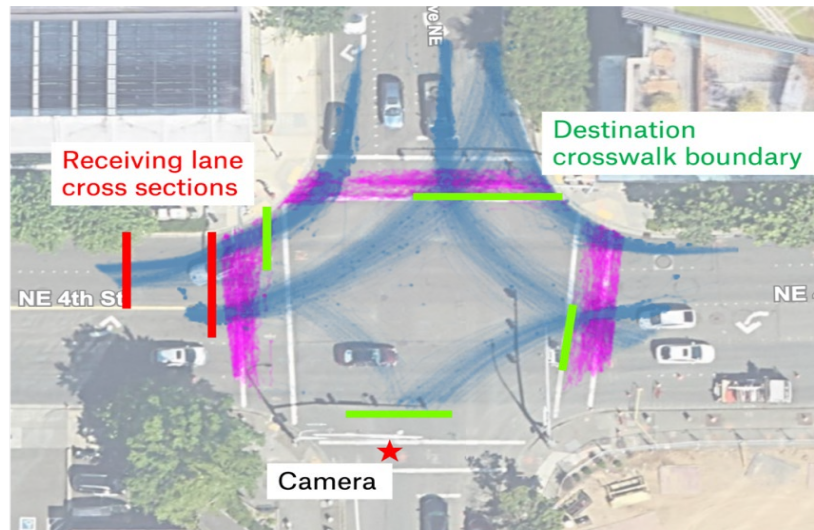


Source: City of Bellevue Traffic Camera,
NCHRP Project 17-100

Bellevue Pilot Model Inference

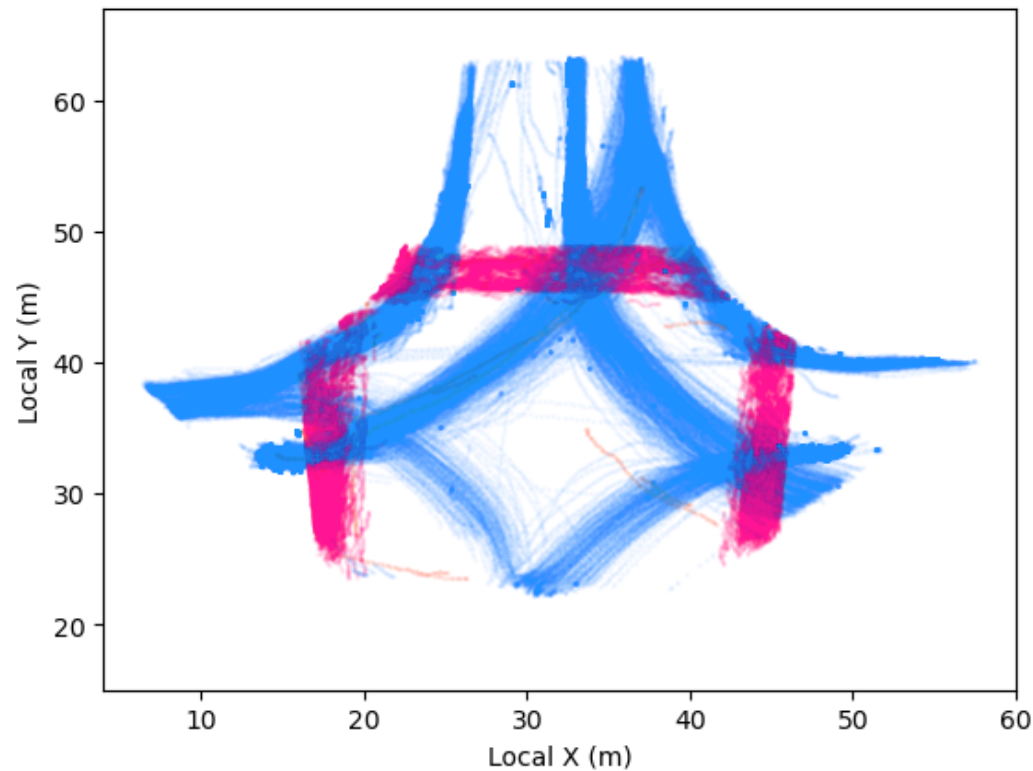
Data processing and feature engineering

- Stopped (Impeded) vs. Unstopped (Unimpeded)
 - unimpeded trajectories are more informative for turning radii calculation
- Vehicle Heading at Crosswalk
 - important measure of risk to active users when vehicles enter crosswalk of the receiving lane/approaches and the "cone of vision"

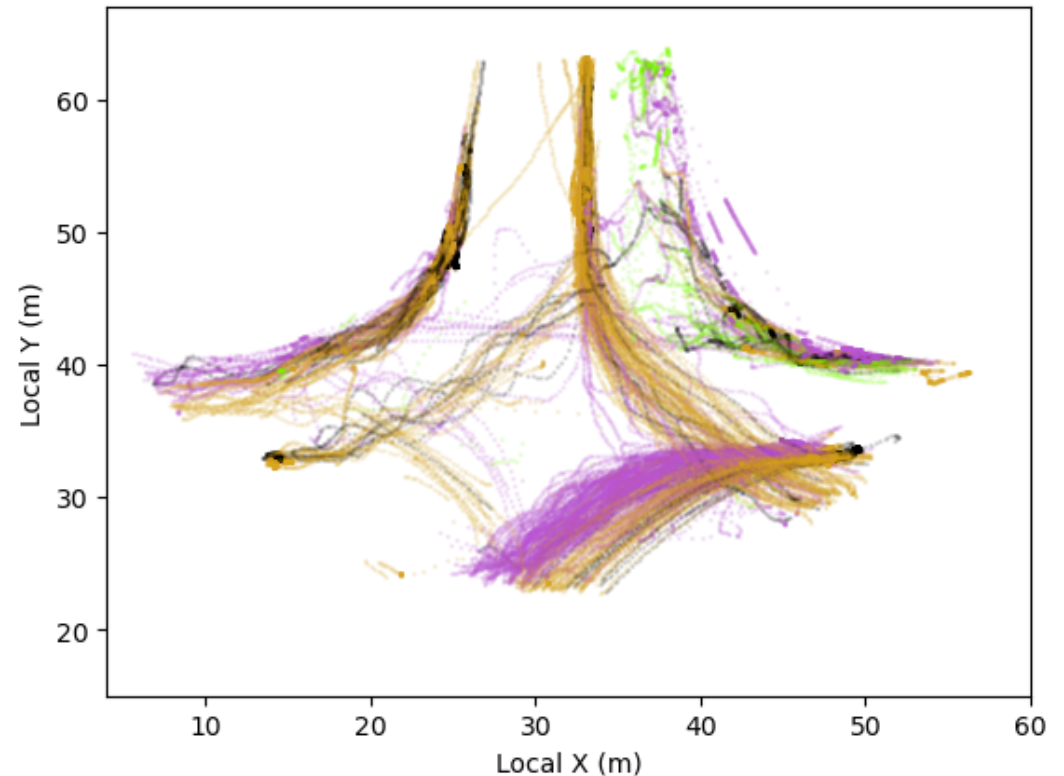


Bellevue Pilot Results

Type of road user variable



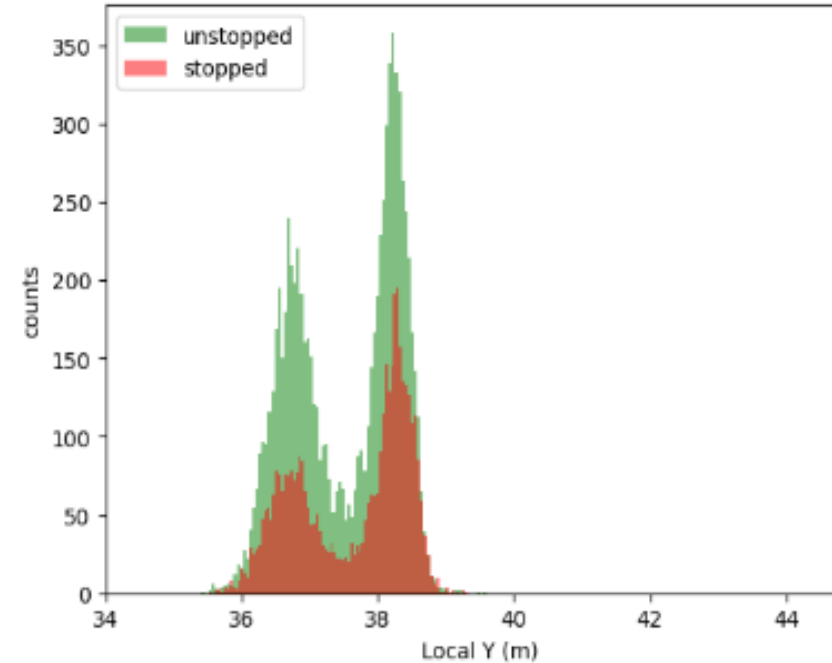
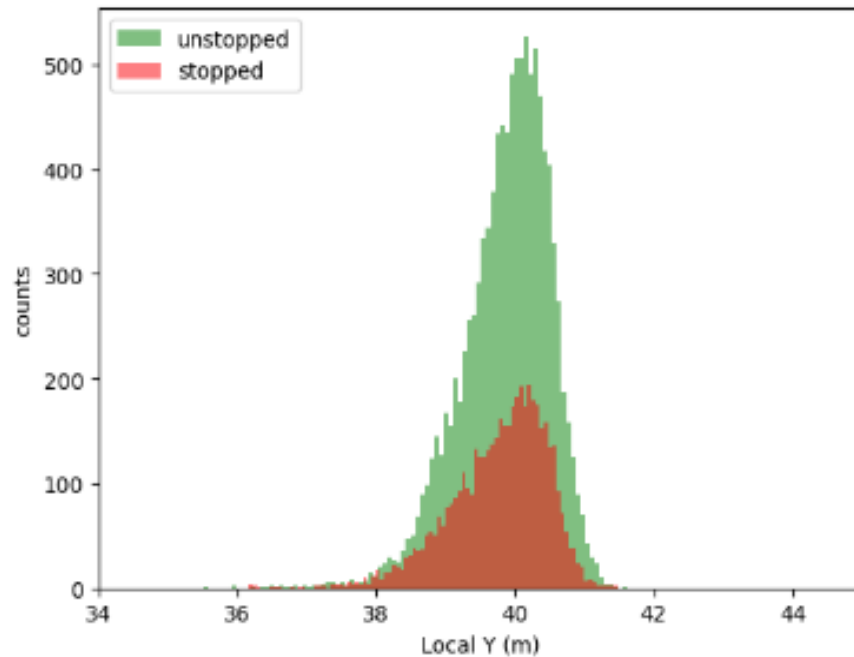
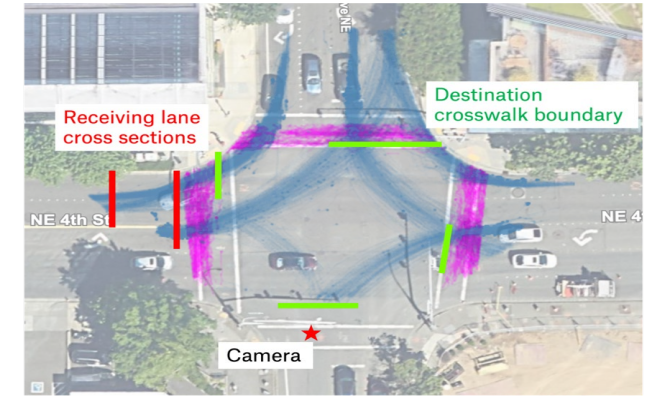
Passenger car + Vulnerable Road User



Motorbike, pickup truck, commercial vehicle, bus, van

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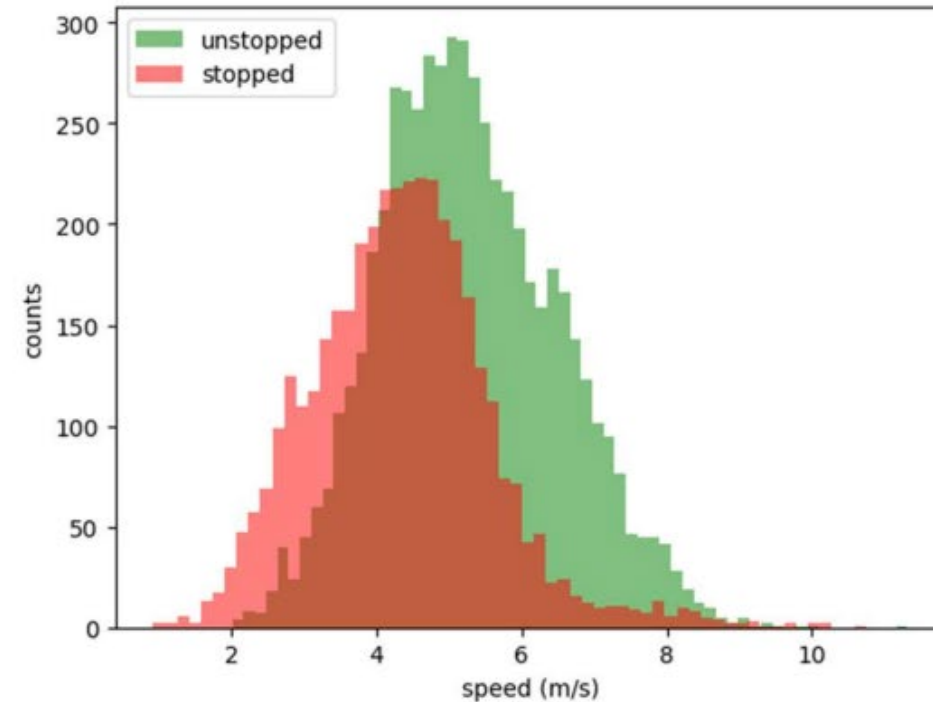
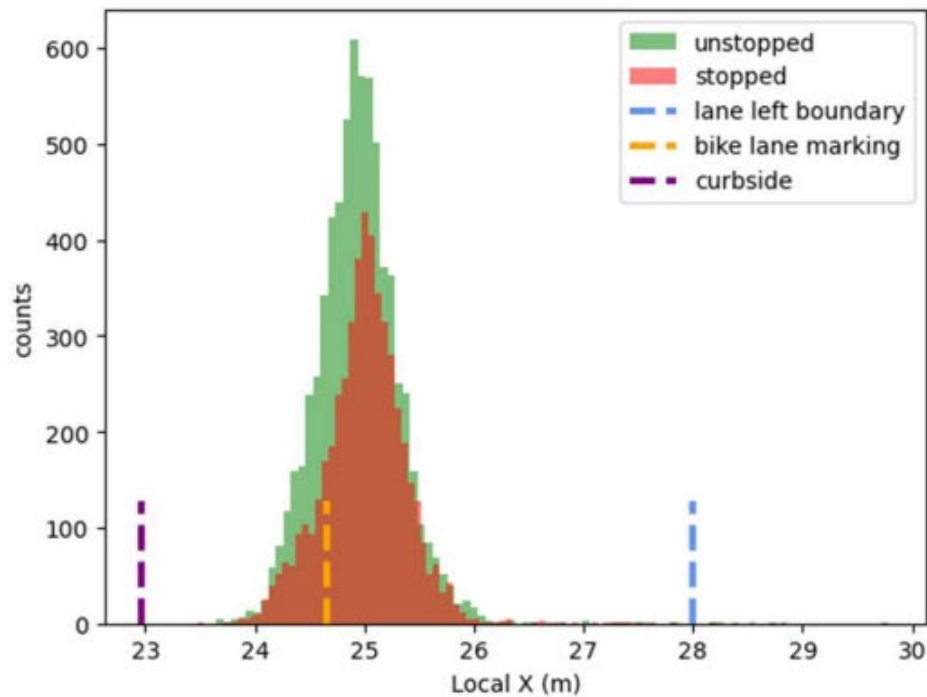
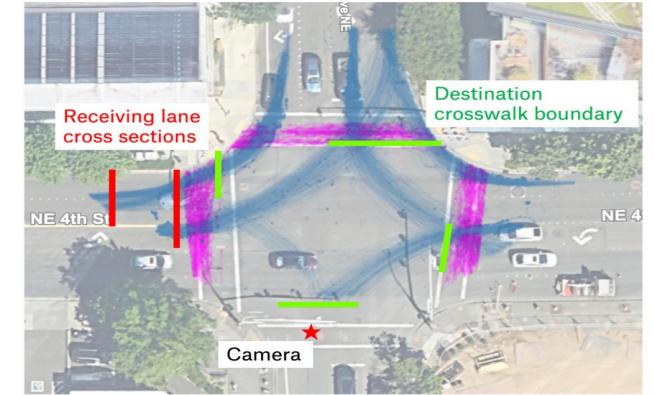
Receiving lane positions



