

#### VISION ZERO.

Middlesex County, NJ
Vision Zero Action Plan

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7/27/23 NJBWC's SAFE Network Webinar



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12:00 Noon



## Deb's Charge to presenters:

- •1. What was the process to create your plan and what goals/action are in the plan.
- •2. What is the relationship to local municipalities in this process? Is there cross county collaboration?
- •3. How can advocates best participate in this process. What is your plan for community engagement?
- •4. How will the way you develop these plans help lay the basis for the next phase of implementation?

- •5. What should municipalities do to build on the county plans?
- •6.Did any of the municipalities apply for supplemental SS4a this round?
- •7. What other funding strategies should we be looking at to support these plans and proposed implementation projects.

## **VISION ZERO**

A strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all." – VZ Network

#### TRADITIONAL APPROACH

Traffic deaths are **INEVITABLE** 

**PERFECT** human behaviour

Prevent **COLLISIONS** 

**INDIVIDUAL** responsibility

Saving lives is **EXPENSIVE** 

#### **VISION ZERO**

VS

Traffic deaths are **PREVENTABLE** 

Integrate **HUMAN FAILING** in approach

Prevent FATAL AND SEVERE CRASHES

**SYSTEMS** approach

Saving lives is **NOT EXPENSIVE** 

VISION 41: TONETWORK



#### Middlesex County Vision Zero Action Plan

#### **JULY 21, 2022**

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ADOPT A VISION ZERO PLEDGE

#### **AUGUST 10, 2022**

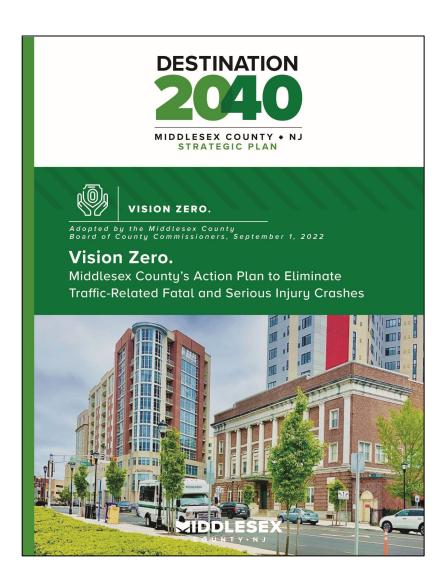
VISION ZERO PARTNERSHIP KICKOFF MEETING

#### **SEPTEMBER 1, 2022**

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADOPT THE VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN

#### **SEPTEMBER 15, 2022**

MCOP SUBMITTED OUR USDOT SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A) IMPLEMENTATION GRANT APPLICATION



#### **VISION ZERO PLEDGE**

#### **Vision Zero Pledge**

Middlesex County is committed to eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries on roadways in the county by 2040.

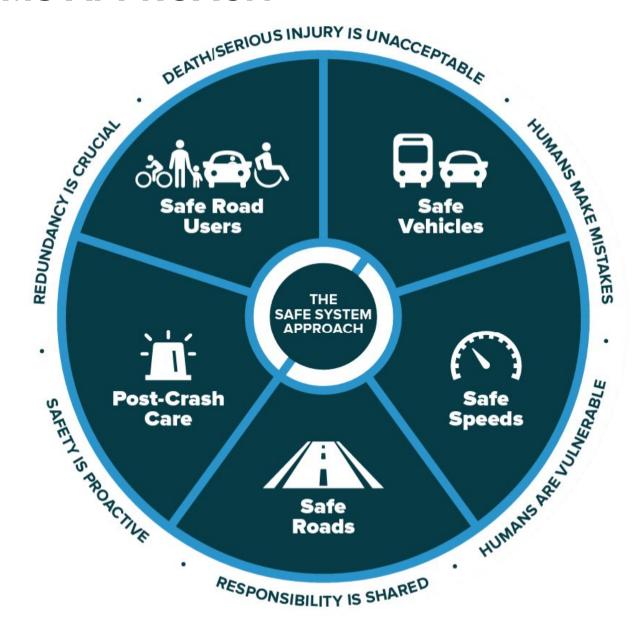
Middlesex County will work in partnership with municipalities, agencies, and other stakeholders to achieve this goal.

