

Allegheny County Safety Action Plan

WHAT WE HEARD

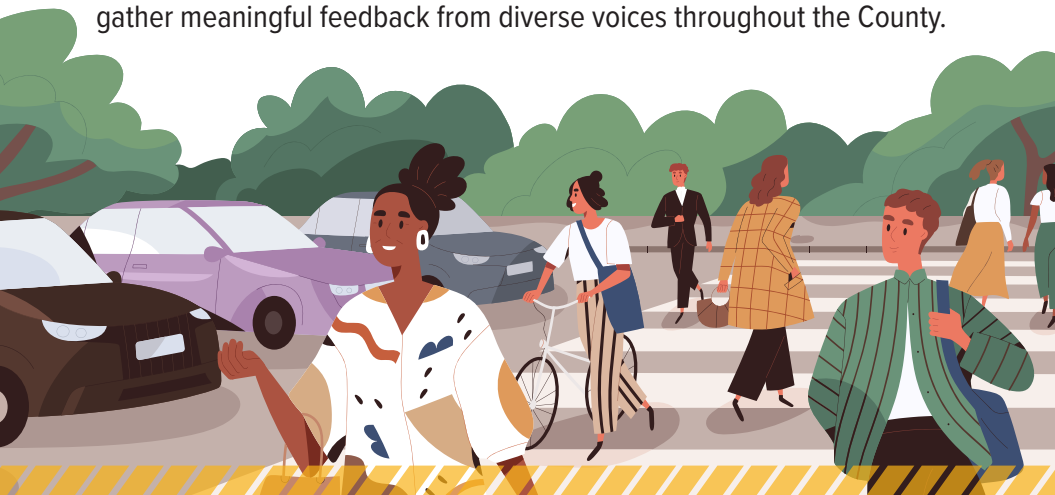
OUTREACH PHASE 1

WHY WE ASKED

Allegheny County is developing a Safety Action Plan to eliminate roadway fatalities and serious injuries. In partnership with the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC), the City of Pittsburgh, and PennDOT, they launched a robust public engagement effort to understand safety concerns, gather ideas, and build a community-driven plan. Your voice is helping shape the future of safer, more accessible streets.

How We Engaged

To ensure a broad and inclusive outreach process, the project team used a variety of tools to connect with residents, stakeholders, and community partners across Allegheny County. Engagement efforts included online and in-person opportunities to share input, learn about the Safety Action Plan, and identify safety priorities. This multi-channel approach helped gather meaningful feedback from diverse voices throughout the County.



Online Safety Survey
349 responses



Interactive Map
862 location-based comments



General Comments
57 submissions



Public Meetings
4 open houses
3 outreach events



Stakeholder Input
10+ interviews
with agencies, nonprofits, first responders,
and community leaders



Website Visitors
2,400+



Social Media Reach
Over 3,700 impressions
across four platforms

What We Heard from the Community

Community voices played a central role in shaping the Safety Action Plan. Through surveys, map comments, public meetings, and stakeholder discussions, residents across Allegheny County shared their real-life experiences and concerns about roadway safety. The feedback revealed a clear desire for safer streets, better infrastructure, and stronger enforcement—particularly to protect pedestrians, cyclists, and other vulnerable users. The following themes emerged across all outreach efforts.



Top Safety Concerns

- Dangerous intersections and poor signal timing
- Speeding, aggressive driving, and failure to yield
- Lack of pedestrian and cyclist protections
- Distracted driving and limited enforcement
- Inadequate sidewalks, bike lanes, and lighting



Most Requested Improvement

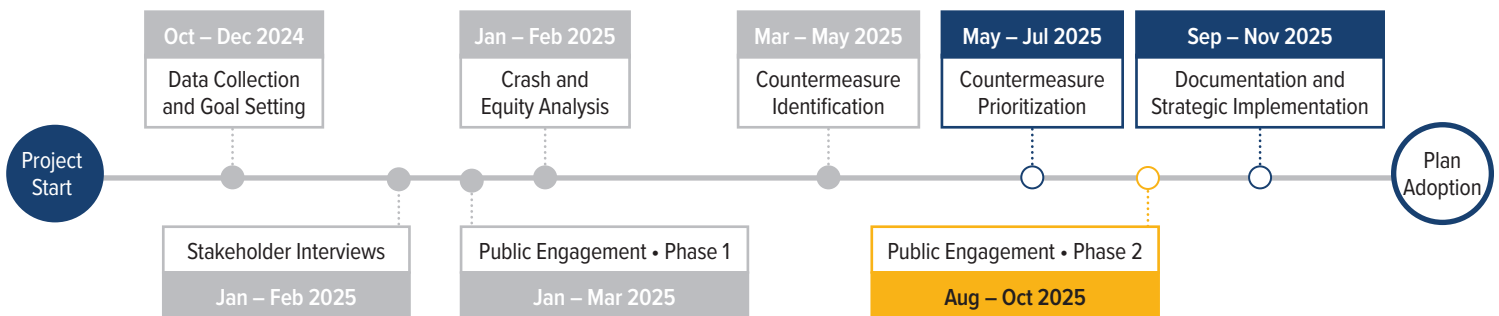
- Better pavement conditions and signage
- Lower speed limits and narrower lanes
- More traffic calming (e.g., speed bumps, curb bump-outs)
- Safer crosswalks, protected bike lanes, and sidewalks
- Improved intersection design: medians, turn lanes, roundabouts
- Stronger law enforcement and public education campaigns