Entering crosswalk zone (left), 6m later fully into receiving approach (right)

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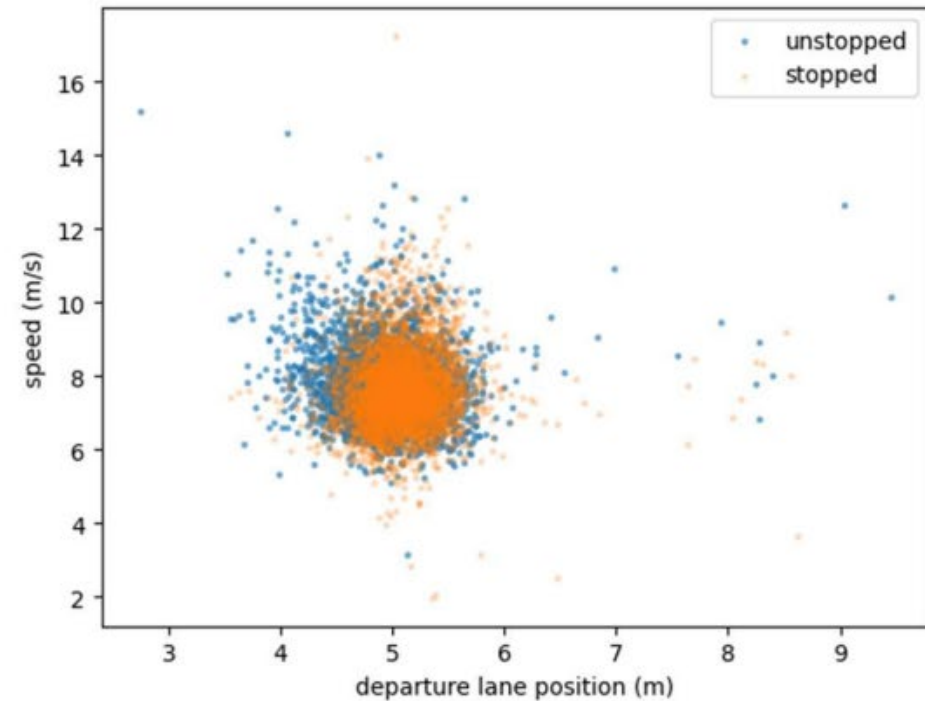
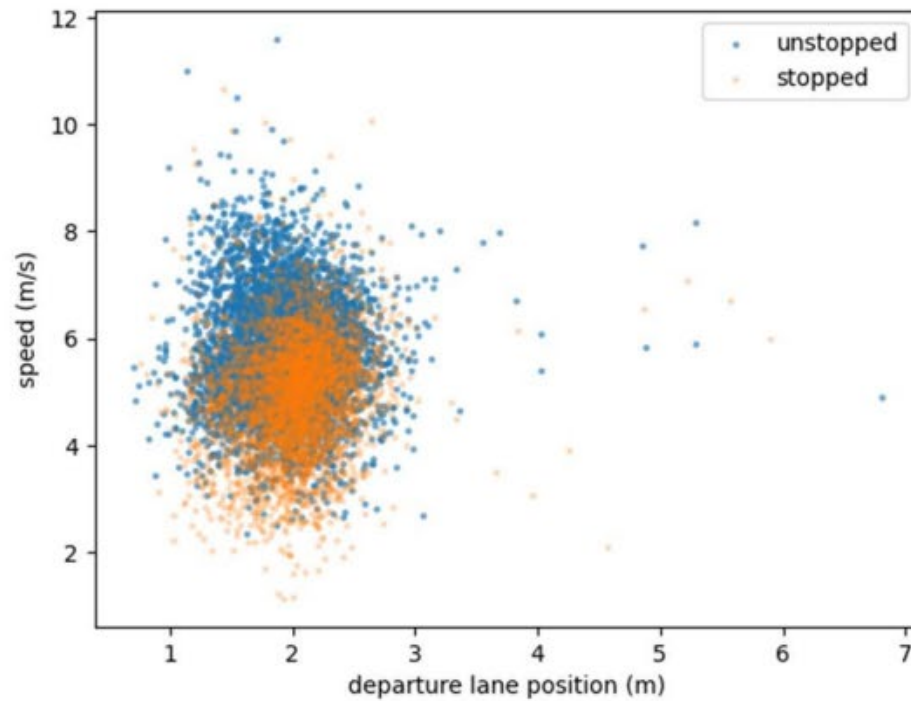
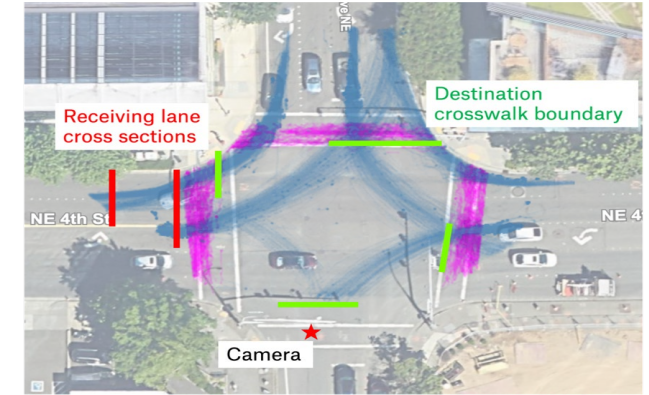
Lane Departure Position and Speed



Vehicle departure lane position SBRT (left), 95th percentile speed (right)

Bellevue Pilot Results

Lane Departure Position and Speed

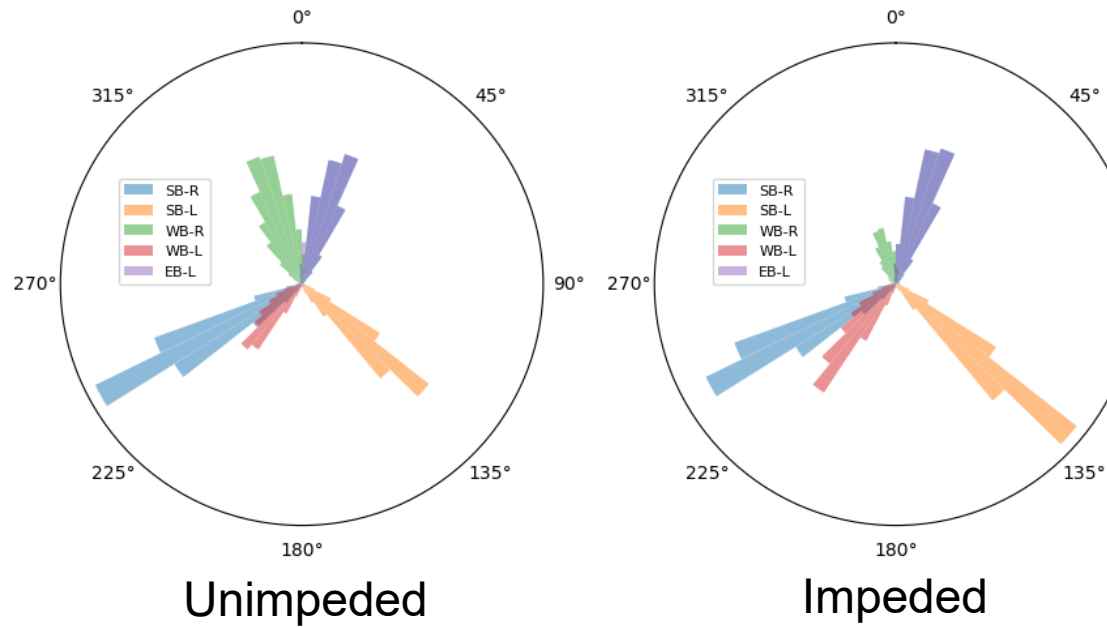


Vehicle departure lane position vs 95th percentile speed for SB-R (left) and WB-R(right)

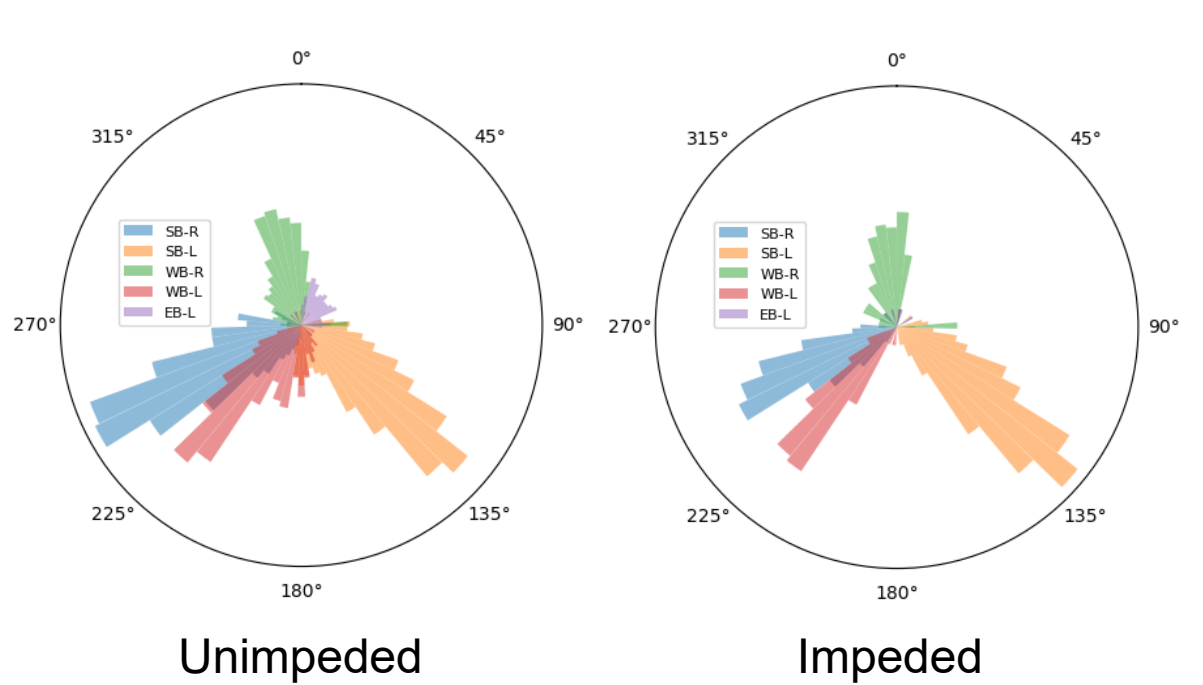
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Vehicle exit angles

Passenger cars



Pickup truck, commercial vehicle, bus, van



Summary & Take Aways

- ML and Big Data can enhance the ability of agencies and researchers to ask and answer new research questions about road users' activity at signalized intersections.
- With information known about the geometry of one intersection and the turning vehicles' trajectories and speed within it, further studies can compare geometric design elements (such as curb radius, effective radius, number of receiving lanes, width of receiving lanes) to turning vehicle attributes (speed, heading at the crosswalk, turn radius).



CAMPO Regional Safety Action Plan

Automating and visualizing safety needs analysis with the Texas Highway
Safety Improvement Plan

Regional Safety Action Plan (RSAP)



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- CAMPO received funding from USDOT to conduct a roadway safety plan through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program.
 - The plan includes a CAMPO-wide regional plan and individual chapters for each member county.
 - This plan will allow CAMPO and local jurisdictions to apply for implementation funding through SS4A.
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Project Scope



EXISTING PLANS
AND POLICIES REVIEW



SAFETY GOALS AND
OBJECTIVES DEVELOPMENT



ROADWAY SAFETY
ANALYSIS USING
AVAILABLE DATA

» HIGH-INJURY
NETWORKS (HIN)



POLICY
RECOMMENDATIONS



PROJECT AND STRATEGY
IDENTIFICATION
AND PRIORITIZATION



EQUITY ANALYSIS



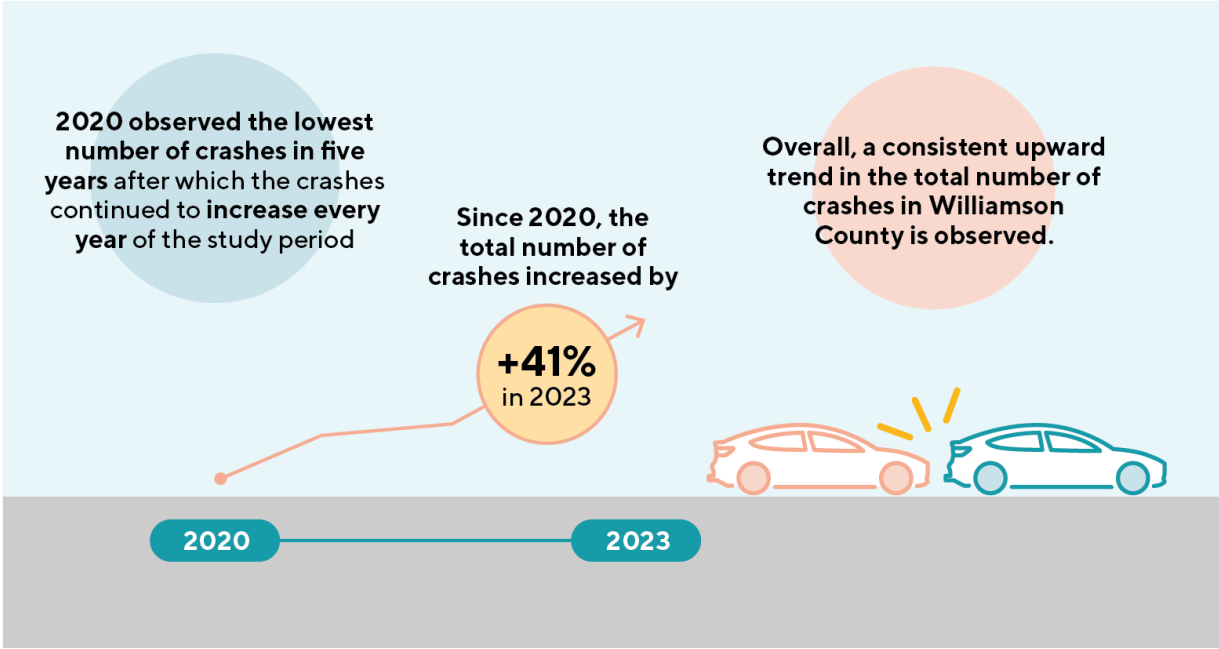
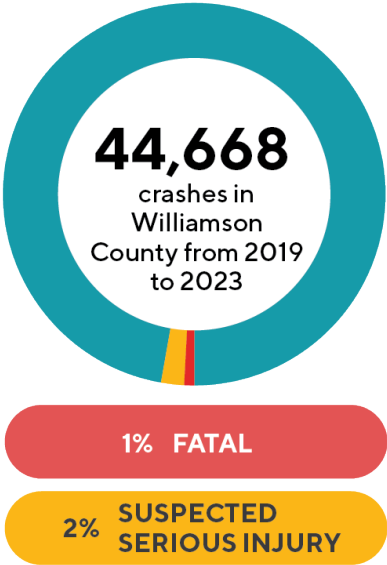
PUBLIC OUTREACH

