

Move Safe

City of Gaithersburg's Citywide Safety Action Plan
Virtual Public Meeting

April 7th, 2026



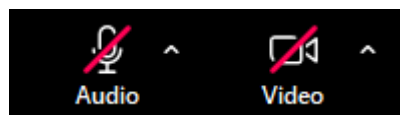
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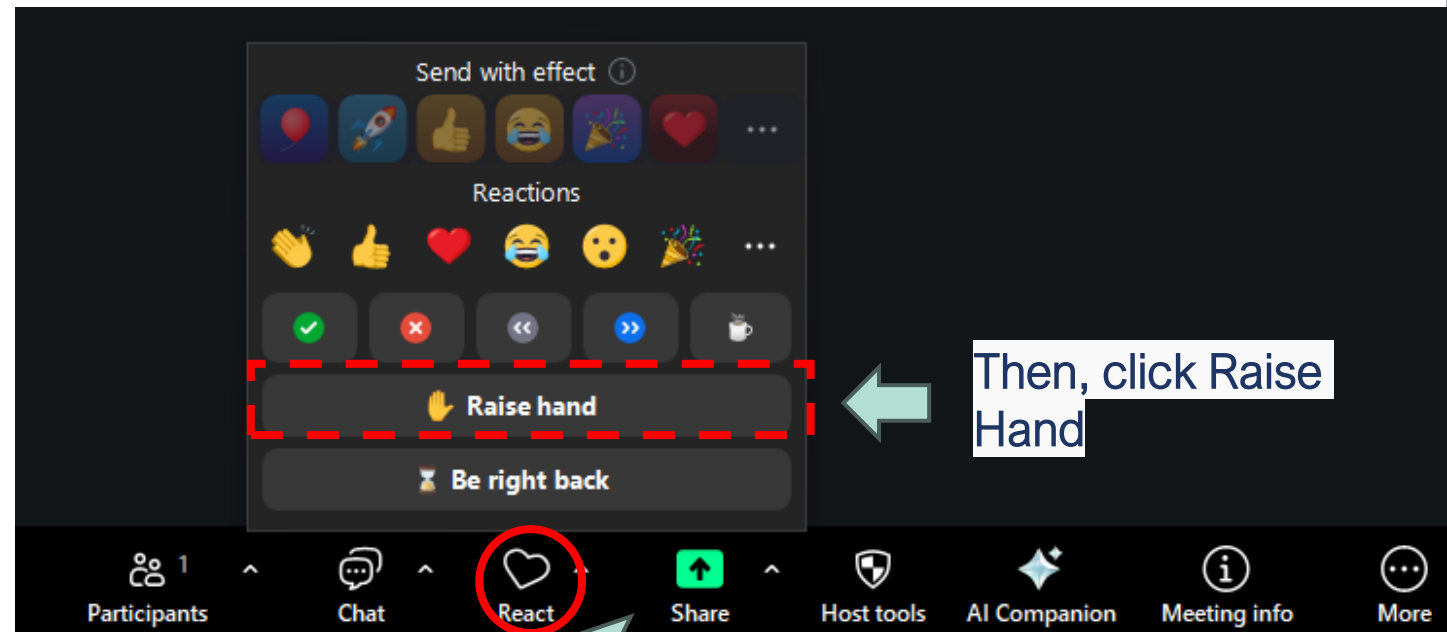


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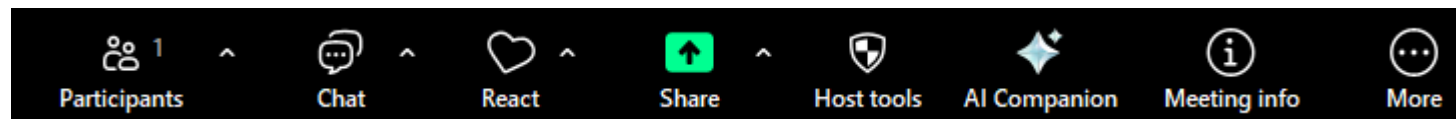
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Zoom – Questions & Comments

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We will leave time at the end of the meeting for questions, comments, and discussion.

Chat



Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Project Overview
- Previous Work
- Prioritization Process
- Solution Crafting Process
- Phase 2 of Engagement Recap
- Next Steps



Welcome and Project Team Introductions



Project Overview



How We Got Here



Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Program



SS4A funds can be used to reduce or eliminate roadway fatalities and serious injuries



October 2023: Gaithersburg receives \$360,000 for a Safety Action Plan (SAP).



What is a Safety Action Plan?



A well-defined strategy to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries the city.



Goal Setting



Planning Structure



Safety Analysis



Engagement and Collaboration



Policy and Process Changes



Strategy and Project Selection



Progress and Transparency

Our Goal



To reduce City, County and State* roadway fatalities and serious injuries by at least fifty (50%) over the first five years after the study is completed.