-Middlesex County Board of County Commissioners

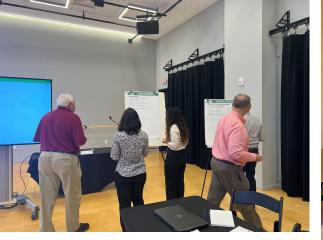
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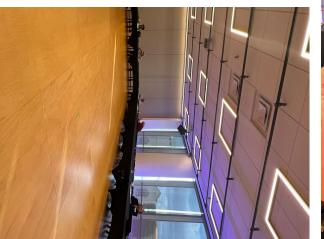
#### THE SAFE SYSTEMS APPROACH

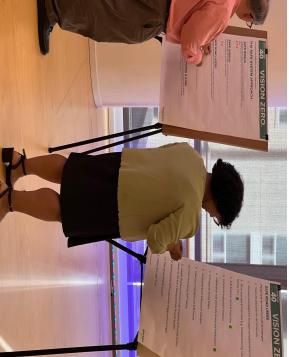












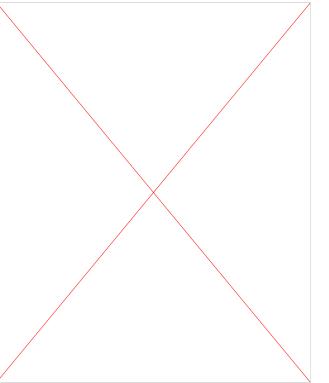


CULTURE OF SAETY PROJECT PRIORITIZATION			
SAFETY ELEMENT	PROJECT/STRATEGY	# OF RESPONSES	
SAFE ROAD USERS	Vision Zero Education for the Community	8	
	Outreach and Engagement Strategies and Platforms	4	
	Driver Education and Vision Zero	9	
	Safe Routes to School and Vision Zero	6	
	Community Ambassadors database	0	
	Collaboration with Community Groups and Ambassadors	1	
	End Impaired Driving Deaths	5	
	Community-based enforcement strategies	4	
	Vision Zero Training for Law Enforcement	5	
	Vision Zero County Staff Training	1	
	Support structured fines for traffic violations so that low-income people do not bear a disproportionate financial burden.	1	
	Environmental justice population engagement strategies	4	
	Pilot Demonstration Projects	5	
	Vision Zero task Force	3	
SAFE VEHICLES	Safer County Vehicle Fleet	6	
	Autonomous Vehicle Technology Task Force	1	
	Right-Size County Vehicle Fleet	7	
	DataCity Smart Mobility Testing Corridor	4	
POST-CRASH	Prompt Medical Service	7	
RESPONSE	Establish a rapid response team	5	
	Data sharing and coordination	9	









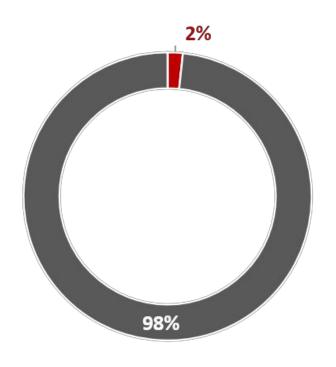
	PROJECT/STRATEGY	# OF
		RESPONSES
		1.0
Safe Roads	Intersection Enhancements and Redesign	12
	Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Projects	8
	Complete Streets Networks	6
	County Roundabout Pilot Program	6
	Safety Countermeasures Program	4
	County Complete Streets Design Guide	4
	Design Standards and Guides	5
	Coordinate with the NJ SHSP	1
	Follow State Guidance Documents	0
	Curbside Management Program	4
	Multimodal Planning and Transit	4
	Funding for Low-Cost Improvements	8
	Regular Program Updates	0
	Ongoing Data Collection and Analyses	7
	Pilot/Demonstration Projects	6
	Road Safety Audits	7
Safe Speeds	Speed Management Policy	6
	Roadway Design Standards for Speed Management	6
	Traffic Calming Policies	11

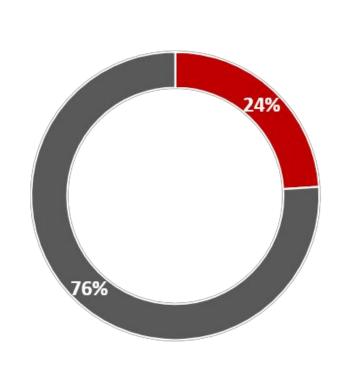
# What Defines Success

No More Deaths No More Serious Fatal Injuries **Speed Limit Reduction** Transparency Fewer Cars on the Road **Behavioral Changes Shared Rides Road Diets** Level of Service Partnership- Center for Advanced Infrastructure and Transportation (CAIT)