REGIONAL SAFETY ACTION PLAN WITH COUNTY CHAPTERS

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Historic Crash Analysis

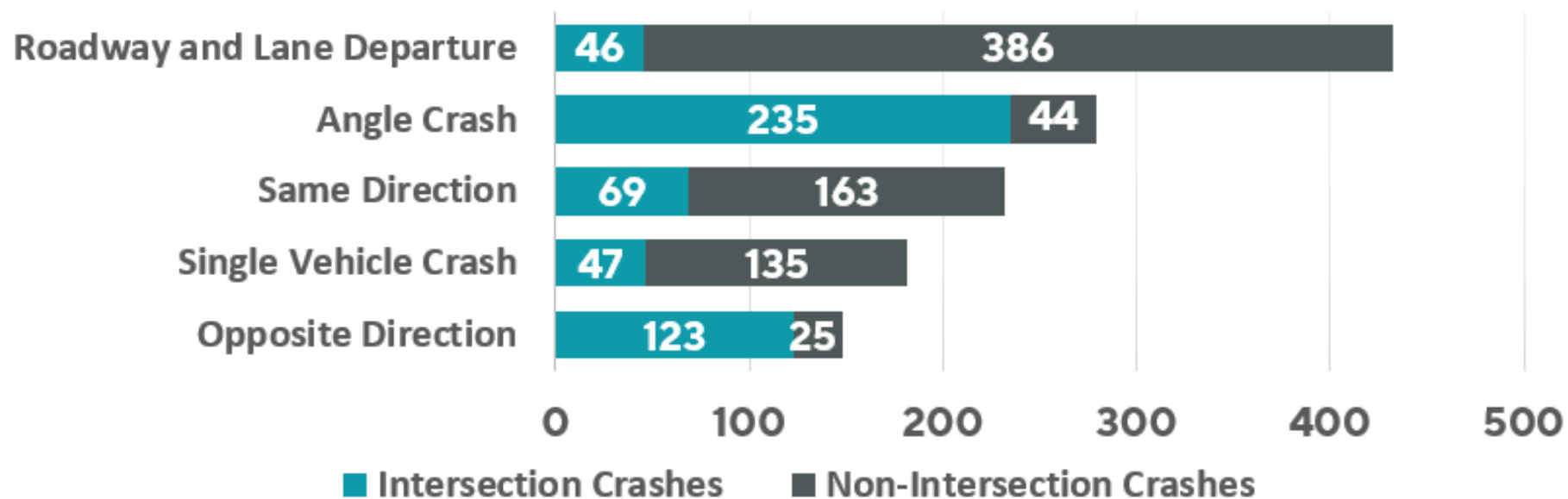


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Historic Crash Analysis

FATAL AND SERIOUS INJURY CRASH TYPES (2019-2023)



Notes:

- Crash types are mutually exclusive, meaning each crash is counted only once.
- A 'Roadway and Lane Departure' crash occurs when a single vehicle's first harmful event happens off the roadway or when two vehicles collide head-on due to one traveling the wrong way without attempting to pass.
- 'Single Vehicle' and 'Opposite Direction' crash types are counted only if they do not meet the Roadway and Lane Departure criteria.
- Intersection crashes include those where the crash data is labeled as 'At Intersection' or 'Intersection Related'. Non-intersection crashes include 'Driveway Related' or 'Non Intersection'.

Total Crashes

Fatal and
Serious Injury
Crashes



**DARK
CONDITIONS**

28%

42%



INTERSECTION

44%

41%



**ROADWAY
DEPARTURE**

16%

34%



**YOUNGER
AND OLDER
DRIVERS**

37%

34%



**SPEED
RELATED**

29%

28%



MOTORCYCLE

2%

16%



**OCCUPANT
PROTECTION**

2%

15%



**IMPAIRED
DRIVING**

4%

14%



VRU

1%

12%



**DISTRACTED
DRIVING**

16%

11%

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HIN – Intersection Methodology

1. Obtain Williamson County 2019 – 2023 crash data

2. Conduct spatial analysis in GIS

1. Inventory and identify the roadway network
2. Identify intersections and capture them
3. Geolocate intersection information
4. Summarize crashes by severity type for each intersection

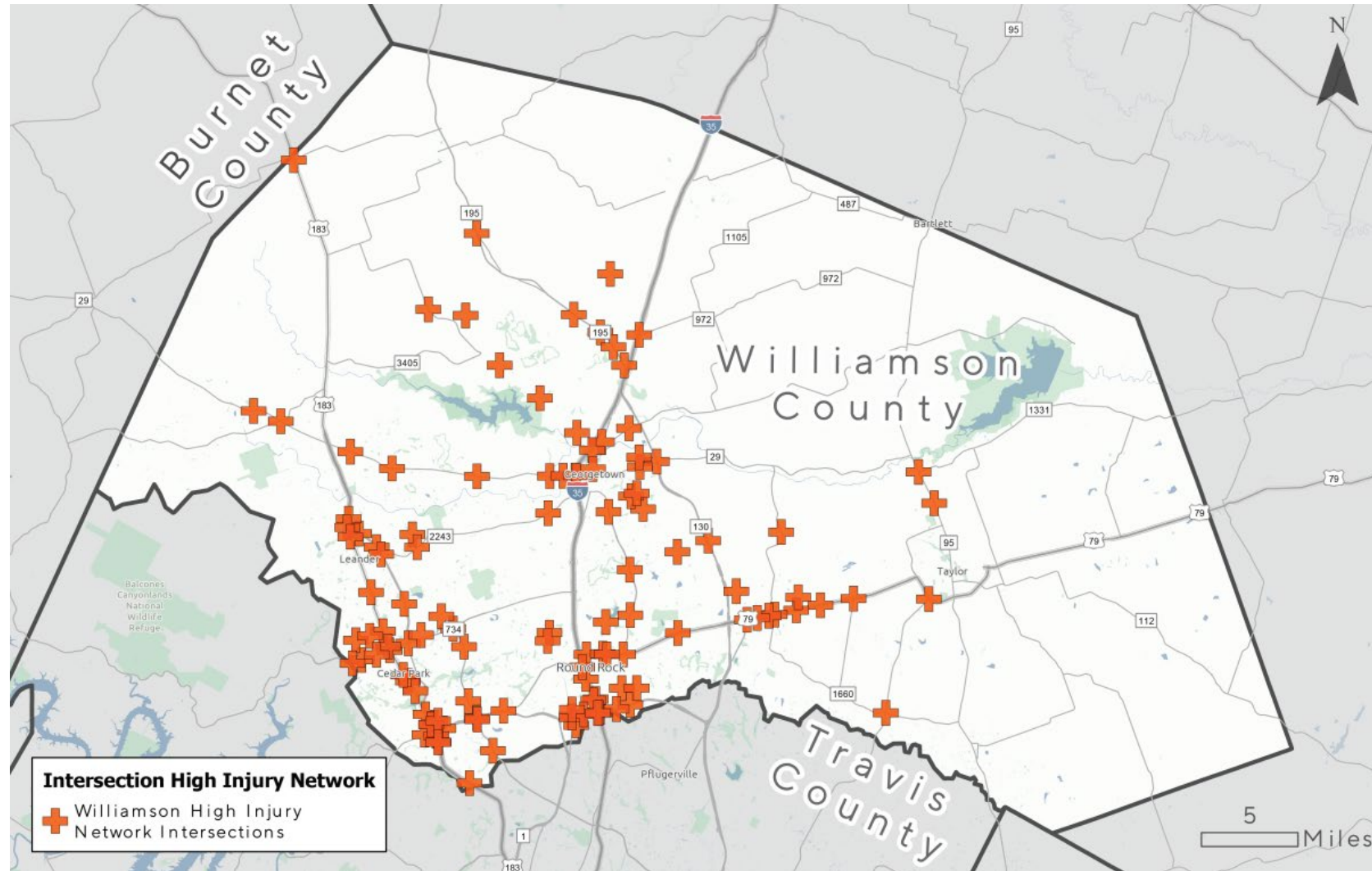
3. Weigh crashes based on severity type:

- » Fatal (K) and suspected serious injury (A) crashes = 12 points
- » Suspected minor injury (B) and possible injury crashes (C) = 1 point
- » Non-injured or unknown crash types = 0 points

Intersections with high severity type crashes will have high weighted points.

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High Injury Intersections



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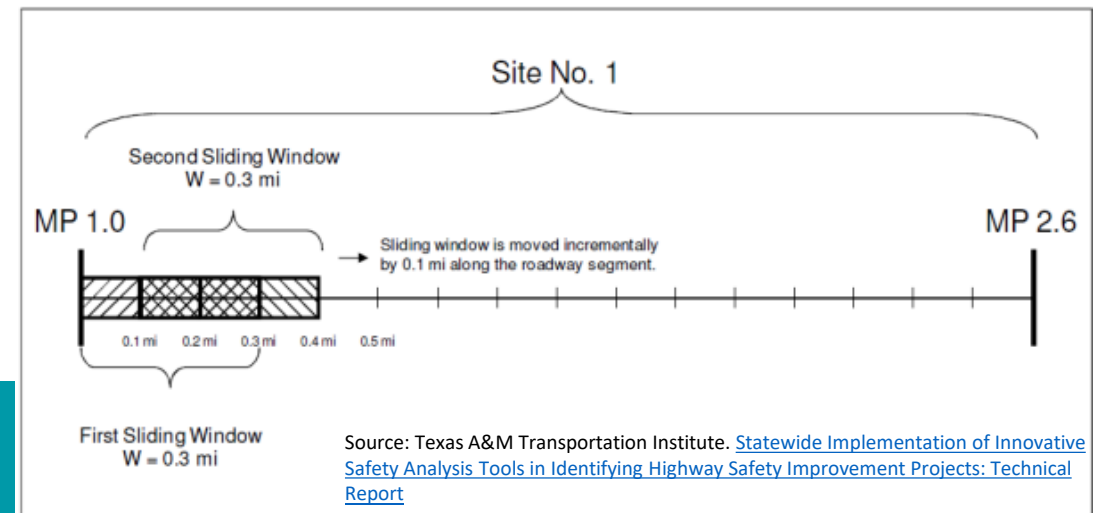


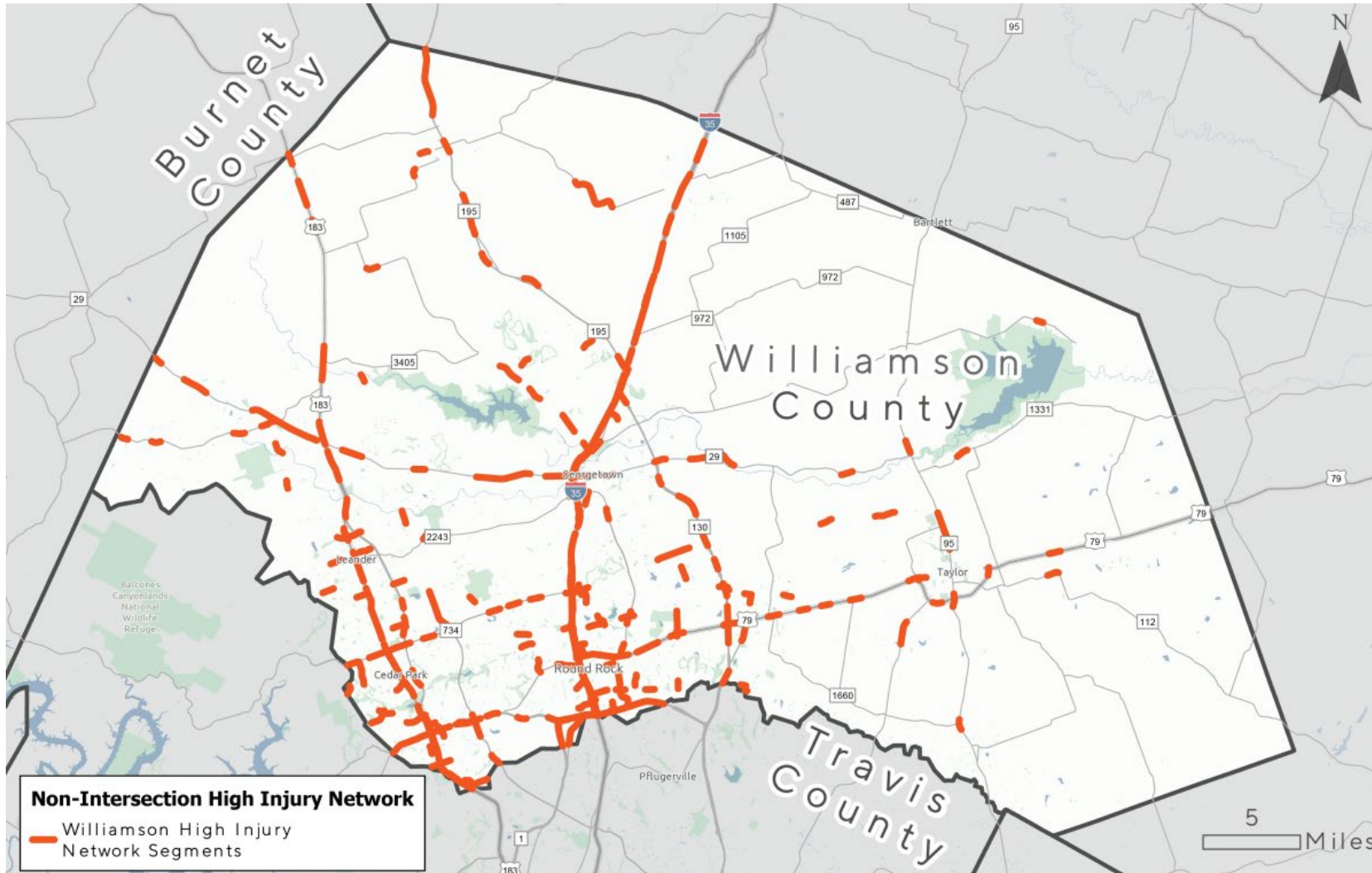
HIN - Non-Intersection Methodology

1. **Split each corridor** into 0.1-mile-long segments
2. **Join crashes** to the 0.1-mile segment layer using street name
3. **Spatially join any remaining crashes** using a search distance of up to 200 feet
4. **Summarize the 0.1-mile segment layer's** unique ID and crash statistics and emphasis area (Python Script)
5. **Identify a cutoff** for identifying High Injury Network (based on weighted crash score).
6. **Merge contiguous segments** within the High Injury Network and rank them using the weight crash score.

A sliding 0.5-mile window with a 0.1-mile increment was used

Illustration of a
Sliding Window
Method





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High-Injury Segments



Introduction

Explore high injury intersections and the high injury network using this interactive web map tool.

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- Click on any segment or intersection to view detailed information about historical crashes, utilizing crash data from 2019 to 2023.