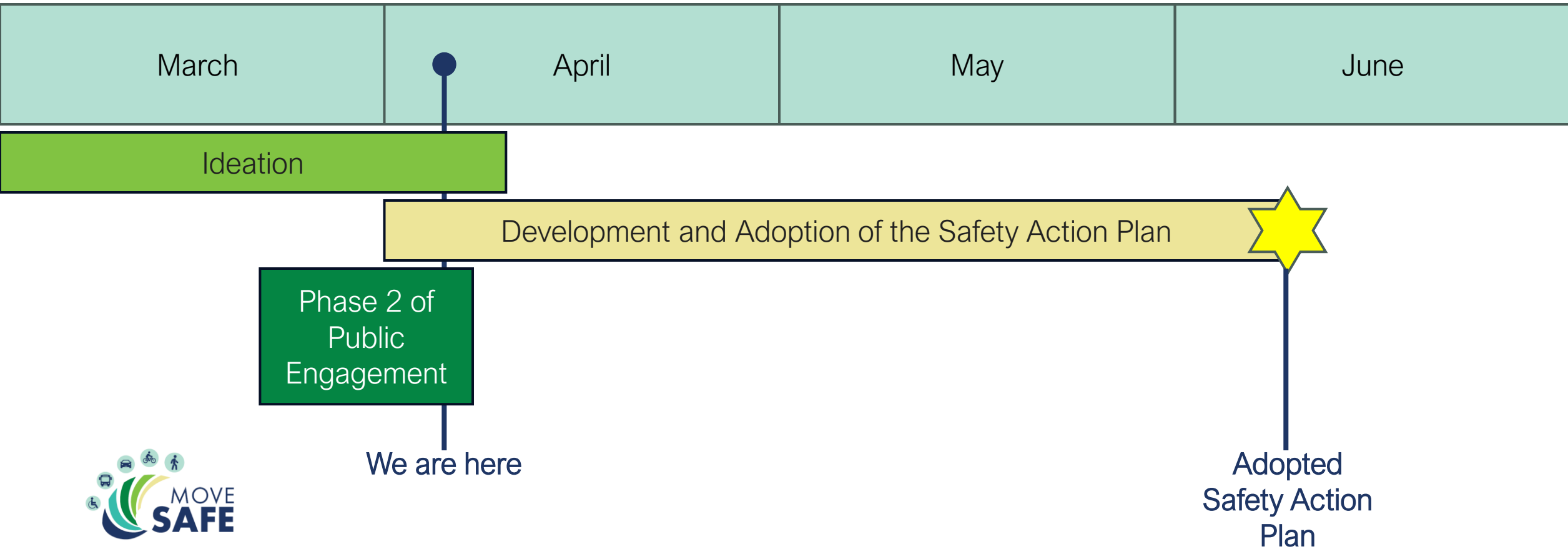


*exclusive of I-270

Our Path to Safety



Timeline

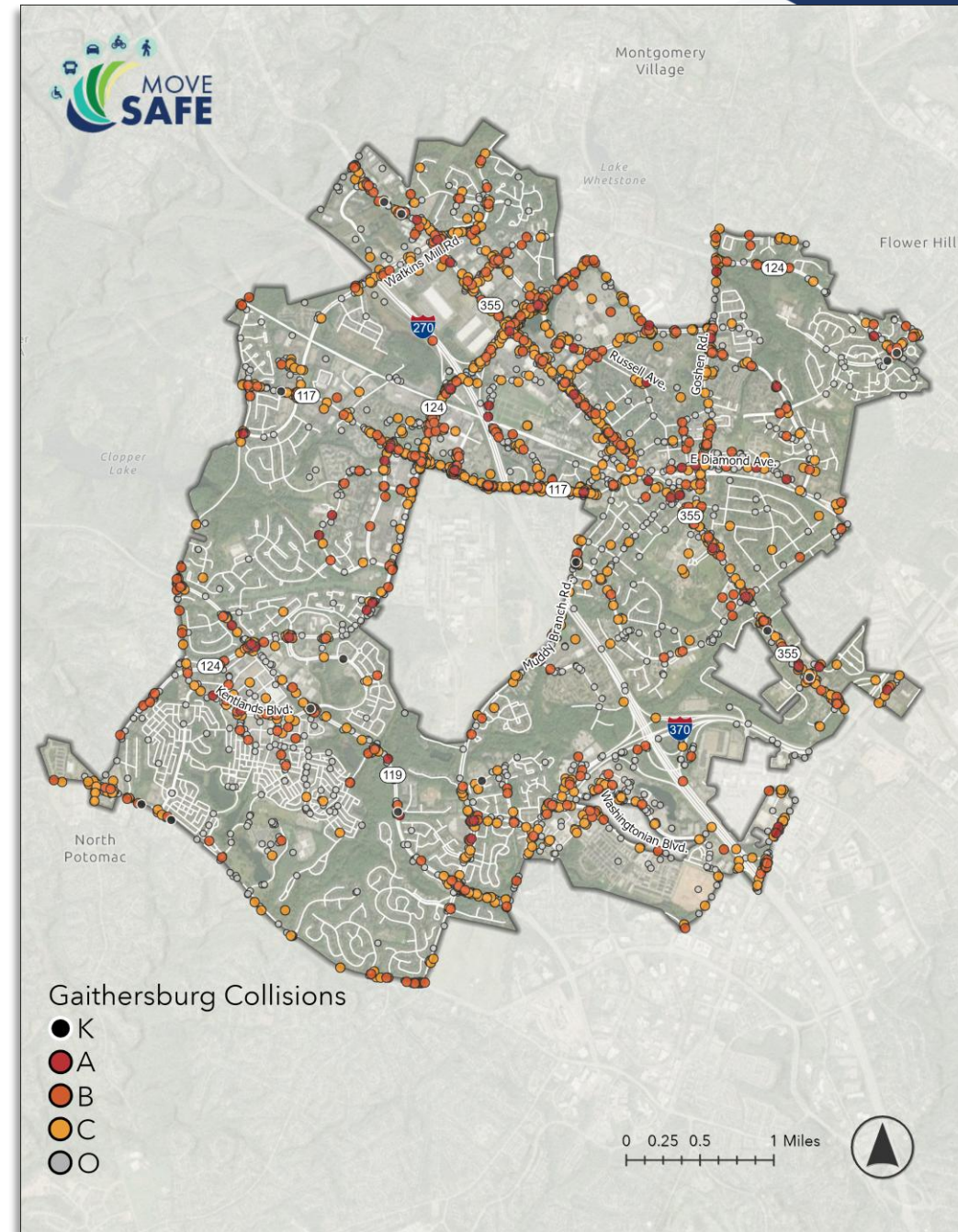


Previous Work



Phase 1 Existing Conditions

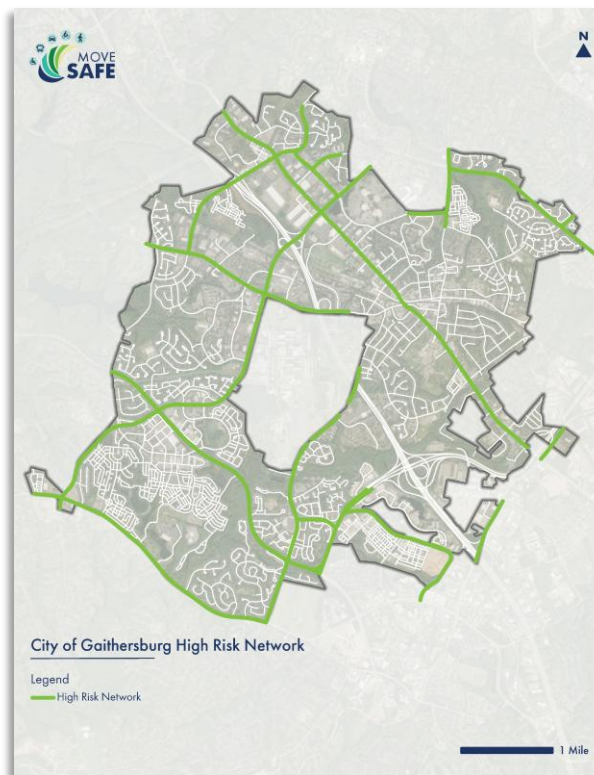
- ✓ Conducted a citywide safety analysis
- ✓ Developed collisions focus areas