#### 2010-2019 Crashes in Middlesex County

\*Includes all roadway jurisdictions from 2010-2019





# On Average, the County Saw:

2 Crashes/Hour

4 Fatalities/Month

8 Incapacitations/Month

23 Injuries/Month

**291,440 Traffic Crashes** 





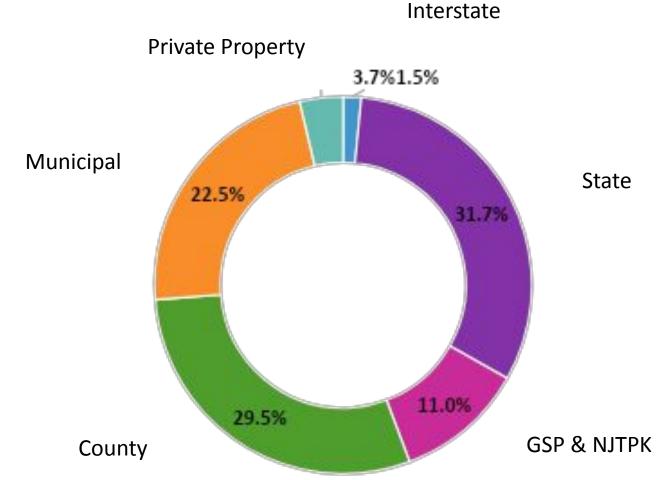
1,434 Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes (FSIs)