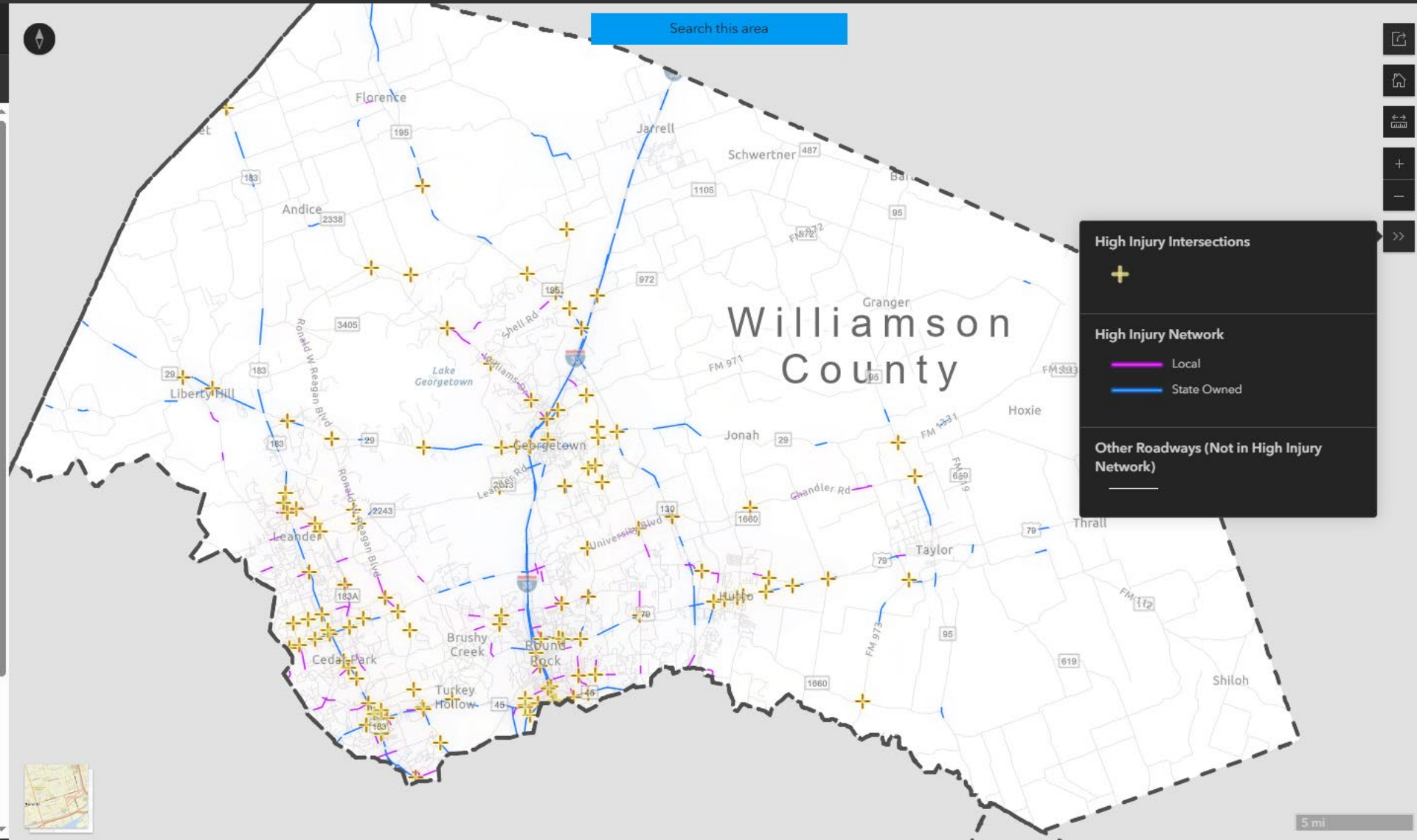
Use this [Dashboard](#) to view detailed crash trends and statistics for any of the high injury locations. You can apply filters on any specific segment/intersection.

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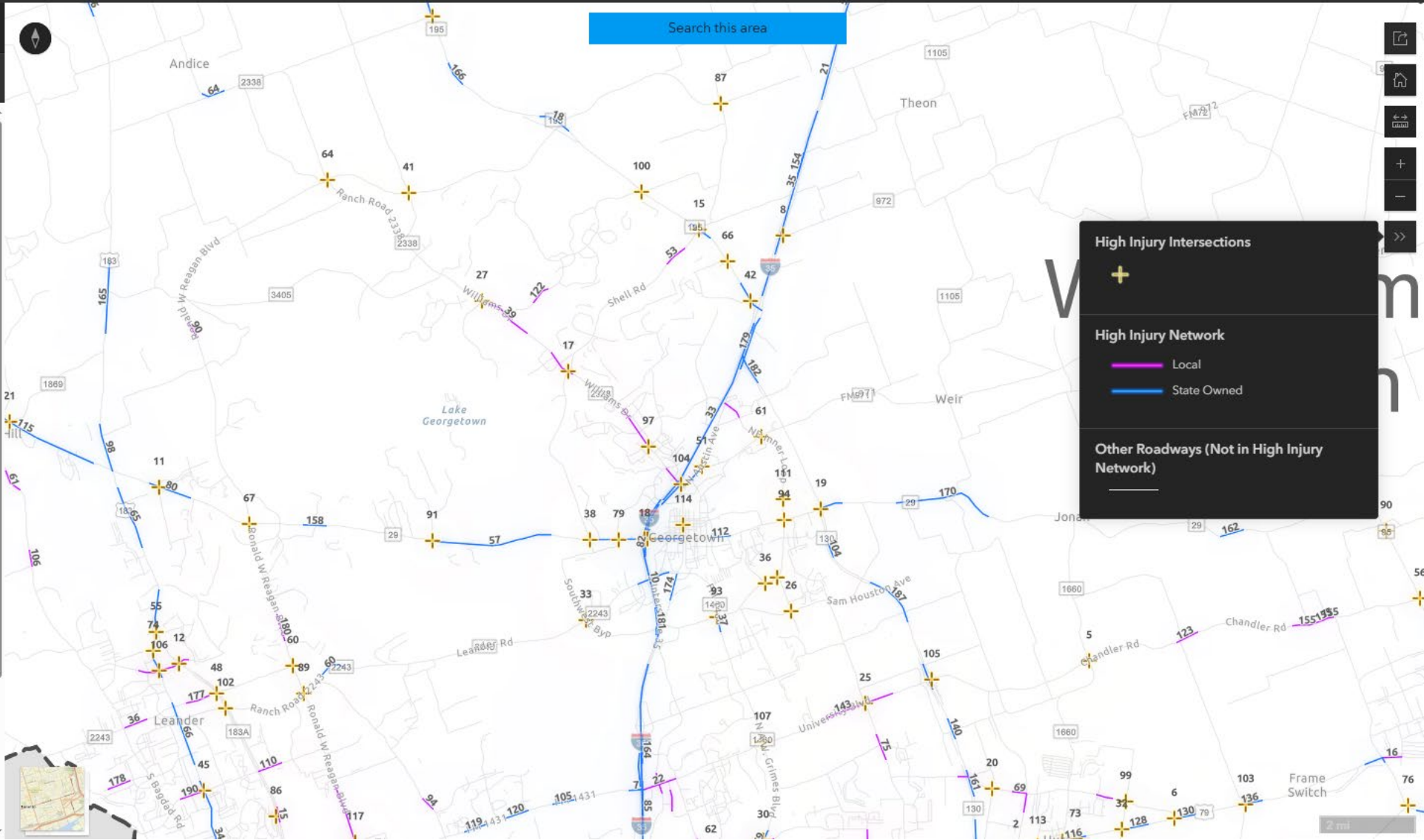
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Roadway Lane Departure Rank

1

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Speed Related Rank

1

30

Impaired Rank

1

196

Young Driver Rank

1

196

Ped Bike Rank

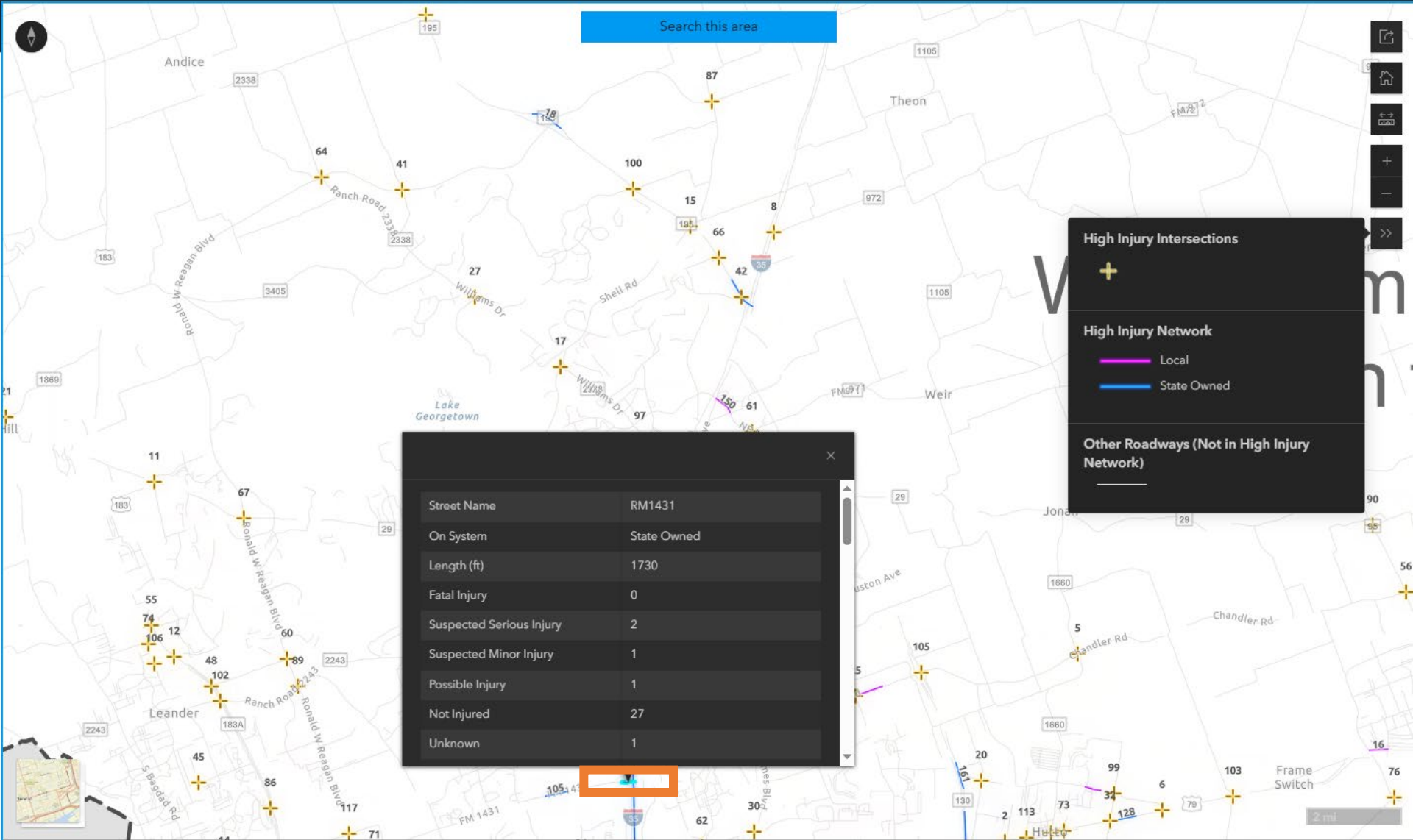
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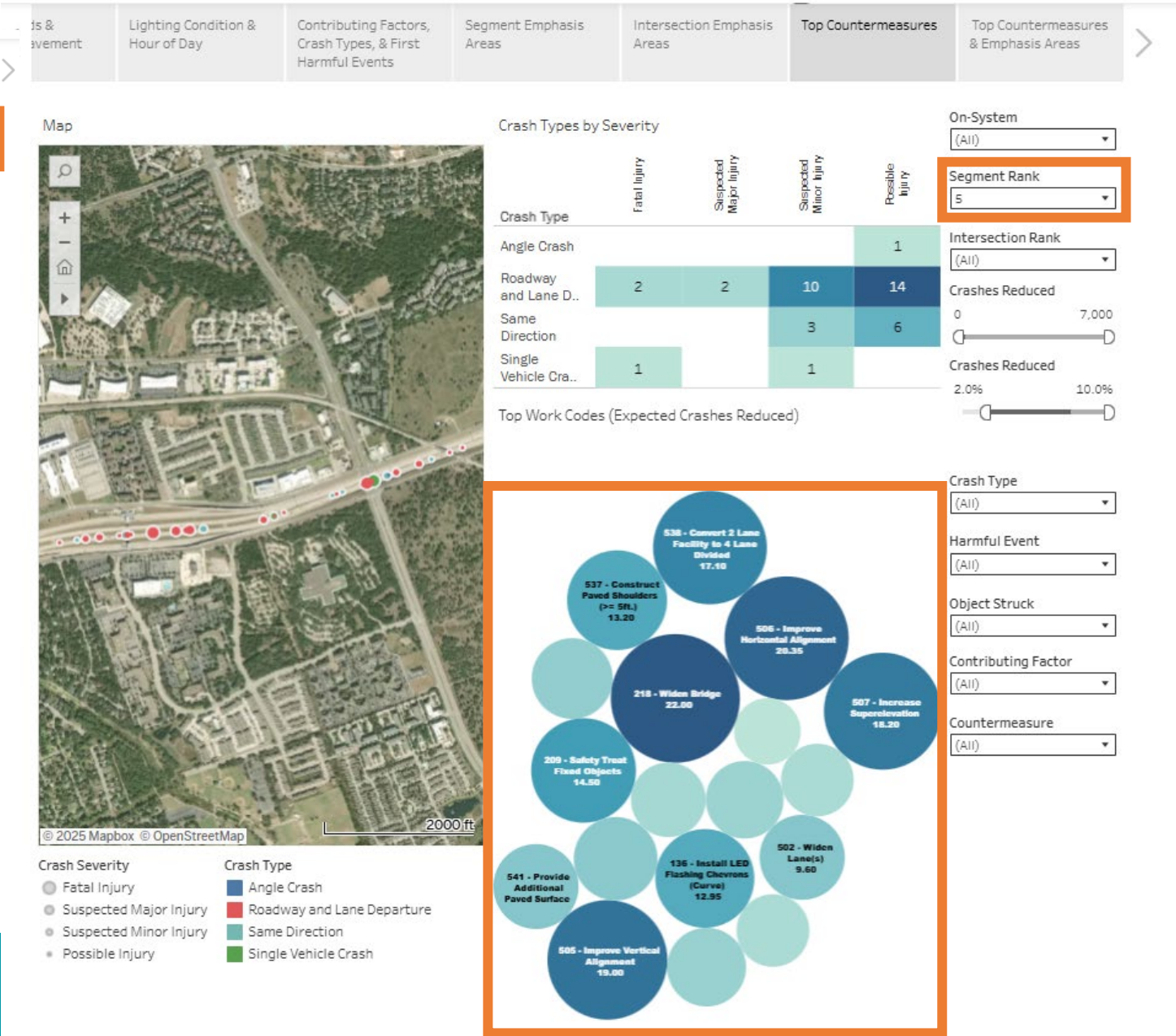
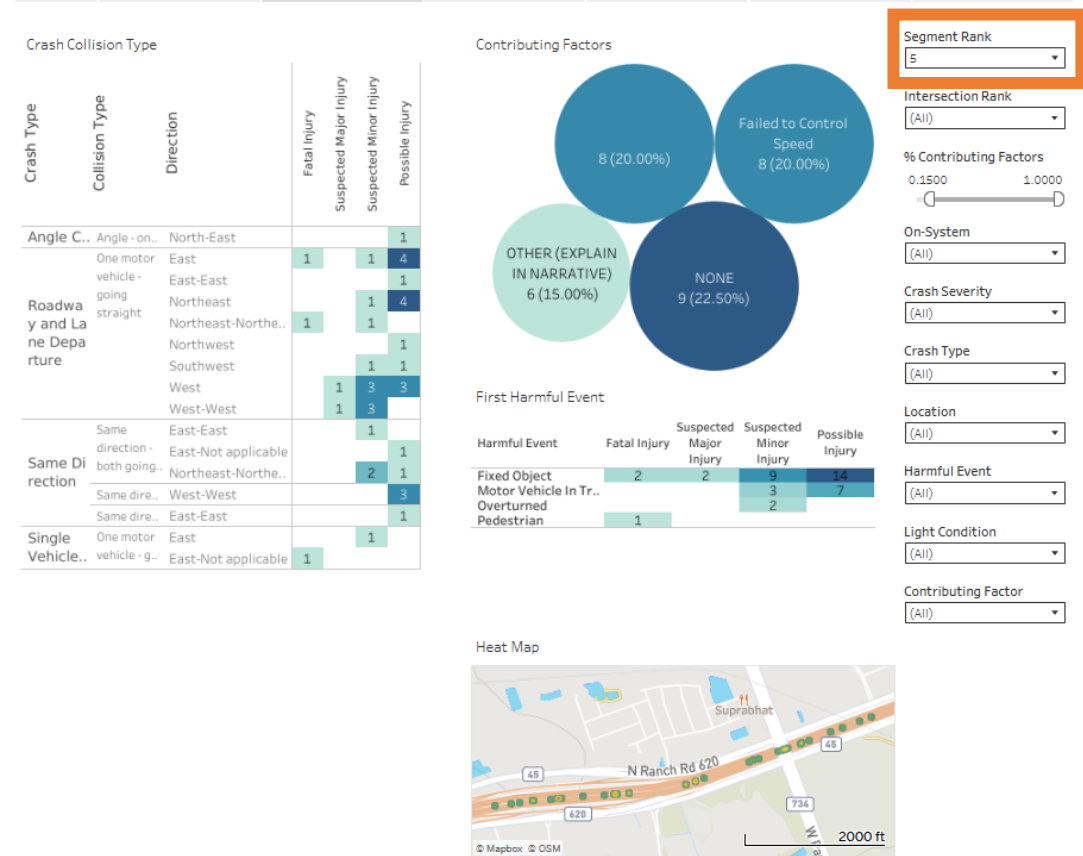
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No Seatbelt Rank