- ✓ Developed High-Injury and High-Risk Networks
- ✓ Mapped Community Needs



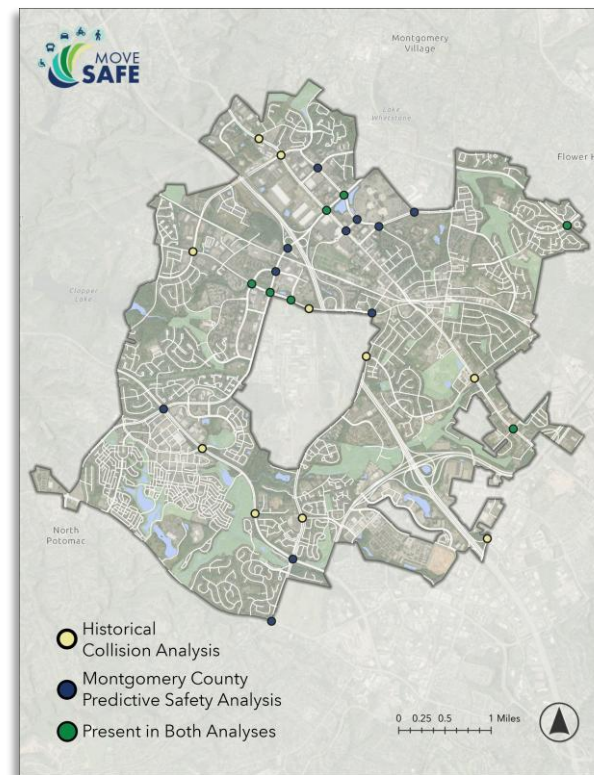
High Injury Network



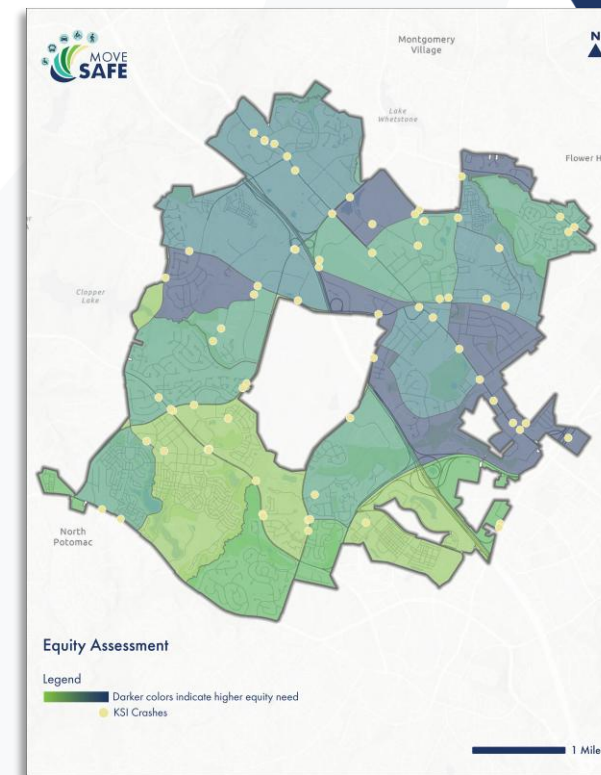
High Risk Network



Hot Spot Intersections



Community Needs



Where are collisions the most frequent and severe?