1.087 Vehicle FSI



# FATAL & SERIOUS INJURY CRASHES BY ROADWAY JURISDICTION



# FATAL CRASHES HOTSPOT MAP

2010-2019

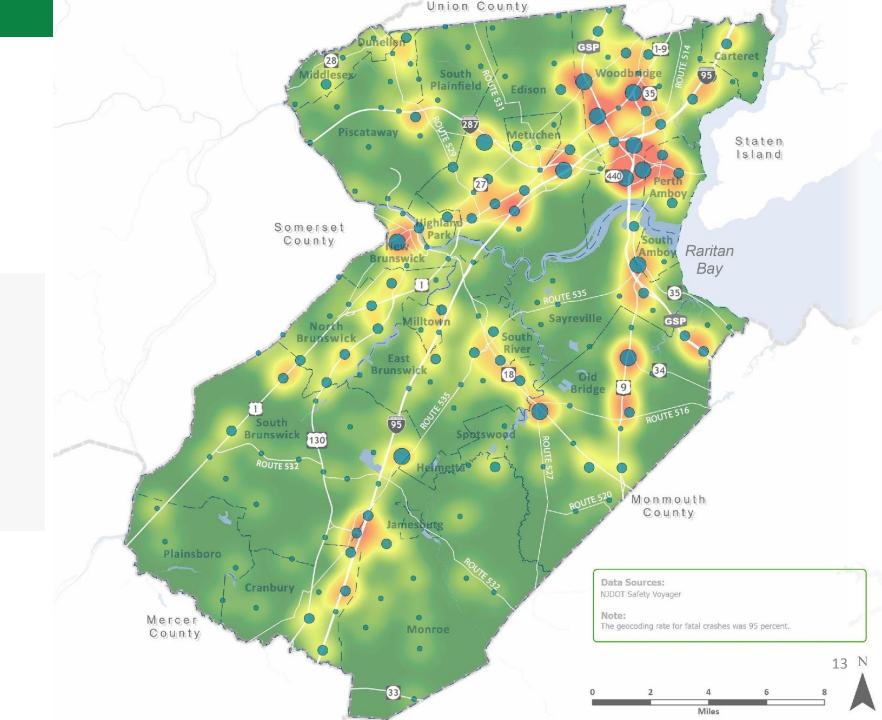
#### **Number of Fatal Crashes**

- 1 2
- 3 5
- 6 9

#### **Fatal Crashes per Square Mile**

High: 11.7

Low: 0



# SERIOUS INJURY CRASHES HOTSPOT MAP

2010-2019

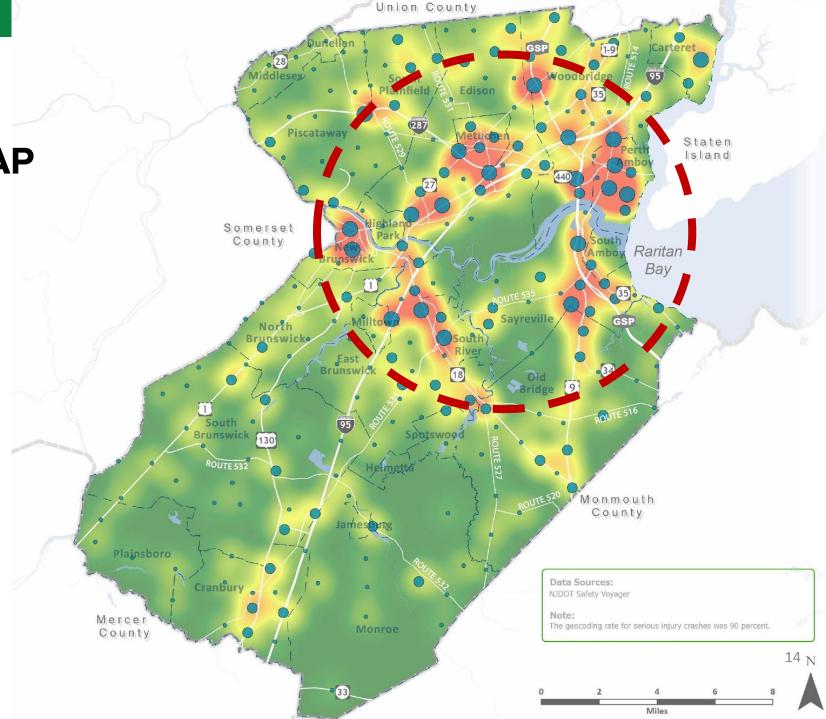
#### **Number of Serious Injury Crashes**

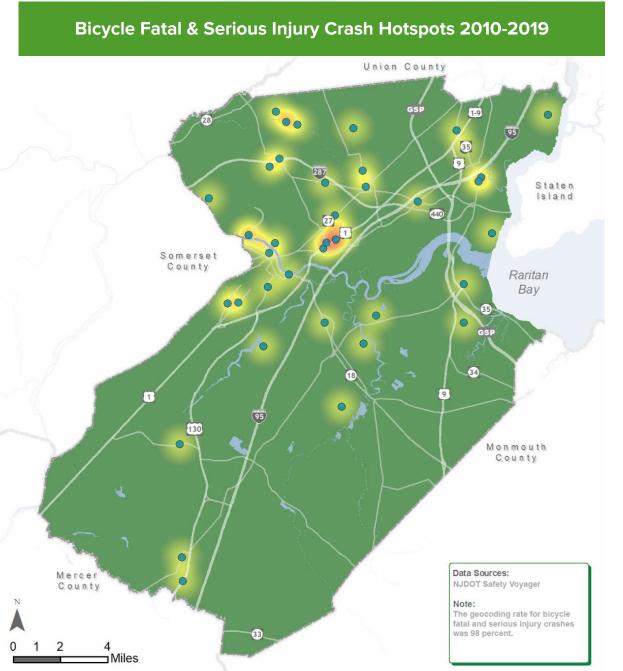
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#### Serious Injury Crashes per Square Mile

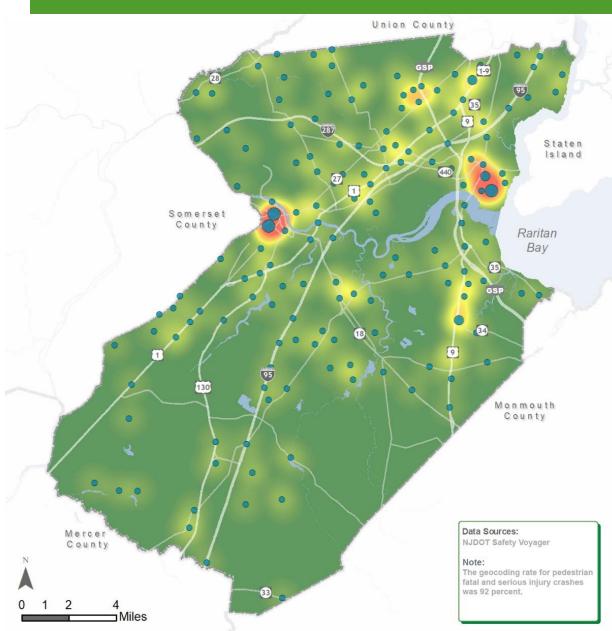
High : 17.4

Low: 0





#### Pedestrian Fatal & Serious Injury Crash Hotspots 2010-2019



## **HIGH INJURY NETWORK (HIN)**



Identifies roadway locations that account for a disproportionate share of fatal and serious injury crashes (FSIs).