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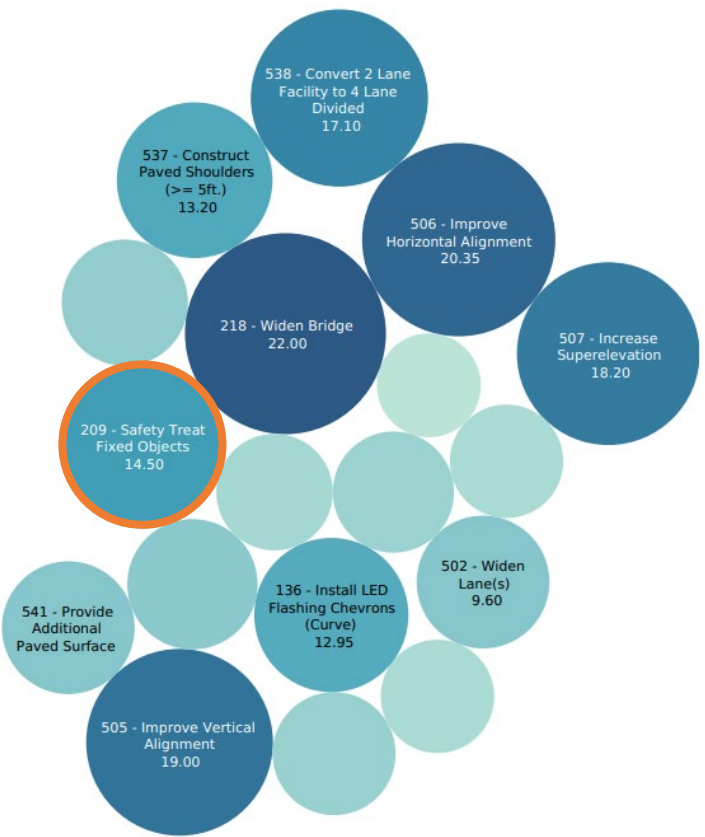
HSIP Countermeasures

Expected Crash Reduction



HSIP Countermeasure Overview

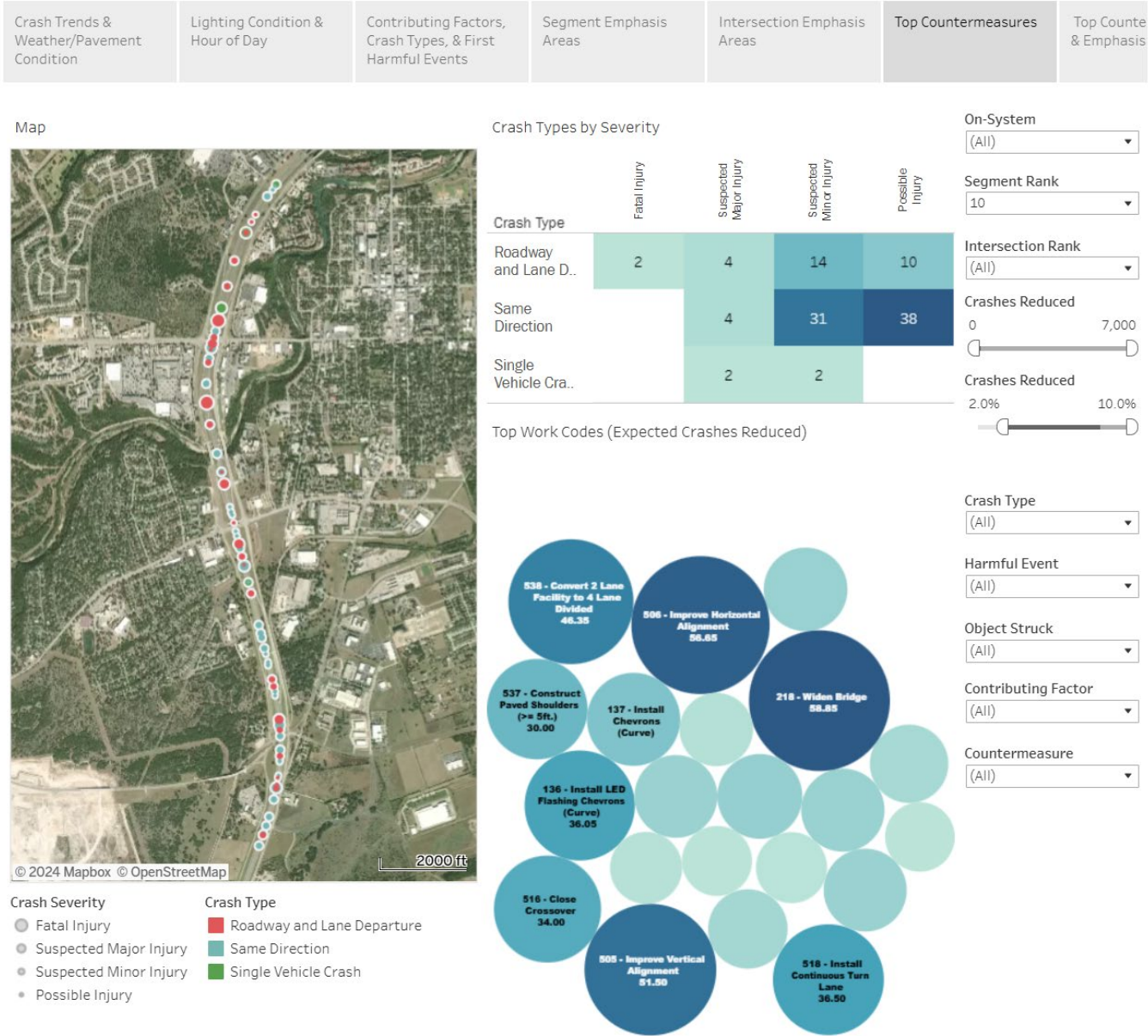
- Crash reduction estimates based on TxDOT-approved formulas
- Each work code linked to specific crash types and conditions
- Used to review High Injury Network segments for treatment options
- Includes 5-year projected crash reductions (e.g., 14.5 for safety treat fixed objects)
- Enables engineers and planners to assess and select appropriate countermeasures
- Aligned with Safe System and Vision Zero principles



209 Safety Treat Fixed Objects			
Definition:	Remove, relocate, or safety treat all fixed objects including the installation of guardrail for safety treatment of a fixed object or drainage structures within the project limits, to include both point and continuous objects.		
Reduction Factor (%):	50%	Maintenance Cost:	\$0
Service Life (Years):	20	G-Match:	C
Preventable Crash:	(Roadway Related = 2, 3 or 4) OR (Object Struck = 20-26, 29-36, 40-42, 56-58, 60, 62, or 63)		
Required Documents:	None		

Project Development

Targeted Projects Approach



Project Development

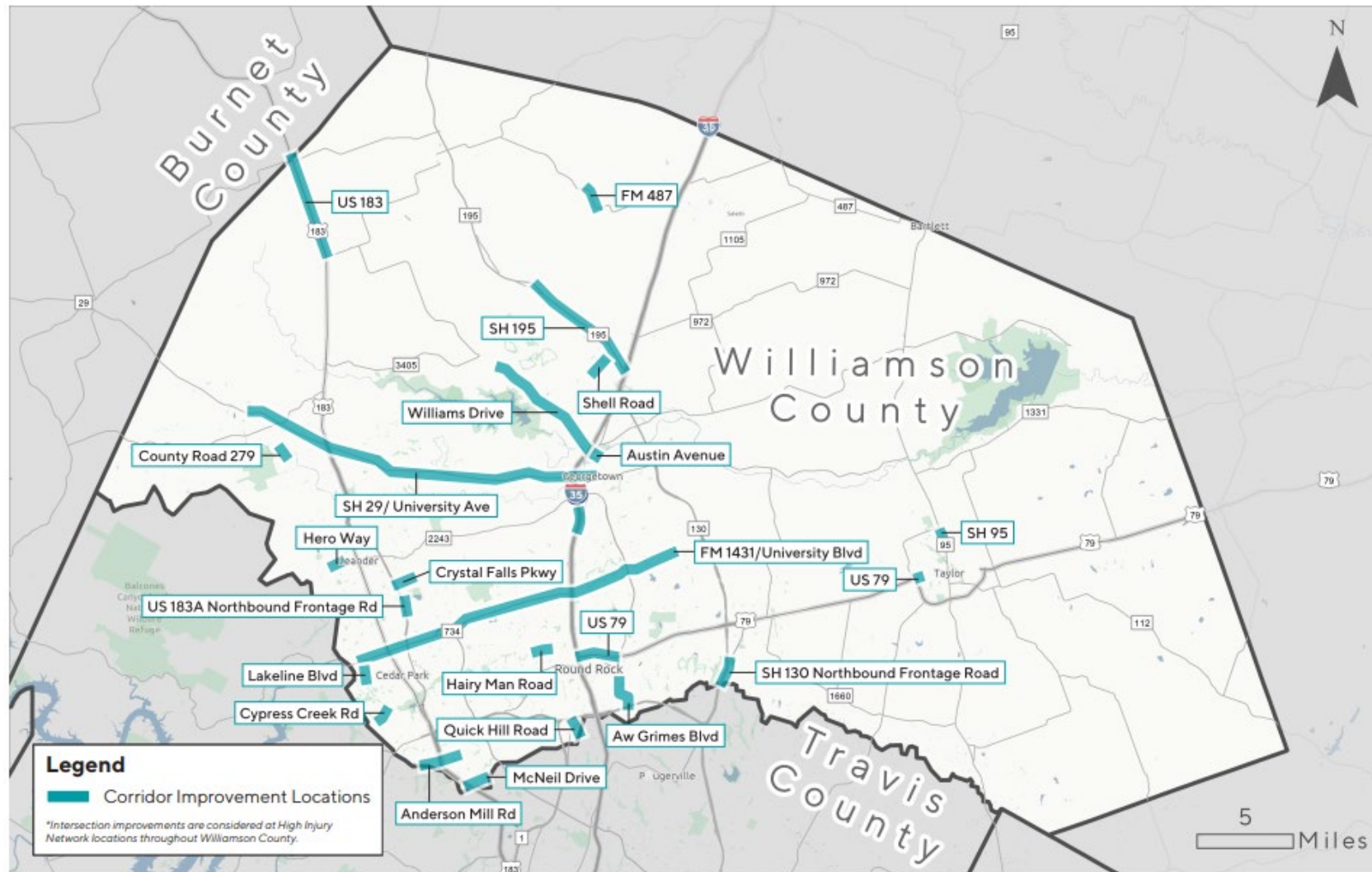
Targeted Projects Map

Proposed Safety-Driven Infrastructure Improvements:

23
Corridor
Improvements



36
Intersection
Improvements



Project Development

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Targeted Project Examples

Roadway Name	Limits From	Limits to	Project Description	Ownership	Safety Issues
Shell Road	Shell Spur	SH 195	Add edge line and center line rumble strips. Widen paved shoulder.	Williamson County	Roadway and Lane Departure
Crystal Falls Parkway	US 183A	Ridgmar Road	Close cross-overs where possible and align left-turns for a positive offset where possible. Add roadway lighting	Leander	Angle Crashes
US 79	Carlos G Parker Boulevard	Sloan Street	Add raised median with hooded lefts	Taylor	Angle Crashes
Williams Drive	Jim Hogg Road	Austin Avenue	Add raised median with strategically placed hooded lefts, add raised profile striping, add raised profile markers, safety treat fixed objects, add roadway lighting.	Georgetown	Angle Crashes Roadway and Lane Departure Dark Conditions
SH 195	Ronald Reagan Boulevard	IH 35	Add rumble strips and roadway lighting. Install wrong-way detection system. Replace "signal ahead" warning sign with roadside flashing beacon with "signal ahead" warning sign.	TxDOT	Roadway and Lane Departure Dark Conditions
Cypress Creek Road	Sun Chase Boulevard	Lakeline Boulevard	Add edgeline delineators, evaluate speed limit using USLIMITS2	Cedar Park	Speed Management Roadway and Lane Departure



Summary

Key Takeaways



Why This Matters Beyond CAMPO?