Hotspot Locations

- West End Bridge & Route 65 off-ramp
- Forbes Avenue & McKee Place in Oakland
- Oakland, Squirrel Hill, East Liberty, and Mount Lebanon identified as areas with high concern

Project Timeline: Where We Are



WHAT'S NEXT

This input will help the team identify priority areas and develop safety strategies. In late summer 2025, we'll return to the community to share draft recommendations and get your feedback again.

Questions? Contact

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OUTREACH PHASE 2

WHY WE ASKED

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC), along with Allegheny County, the City of Pittsburgh, PennDOT, and Pittsburgh Regional Transit (PRT), is developing a Safety Action Plan to eliminate roadway fatalities and serious injuries. They launched a robust public engagement effort to understand safety concerns, gather ideas, and build a community-driven plan. Your voice is helping shape the future of safer, more accessible streets.

How We Engaged

From November 24 to December 21, 2025, the project team carried out the second phase of public and stakeholder engagement, continuing to promote Vision Zero and share project updates. Using data from the safety analysis and Phase 1 public feedback, the team identified ten priority corridors in Allegheny County that could benefit from safety improvements. The public reviewed and provided feedback on proposed safety measures that could be implemented along these corridors or more broadly across the county.



Online Corridor Survey
26 responses



General Comments
25 submissions



University Visits
2 tabling events
University of Pittsburgh
Carnegie Mellon University



Public Meetings
1 virtual meeting
1 open house



Website Views
1,000+



Downloads
146 total downloads

Assets:

- (89) Top 10 Corridors Draft
- (20) Fact Sheet
- (15) Toolkit
- (14) What We Heard
- (8) Virtual Meeting Q&A



What We Heard from the Community

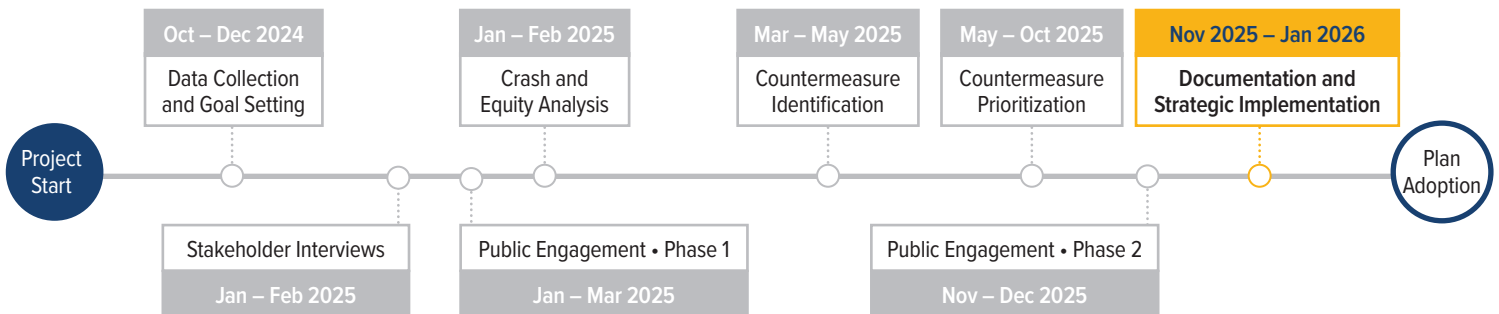
Overall, participants expressed support for prioritizing safety investments along the ten priority corridors—particularly within the City of Pittsburgh—and generally viewed the proposed safety concepts favorably or neutrally. Feedback reinforced key issues such as intersection safety, physical separation, traffic calming, and connectivity between destinations, with an emphasis on improving conditions for people walking, biking, and using transit.

Community members shared location-specific observations and lived experiences, offering practical insight into how existing conditions affect daily travel and identifying opportunities for proactive, context-sensitive safety improvements. While the number of responses was limited, the feedback validated the data-driven corridor prioritization and provided qualitative context to inform decision-making. Consistent with SS4A requirements, this input was used alongside broader engagement, safety analysis, and technical evaluation to refine corridor-level strategies and develop the plan.

Key Points from Community Feedback



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WHAT'S NEXT

The project team is working to refine recommendations and finalize the Safety Action Plan for adoption in early 2026.

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