Data driven



Helps prioritize investments



Equity

#### **3. TARGETING THE PROBLEM |** HIN ANALYSIS



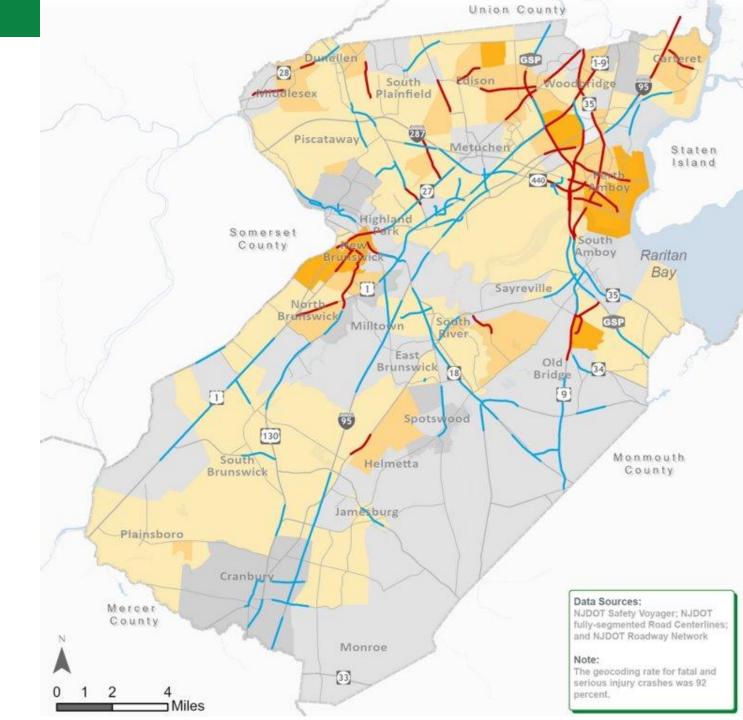
#### **HIGH INJURY NETWORK MAP**

Weighted High Injury Network (All Modes), 2010-2019

Weighted HIN Score >= 6

# HIN BY INDICATORS OF POTENTIAL DISADVANTAGE

# Weighted High Injury Network, 2010-2019 In the Top 2 IPD Intervals Not In the Top 2 IPD Intervals Indicators of Potential Disadvantage (IPD) by Census Tract Well Below Average (< -1.5 Std. Dev.) Below Average (-1.5 - -0.5 Std. Dev.) Average (-0.5 - 0.5 Std. Dev.) Above Average (0.5 - 1.5 Std. Dev.) Well Above Average (> 1.5 Std. Dev.)





## 2022 USDOT NATIONAL ROADWAY SAFETY STRATEGY





# Electrical English Serious Injuries by 2040

# WHAT WILL SUCCESS LOOK LIKE

-GOALS-

# 1. SAFER STREETS

• Design streets and transportation networks to be safe and comfortable for all users.

# 2: SAFER SPEEDS

 Set roadway speed limits based on surrounding land use and activities focusing on vulnerable users.

# 3: SAFER ROAD USERS

• Foster a culture of safety, responsibility, and awareness within Middlesex County.

# 4: SAFER VEHICLES

• Utilize the latest vehicle systems and safety features for the County fleet. Support the development of new safety features.

## WHAT WILL SUCCESS LOOK LIKE

-GOALS-

#### 5: POST CRASH RESPONSE AND CARE

Improve crash response time and data collection.

# 6: FOCUS ON EQUITY

 Ensure equitable distribution of all traffic safety investments and benefits using a data-based approach

#### 7: DEVELOP STRONG PARTNERSHIPS

 Implement the Vision Zero Action in collaboration with municipalities, non-profits, and state and regional agencies.

# 8: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

 Work with Middlesex County community members to obtain feedback.



## **Questions and Discussion**







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#### **REDESIGN THE ROAD**

Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ





NARROW LANES

HIGH VISIBILITY CROSSWALKS

DAYLIGHTING

ADA



#### **Overview**

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Vision Zero 101
- 3. Targeting The Problem
- 4. How Is Vision Zero Implemented?
- 5. What Will Success Look Like?
- 6. Safe Street And Roads For All (Ss4a)
- 7. Partnership Overview
- 8. Questions And Discussions
- 9. Adjournment

## VISION ZERO...



Is a strategy to eliminate **ALL** traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all



Views traffic deaths as **PREVENTABLE** 



Includes 3 Main Principles: managing speed, centering equity, engaging communities



Saves lives; Saving lives is INEXPENSIVE





# THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY VISION ZERO PARTNERSHIP

#### PARTNERSHIP MEMBERSHIP AND STRUCTURE

The Partnership will include a *Leadership Committee* made up of elected officials from the County's 25 municipalities. To facilitate the development of the Action Plan and promote discussion of critical topics in detail, two working groups of stakeholders will support the Leadership Committee. Each working group will be chaired by a member of the Leadership Committee.

- Complete Streets Working Group This group will focus on engineering solutions, including street design and traffic calming.
- **Culture of Safety** Working Group This group will focus on education, enforcement and regulation, and post-crash emergency response.