- **Replicable framework** for other MPOs and local agencies developing SS4A action plans
 - **Integrates crash data, GIS, and TxDOT HSIP formulas** into one streamlined, visual analysis
 - **Improves transparency** in how safety projects are selected and prioritized
 - **Supports grant readiness** by aligning analysis with HSIP and SS4A funding criteria
 - **Facilitates collaboration** between regional planners, local engineers, and TxDOT
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VALIDATION AND VISUALIZATION OF NEAR-MISS VIDEO ANALYSIS

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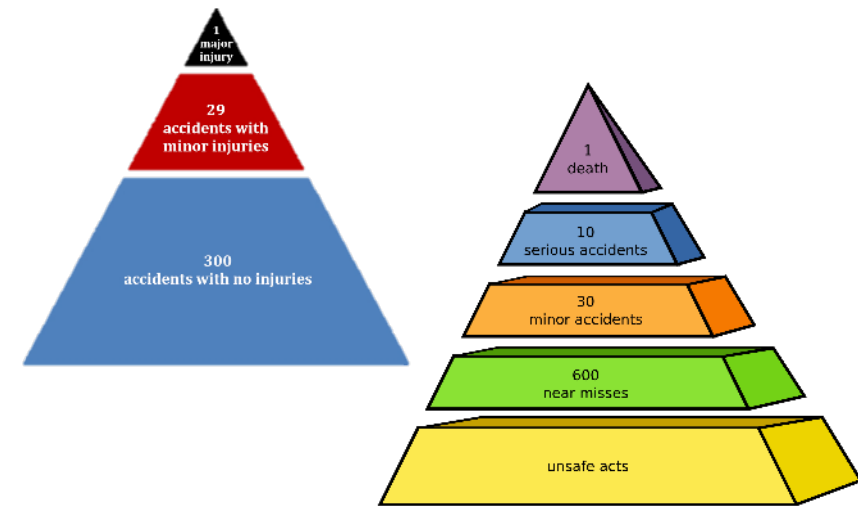
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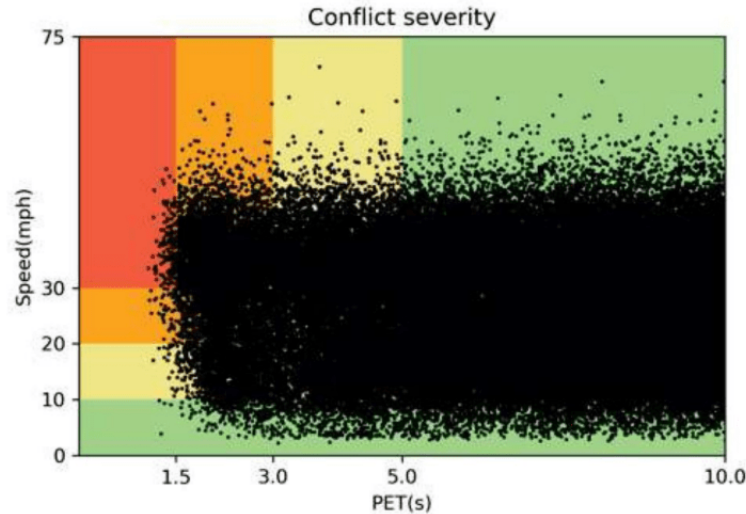
What is Near-Miss Data?



- Herbert Heinrich's triangle, 1931: 300:29:1 Ratio
- Frank Bird's amended triangle, 1966
- Theory of industrial accident prevention

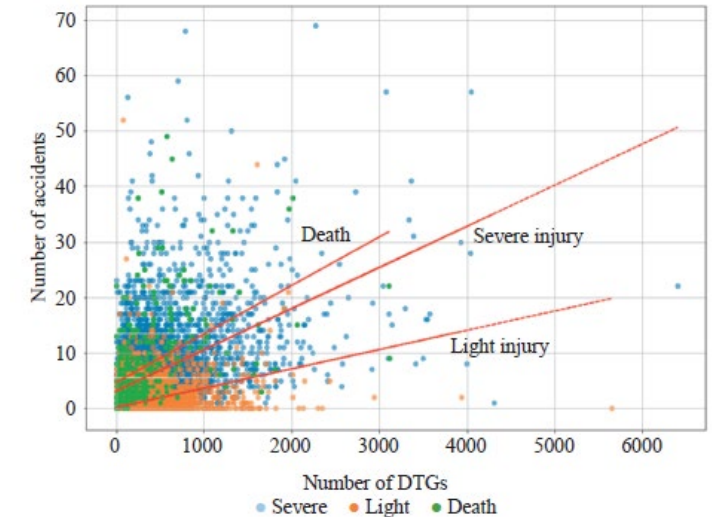
Concept and refinement
(1931, 1966)

Video Analytics
Big Data



- Bellevue, Washington Near Miss study
Franz Loewenherz, 2020

Link to Severity
(2020)



- Heinrich's Law for Traffic Incidents, South Korea
Sunghwan Cho et al., 2023

Link to Frequency
(2023)

STUDY PURPOSE

How can Near-Miss Data be used?

Diagnosis and Evaluation

- Locations with low volumes but high-severity or high-profile crashes
- Before/After Analysis
- Systemic trends and challenge areas

Perceived Need and Proactive Improvements

- Minimal crash history:
 - Unreported Crashes
 - Perceived safety concerns
 - Low multimodal demand
- Systemic improvements still need some basis for implementation

But...the funding gap!

- Implementation requires funding →
- Funding often includes Benefit/Cost Analysis →
- Competitive applications benefit from severe crashes →
- Vision Zero goals are incompatible with many current funding mechanisms



STUDY GOALS

Short Term Goals

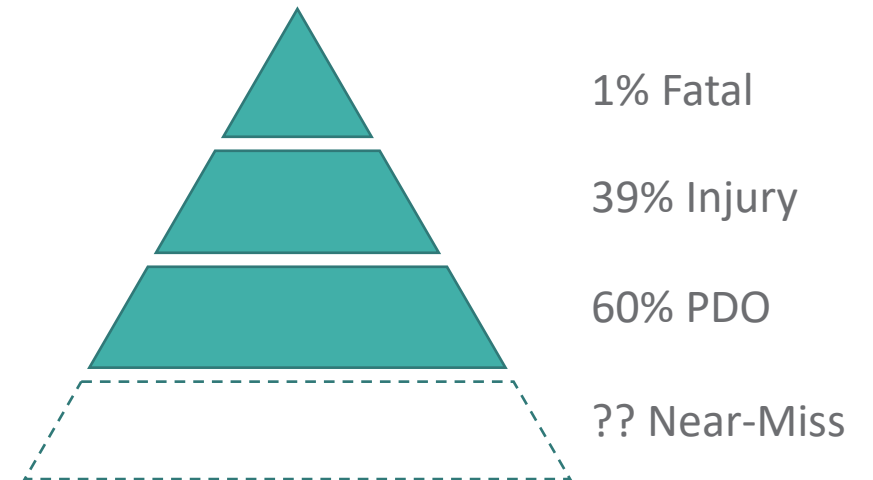
- Identify correlations between near-miss/risky behavior events and crash occurrence/probability
- Identify external effects on near-miss/risky behavior events
- Determine preliminary near-miss/crash factors (NMCF)



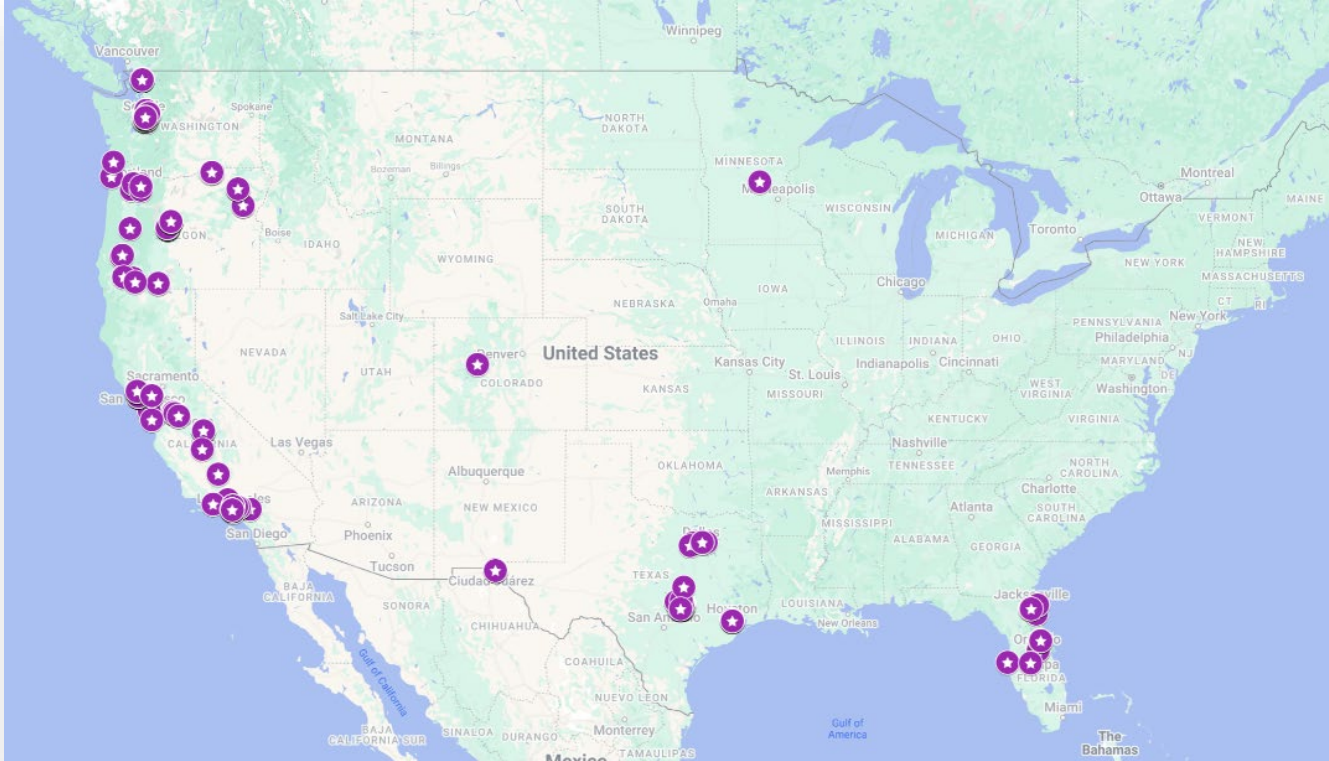
Validate the relationship between near-miss events and crashes
(CA crash ratios are extremely consistent)

Long Term Goals

- Reduce time barrier to understanding crash reduction impacts
- Reduce reliance on crash history for safety improvement funding
- Recognize “Near Miss Analysis” as a proven safety countermeasures



DATASET



Data Source

- **Street Simplified** – Near-Miss vendor
- Data from 426 studies across five states

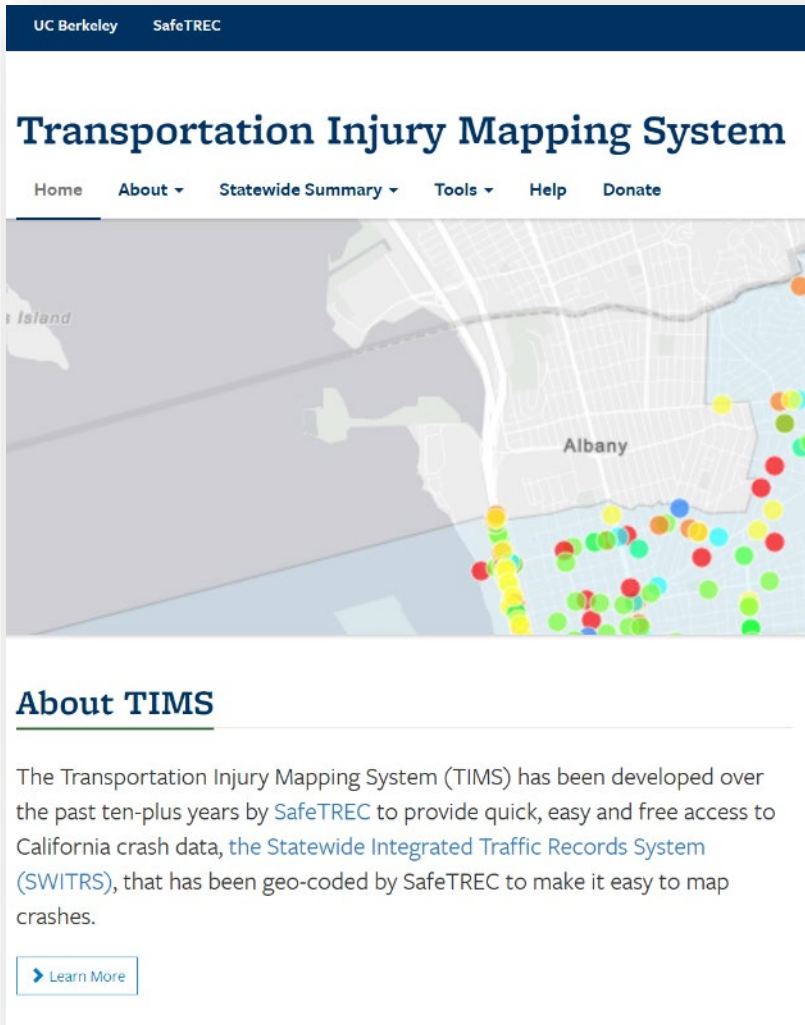
Pilot Analysis of Locations in California

- Only signalized intersections
- No “After Improvement” data
- Early studies with different methodology removed



19 locations across 7 jurisdictions

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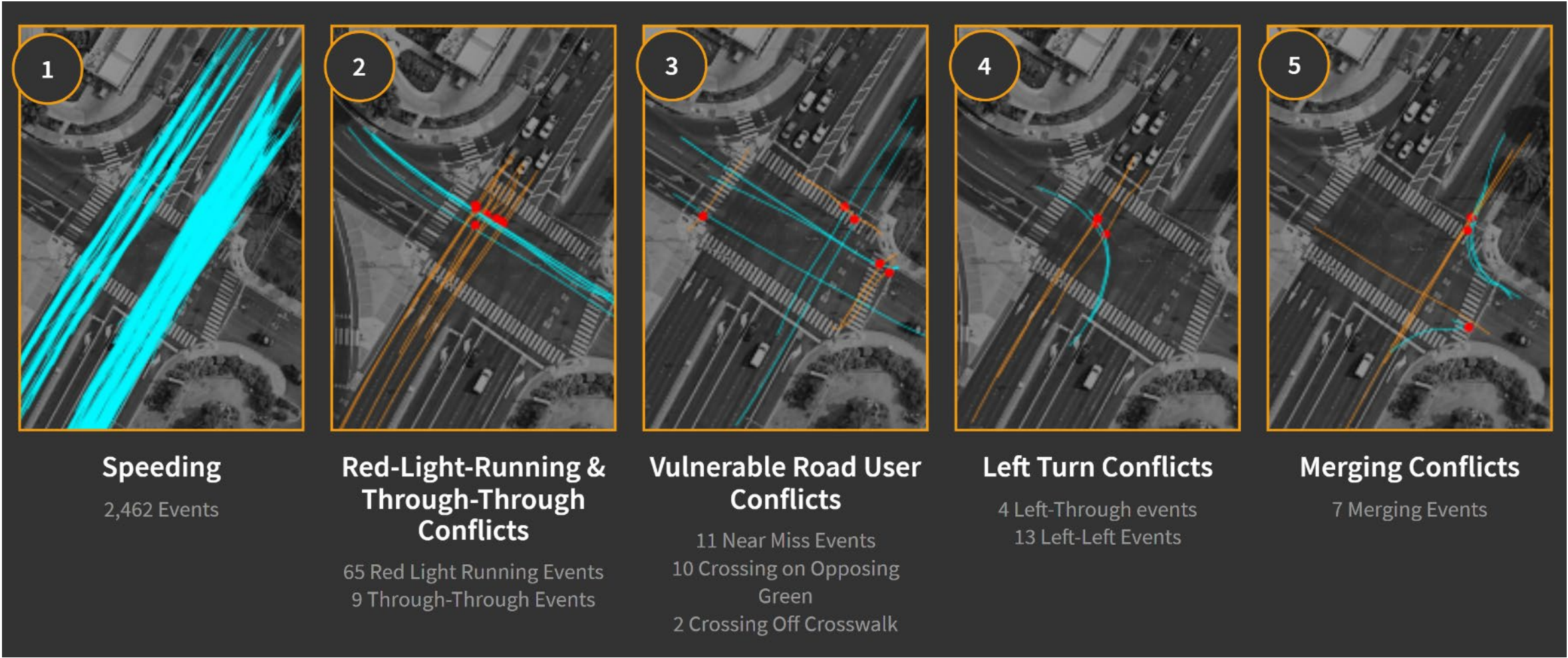
- TIMS – Publicly available crash data
- Developed by UC Berkely SafeTREC as a tool to process California Highway Patrol crash data
- Includes only injury data (no PDO)