Where are severe collisions most likely to occur?

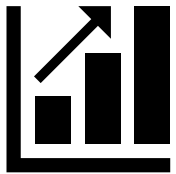
Which intersections experience the highest level of severe and total collisions?

Where are severe collisions more deeply felt?

Phase 1 Snapshot



Gaithersburg has the **highest per capita collision rate** among peer communities



Total and severe collisions are **rising** in Gaithersburg since the pandemic



The most common factors contributing to severe collisions are:

- **Pedestrian** involved collisions
- Turning movements at **intersections**
- The influence of **drugs** and **alcohol**



A lack of **visibility** and aggressive/irresponsible **driving behaviors** were commonly cited issues among the public

Phase 1 of Engagement

- October 2025
 - 3 in-person pop-up events
 - 1 virtual public meeting
- Engagement Statistics
 - ✓ 505 total interactions (83% in Spanish)
 - ✓ 123 factsheets shared
 - ✓ 407 postcards distributed
 - ✓ 222 surveys completed
 - ✓ 295 web map comments



Prioritization Process

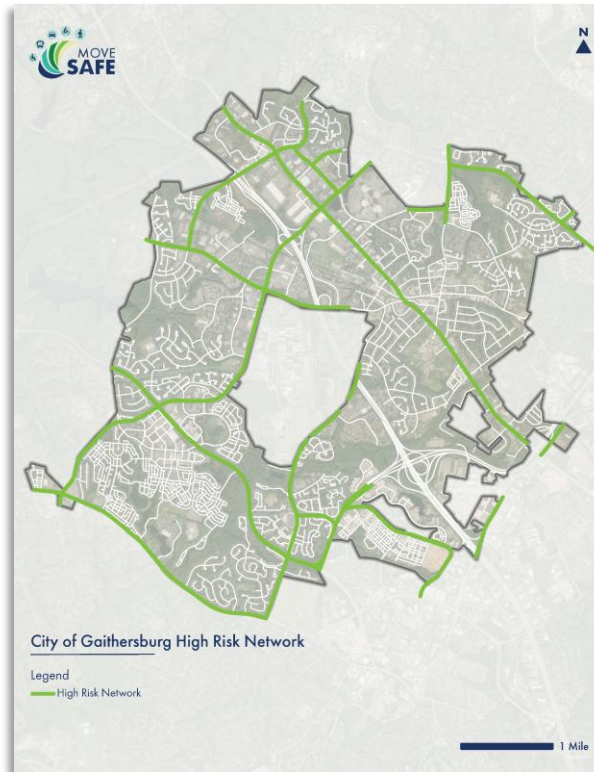


Prioritization Process

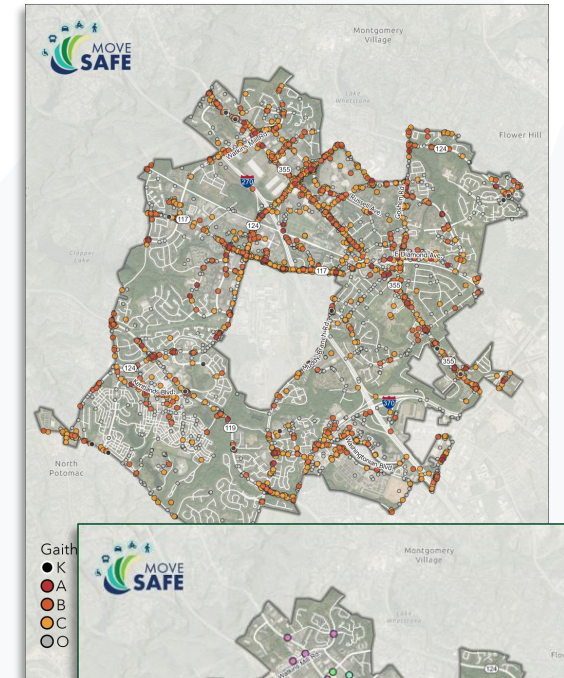
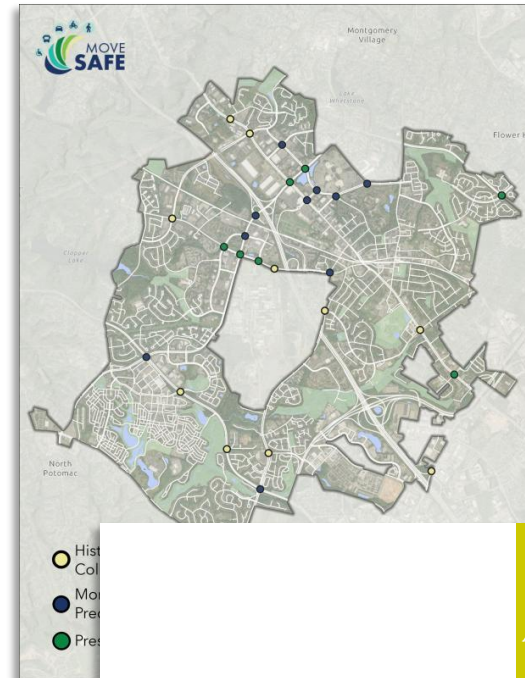
- **Goal:** Identify the Roadways and Intersections that the City **should address first** to have the **most meaningful impact**.
- Prioritization should identify areas that:
 - Are Informed by Data
 - Are Reflective of Community Needs and feedback
 - May be underserved or have not recently been addressed
 - Have issues that can be addressed through infrastructure or policy strategies