Crash Alignment Fields

Collision Severity

- Primary Collision Factor
- Type of Collision
- Ped/Bike Involved

DATA VISUALIZATIONS



SOURCE: STREET SIMPLIFIED, 2023

DATA VISUALIZATIONS

RISKY BEHAVIORS

Speeding



SOURCE: STREET SIMPLIFIED, 2023

Red Light Running



Pedestrian Violation



SPEEDING EVENTS CORRELATION

Speeding

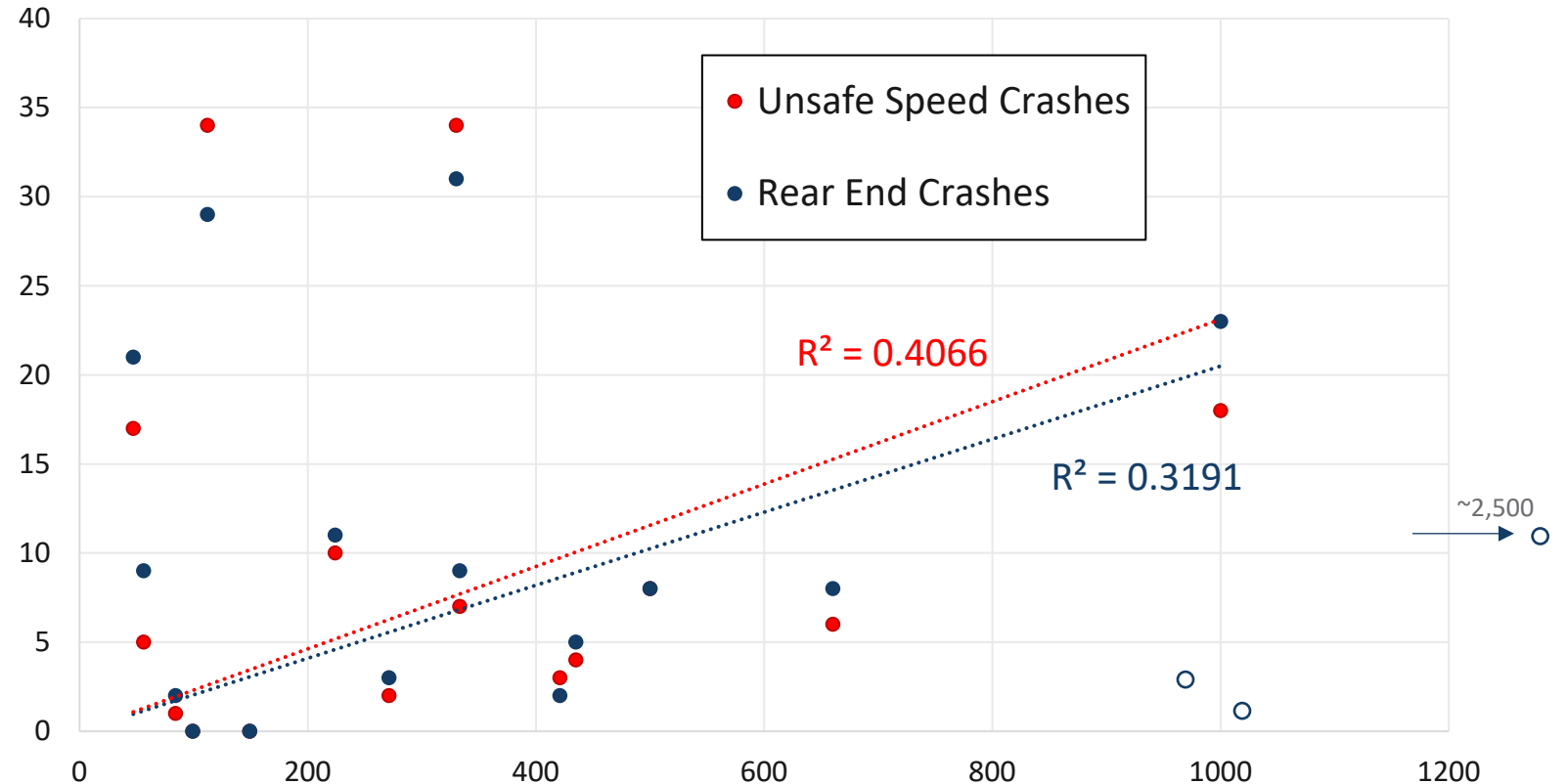


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Potential Refinements:

- “Unsafe Speed” vs the posted speed limit
- Calibrate based on congestion periods

Speeding Events (1 day) vs Crashes (10 yr)



RED LIGHT RUNNING EVENTS CORRELATION

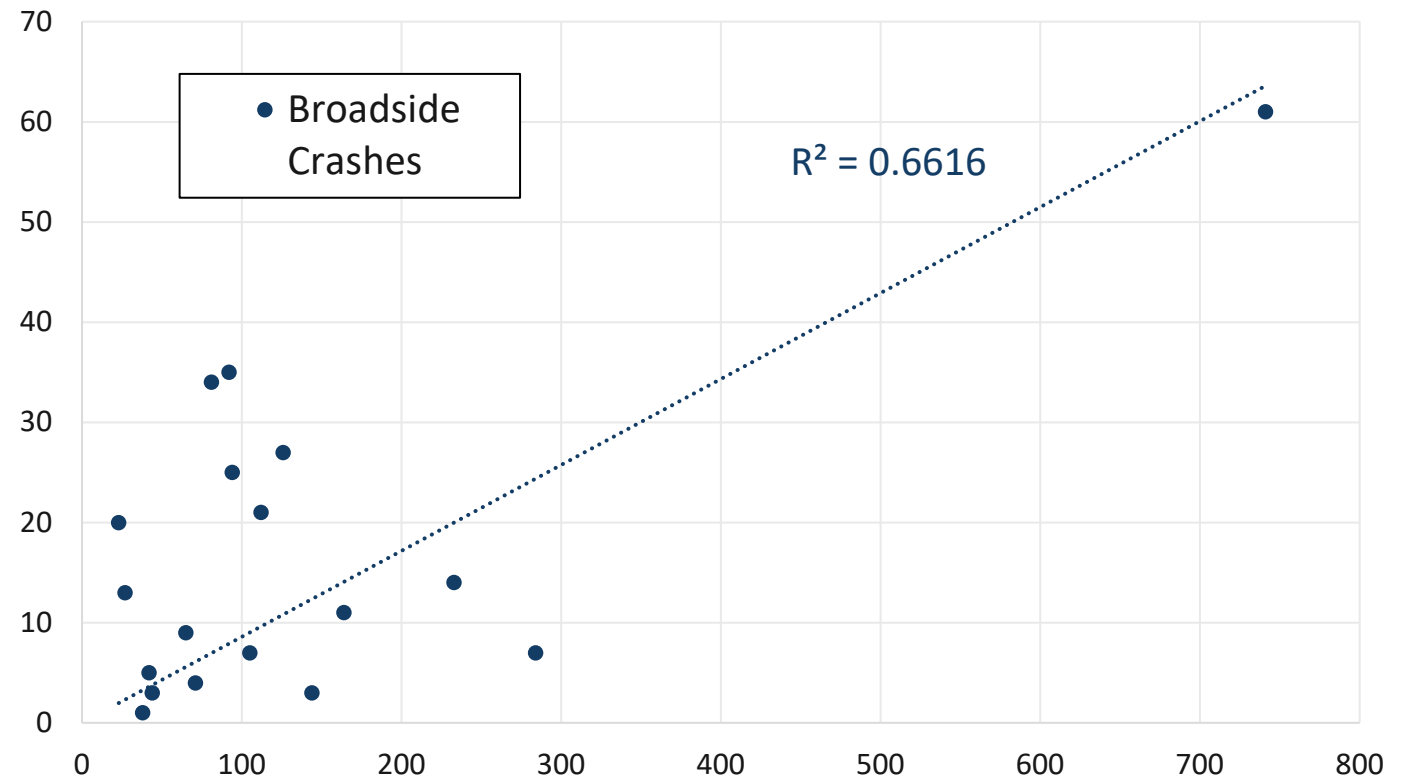
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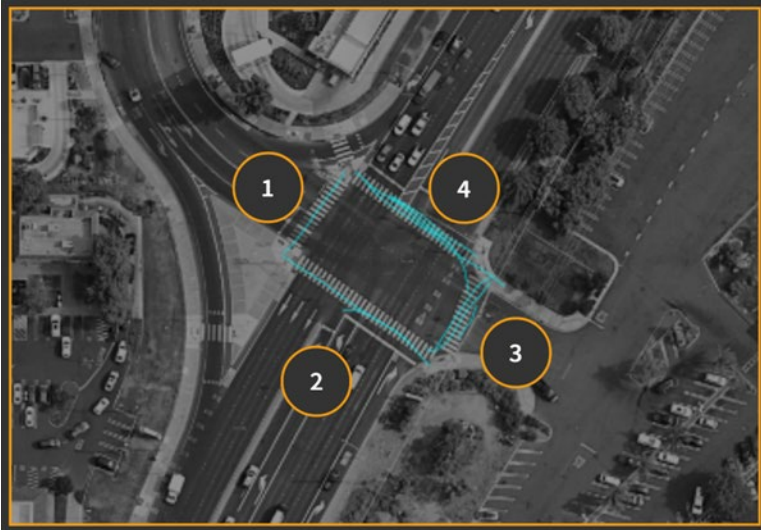
- Clear correlation between near miss events and crashes

Red Light Running Events (1 day) vs Crashes (10 yr)



PEDESTRIAN VIOLATION EVENTS CORRELATION

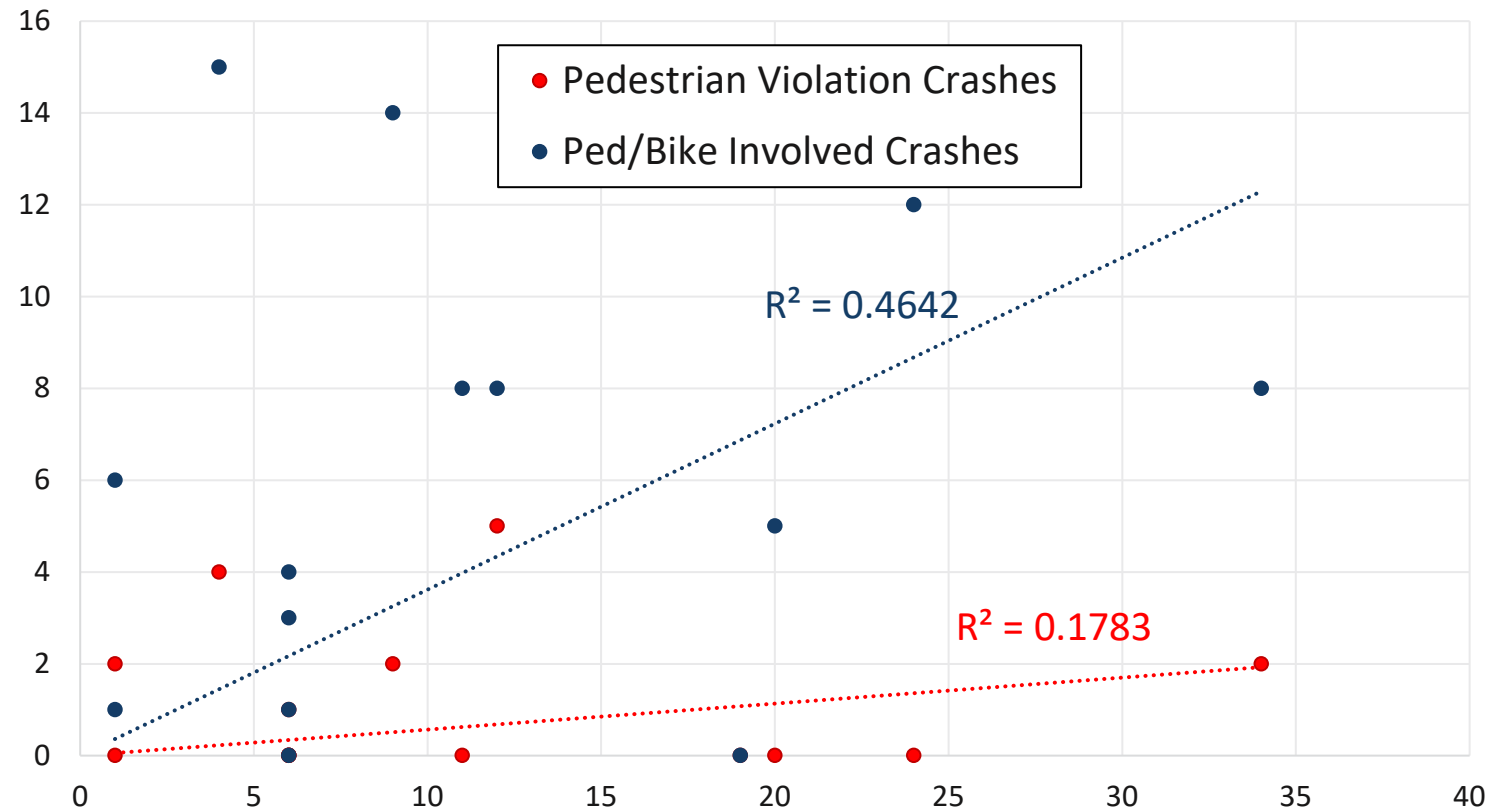
Pedestrian Violation



SOURCE: STREET SIMPLIFIED, 2023

- Much better match with total ped/bike crash events
- Further calibration with length of crossing

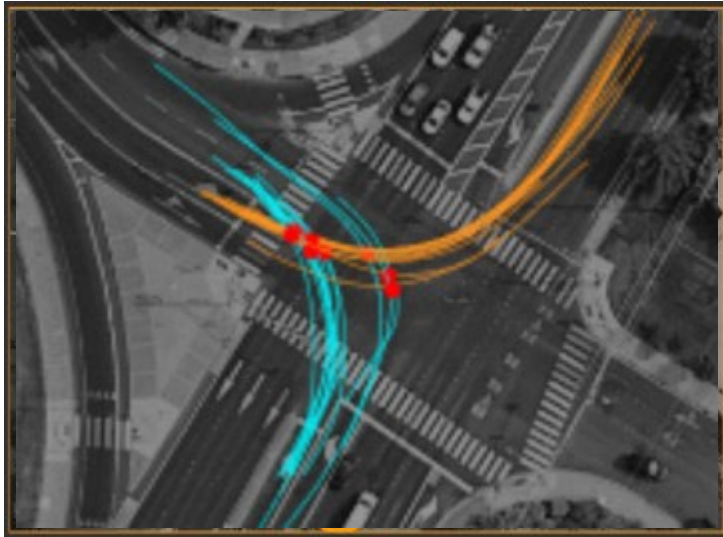
Pedestrian Violation Events (1 day) vs Crashes (10 yr)