Roadways



Intersections



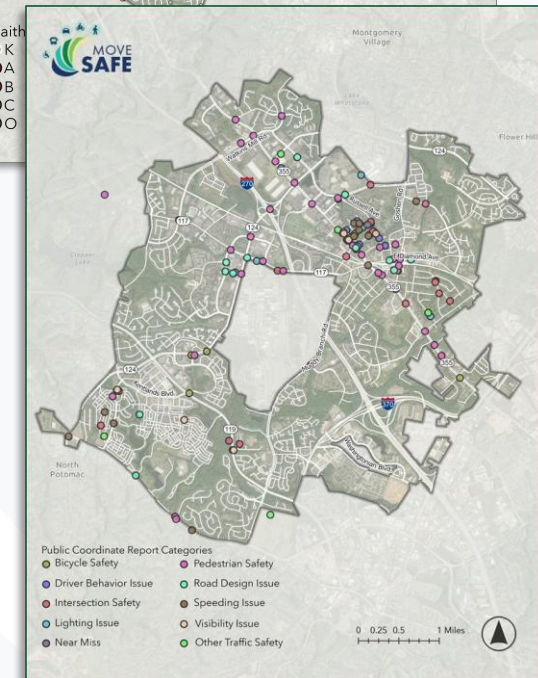
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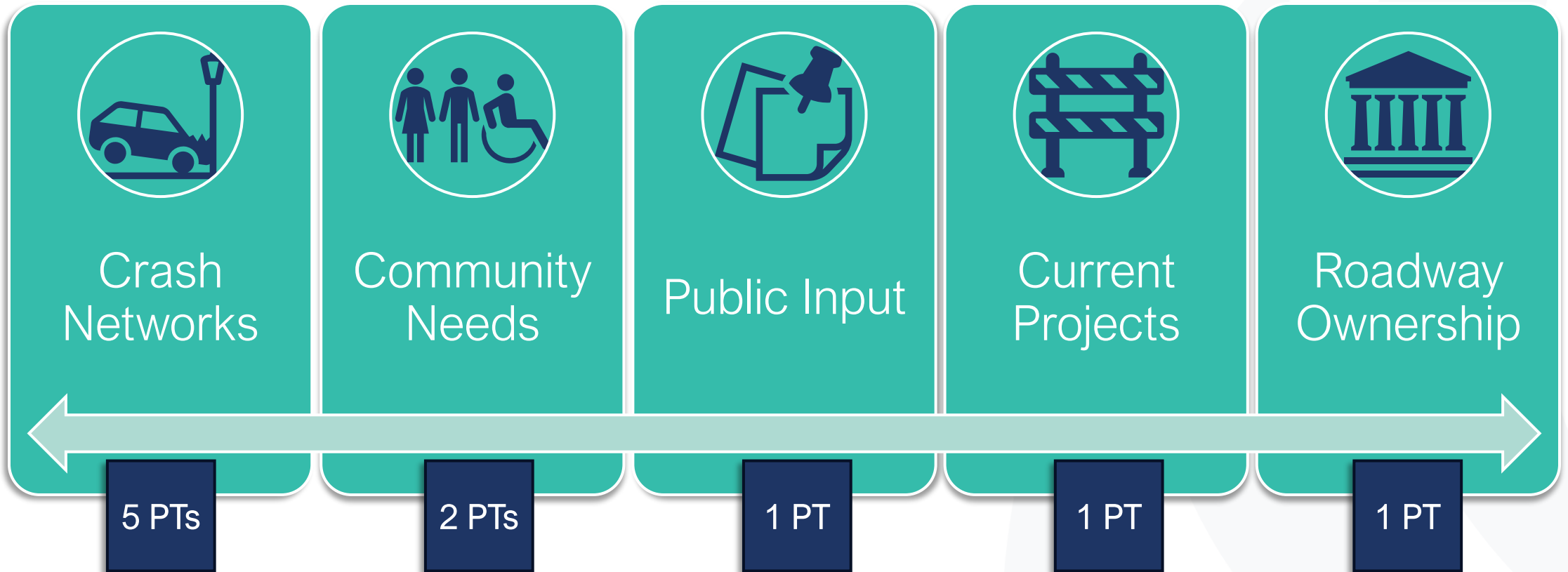
Gaithersburg
A Chanticleer Capital City

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Prioritization Factors

10 Point Scale



Top Roadway Segments

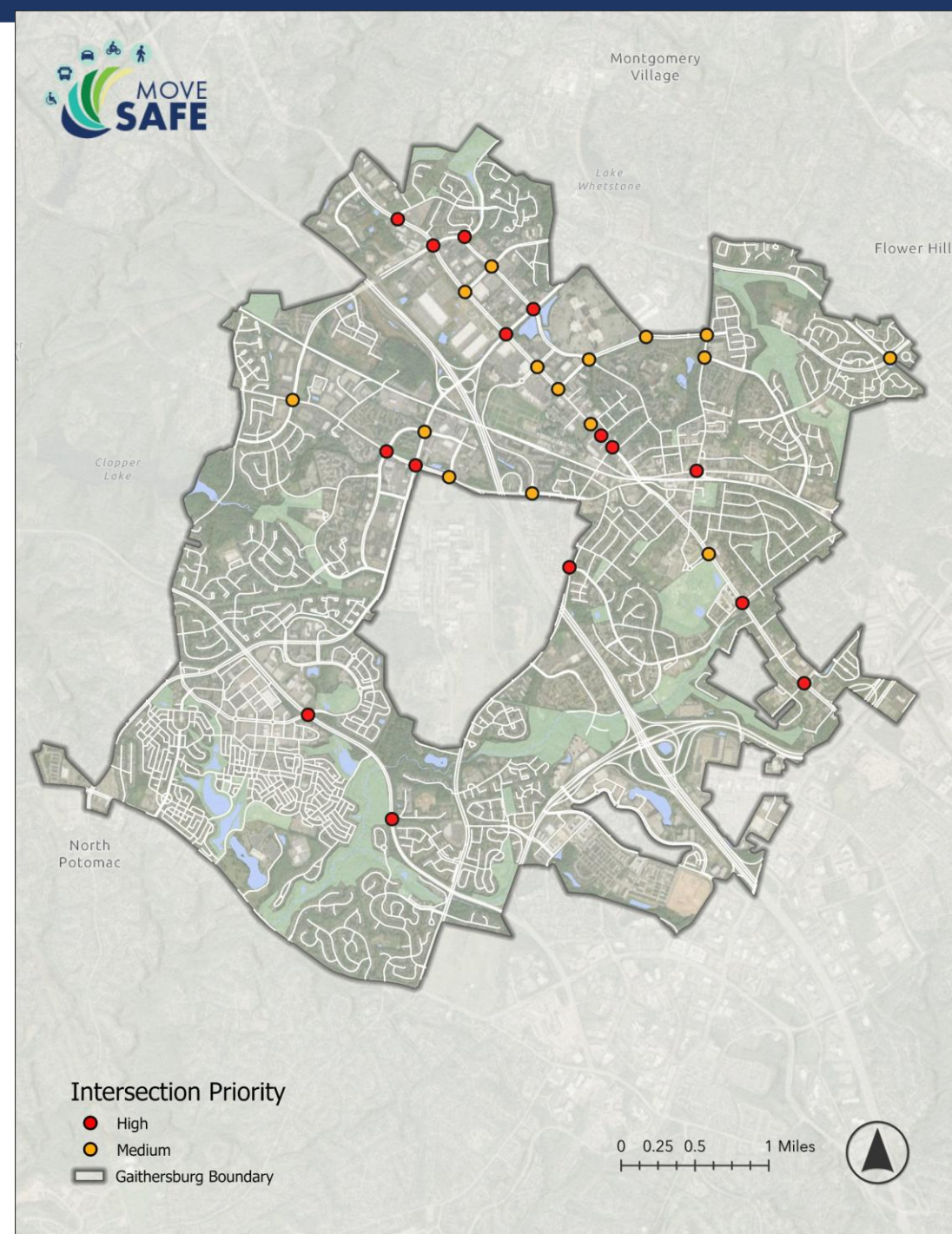
- The high priority road segments are primarily the City's major arterials
- All roadway segment on the HIN and HRN are listed as high priority except for Sam Eig Hwy