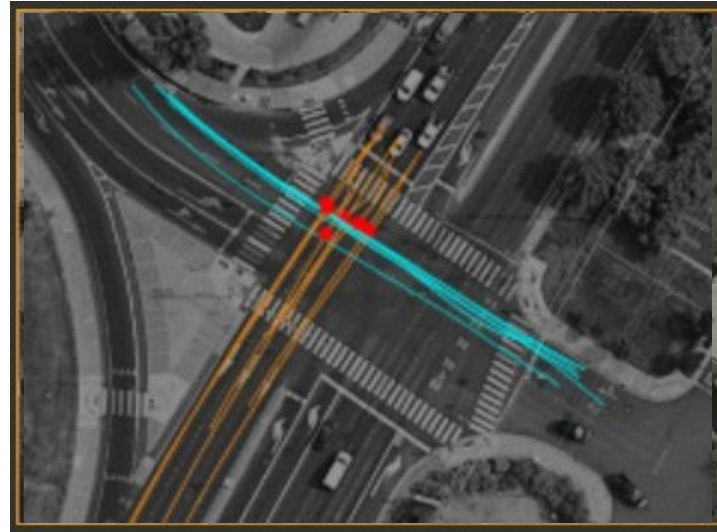
DATA VISUALIZATIONS

NEAR MISS EVENTS

Left-Turn Conflicts



Thru-Thru Conflicts

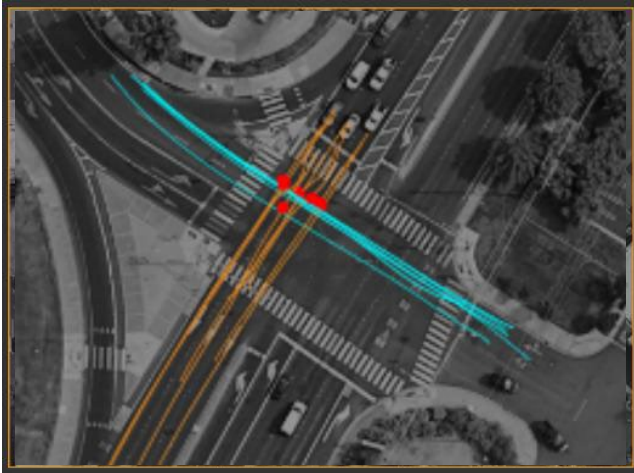
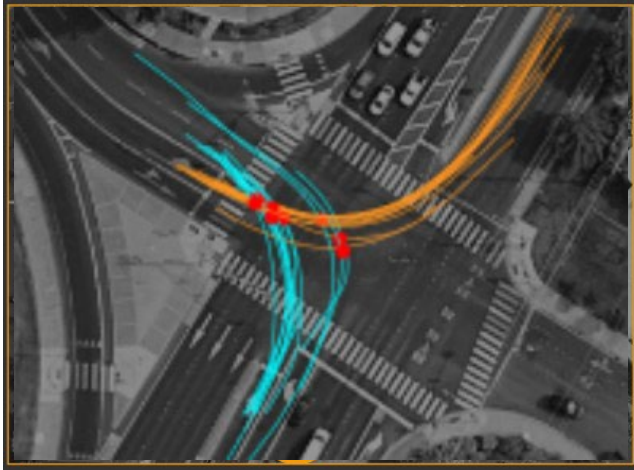


Ped/Bike Conflicts



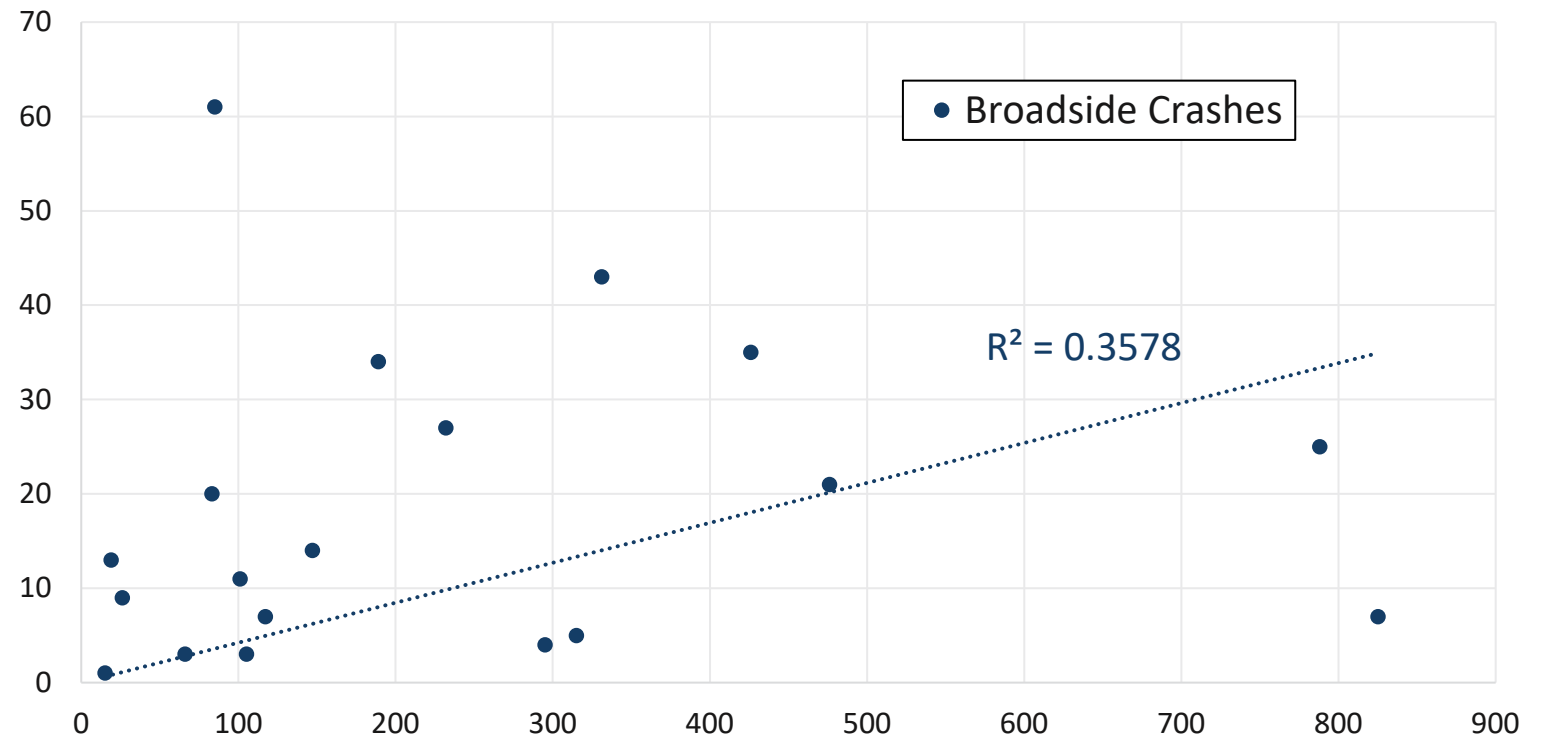
SOURCE: STREET SIMPLIFIED, 2023

LEFT-TURN/THROUGH NEAR MISS CORRELATION



SOURCE: STREET SIMPLIFIED, 2023

Left-Turn/Through Near Miss (1 day)
vs Crashes (10 yr)



PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE NEAR MISS CORRELATION

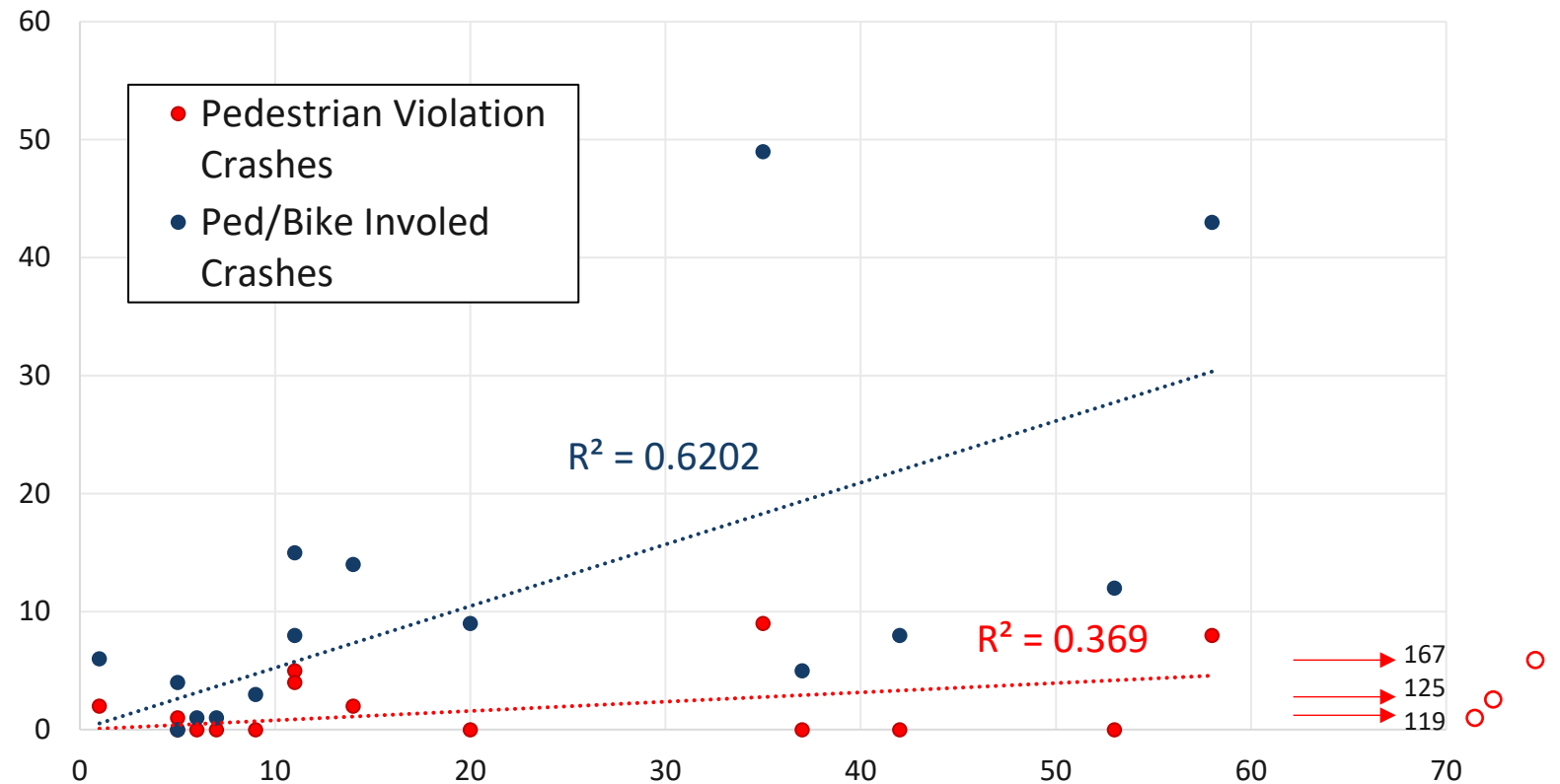
Ped/Bike Conflicts



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- High ratio between events and crashes
- Extreme values warrant further review

Ped/Bike Near Miss (1 day) vs Crashes (10 yr)



SUMMARY AND NEXT STEPS

- Clear correlation between risky behaviors/ near miss events and observed crashes
- Additional calibration may be necessary for built environment
- Some extreme values skew correlation – need further analysis
- Adding PDO data can offer better understanding of severity ratios
- Opportunity in expanding analysis to larger data sets (Texas, Washington, Oregon)

THANK YOU

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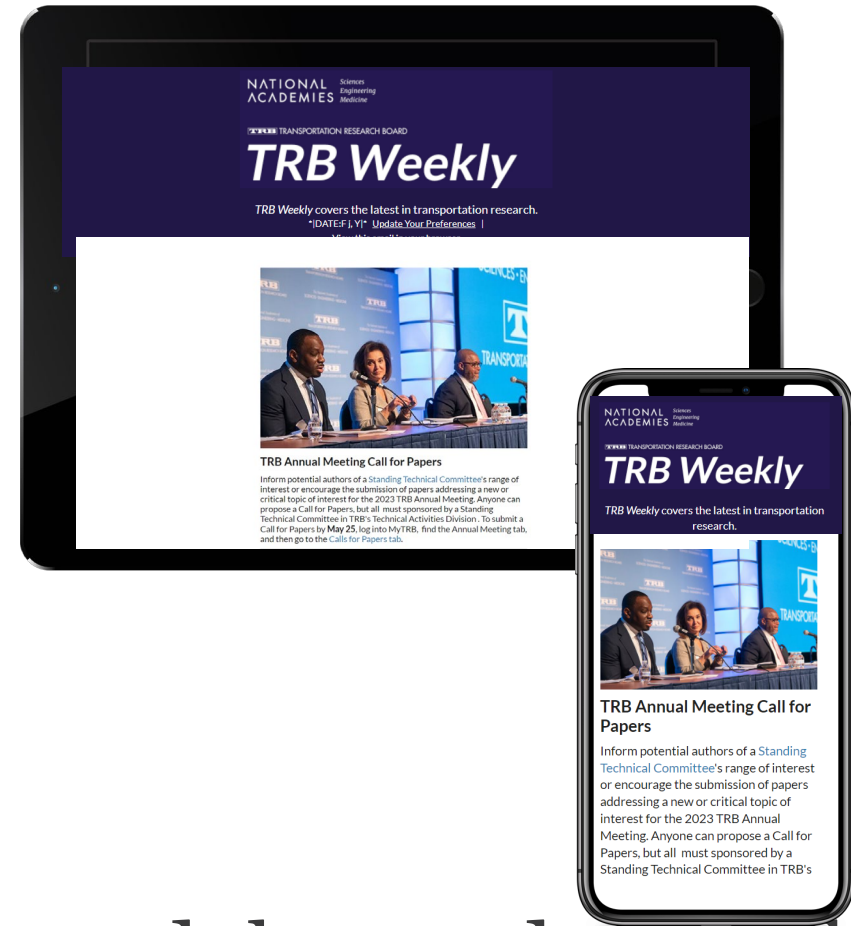


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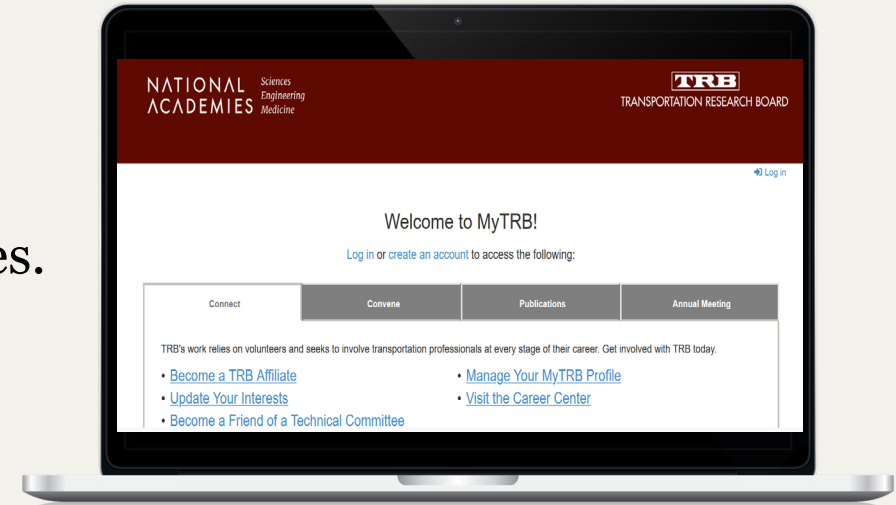


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