Project Details			Scoring Criteria					Overall Metrics	
Road	To	From	Collision Networks Score	Roadway Ownership Score	Current Projects Score	Community Needs Score	Public Input Score	Total Score	Priority
Russell Ave (East)	Montgomery Village Ave	Odenhal Ave	5	1	1	1.3	0.5	8.8	High
N Frederick Ave (Central)	Montgomery Village Ave	Railroad Tracks	5	0	1	1.7	1	8.7	High
Summit Ave	N Summit Dr	Hutton St	5	1	0	1.7	1	8.7	High
N Frederick Ave (West)	City Border	Montgomery Village Ave	5	0	1	1.3	1	8.3	High
Clopper Rd / W Diamond Ave	City Border	Muddy Branch Rd	5	0	0.5	1.7	1	8.2	High
Quince Orchard Road / Montgomery Village Ave	City Border	Clopper Rd/W Diamond Ave	5	0	1	1.7	0.5	8.2	High
Goshen Rd	City Border	Girard St	5	0	1	2.0	0	8.0	High
Perry Pkwy	Sam's Club	TownPlace Suites	2.5	1	1	1.7	1	7.2	High
Midcounty Hwy	City Border	City Border	5	0	1	0.7	0.5	7.2	High
Shady Grove Road	City Border	City Border	5	0	1	1.0	0	7.0	High
Darnestown Road	City Border	City Border	5	0	1	0.0	1	7.0	High
Great Seneca Hwy	City Border	City Border	5	0	1	0.0	1	7.0	High
Muddy Branch Rd	W Deer Park Rd	City Border	5	0	0.5	1.0	0.5	7.0	High
Odendhal Ave (South)	Lakeforest Transit Center	N Frederick Ave	2.5	1	1	1.7	0.5	6.7	High
Quince Orchard Road	Clopper Rd/W Diamond Ave	City Border	5	0	1	0.0	0.5	6.5	High
Sam Eig Hwy	I-370	Great Seneca Hwy	5	0	1	0.3	0	6.3	Medium
Watkins Mill Rd (North)	Windbrooke Dr	N Frederick Ave	2.5	1	1	1.3	0.5	6.3	Medium
Quince Orchard Blvd	Firstfield Road	Brown Station Elementary School	2.5	1	1	0.7	1	6.2	Medium
E Diamond Ave	Russell Ave	City Border	2.5	1	0	1.7	1	6.2	Medium
Christopher Ave (South)	Russell Ave	N Frederick Ave	2.5	1	1	1.0	0.5	6.0	Medium
Firstfield Road	Bureau Dr	Novavax Inc	2.5	1	1	0.3	1	5.8	Medium
Christopher Ave (North)	City Border	Russell Ave	2.5	1	1	1.3	0	5.8	Medium
Watkins Mill Rd (South)	N Frederick Ave	Clopper Rd	2.5	0	1	1.3	0.5	5.3	Medium
Odendhal Ave (North)	Asbury Dr	N Summit Ave	2.5	0	0	1.7	1	5.2	Medium
S Frederick Ave	Railroad Tracks	City Border	2.5	0	0	2.0	0.5	5.0	Medium
Woodfield Rd	City Border	Midcounty Hwy	2.5	0	1	0.7	0.5	4.7	Medium
Washington Blvd	I-370	Fields Rd	2.5	1	0	0.3	0.5	4.3	Medium
Russell Ave (West)	Watkins Mill Rd	Montgomery Village Ave	2.5	1	0	0.7	0	4.2	Medium
Kentlands Blvd / Orchard Ride Dr	Quince Orchard Rd	Quince Orchard Rd	2.5	1	0	0.0	0.5	4.0	Medium
Fields Rd / Omega Dr	Sam Eig Hwy	City Border	2.5	0	1	0.0	0	3.5	Medium

Top Intersections

- The high priority intersections are concentrated along major arterials
- The high priority intersections are concentrated in the northern areas of the city



	Intersection	Collision Network Score	Roadway Ownership Score	Current Projects Score	Community Needs Score	Public Input Score	Total Score	Priority
	Great Seneca Highway (MD 119) at Kentlands Boulevard/Orchard Ridge Drive	5.00	0.5	1	0	0.5	7.00	High
	High Gables Drive and Great Seneca Highway (MD 119)	4.23	0.5	1	0	1	6.73	High
	Travis Ave and N Frederick Ave (MD 355)	3.58	0.5	1	1	0.5	6.58	High
	Muddy Branch Road and West Deer Park Road	2.91	0.5	1	2	0	6.41	High
	N Frederick Ave (MD 355) and Watkins Mill Road	2.93	0.5	1	1	0.5	5.93	High
	N Frederick Ave (MD 355) & Montgomery Village Ave (MD 124)	2.80	0	1	1.5	0.5	5.80	High
	S Frederick Avenue (MD 355) and S Westland Drive	3.04	0	1	1.75	0	5.79	High
	South Summit Ave at East Diamond Ave	1.32	1	1	1.75	0.5	5.57	High
	Quince Orchard Road (MD 124) and Clopper Road/W Diamond Avenue (MD 117)	3.03	0	1	1	0.5	5.53	High
	Montgomery Village Ave (MD 124) at Russell Ave	3.50	0.5	0	1.5	0	5.50	High
	S Frederick Ave (MD 355) at West Deer Park Road	1.74	0.5	1	1.75	0.5	5.49	High
	N Frederick Ave (MD 355) at Maryland Ave	1.46	0.5	1	1.5	1	5.46	High
	Clopper Road (MD 117) and Firstfield Road	2.42	0.5	1	1	0.5	5.42	High
	Russell Ave at Watkins Mill Road	2.41	1	1	1	0	5.41	High
	N Frederick Ave (MD 355) at Chestnut St	1.40	0.5	1	1.5	1	5.40	High
	S Frederick Ave (MD 355) at Education Boulevard	1.60	0.5	1	1.75	0.5	5.35	Medium
	N Frederick Ave (MD 355) at Montgomery Ave	1.34	0.5	1	1.5	1	5.34	Medium
	N Frederick Avenue (MD 355) & Perry Parkway /Lakeforest Boulevard	1.56	0.5	1	1.75	0.5	5.31	Medium
	N Frederick Ave (MD 355) at Odendhal Ave	2.16	0.5	1	1.5	0	5.16	Medium
	Frederick Ave (MD 355) at Christopher Ave	2.08	0.5	1	1	0.5	5.12	Medium
	Midcounty Highway at Woodfield Rd/Saybrooke Blvd	3.55	0	1	0.5	0	5.08	Medium
	Quince Orchard Rd (MD 124) at Firstfield Rd	2.02	0.5	1	1	0.5	5.05	Medium
	W Diamond Avenue (MD 117) and Bureau Drive	1.89	0.5	1	1	0.5	5.02	Medium
	Clopper Rd (MD 117) at Watkins Mill/Pheasant Run Dr	2.30	0	1	1	0.5	4.89	Medium
	West Diamond Ave (MD 117) at Perry Parkway	1.28	0.5	1	2	0	4.80	Medium
	Russell Ave at Christopher Ave	2.73	1	0	1	0	4.78	Medium
	Goshen Rd at Odendhal Ave	1.86	0	1	1.75	0	4.73	Medium
	Asbury Drive & Lost Knife Road & Odendhal Avenue	0.86	0.5	1	1.75	0.5	4.61	Medium
	N. Summit Ave at Girard St	1.34	0.5	1	1.75	0	4.61	Medium
	Russell Ave & Odendhal Ave	1.33	1	0	1.75	0.5	4.59	Medium



Montgomery
Village

Lake
Whetstone

Flower Hill

Clopper
Lake

North
Potomac

Roadway Priority

— High

— Medium

▭ Gaithersburg Boundary

0 0.25 0.5 1 Miles



Montgomery
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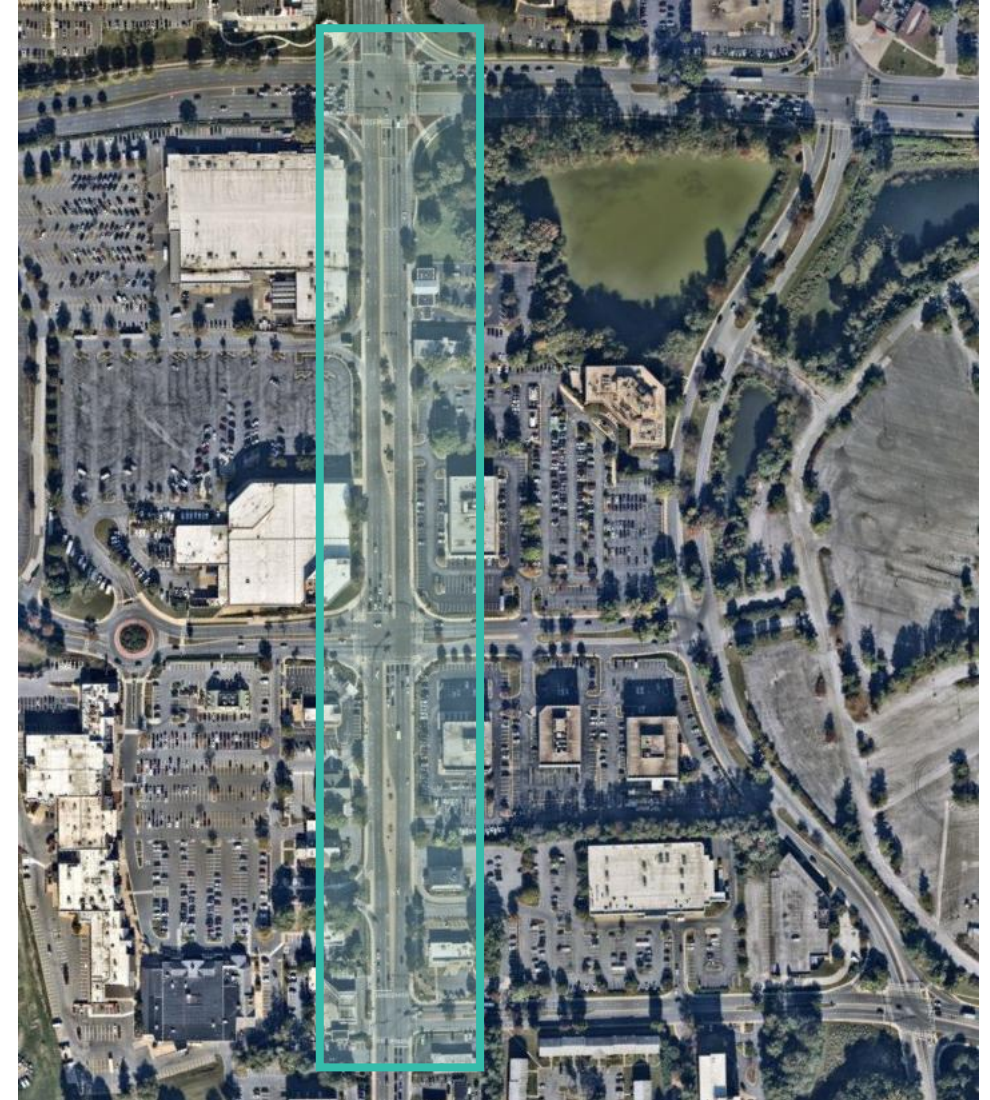
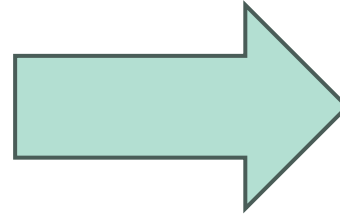
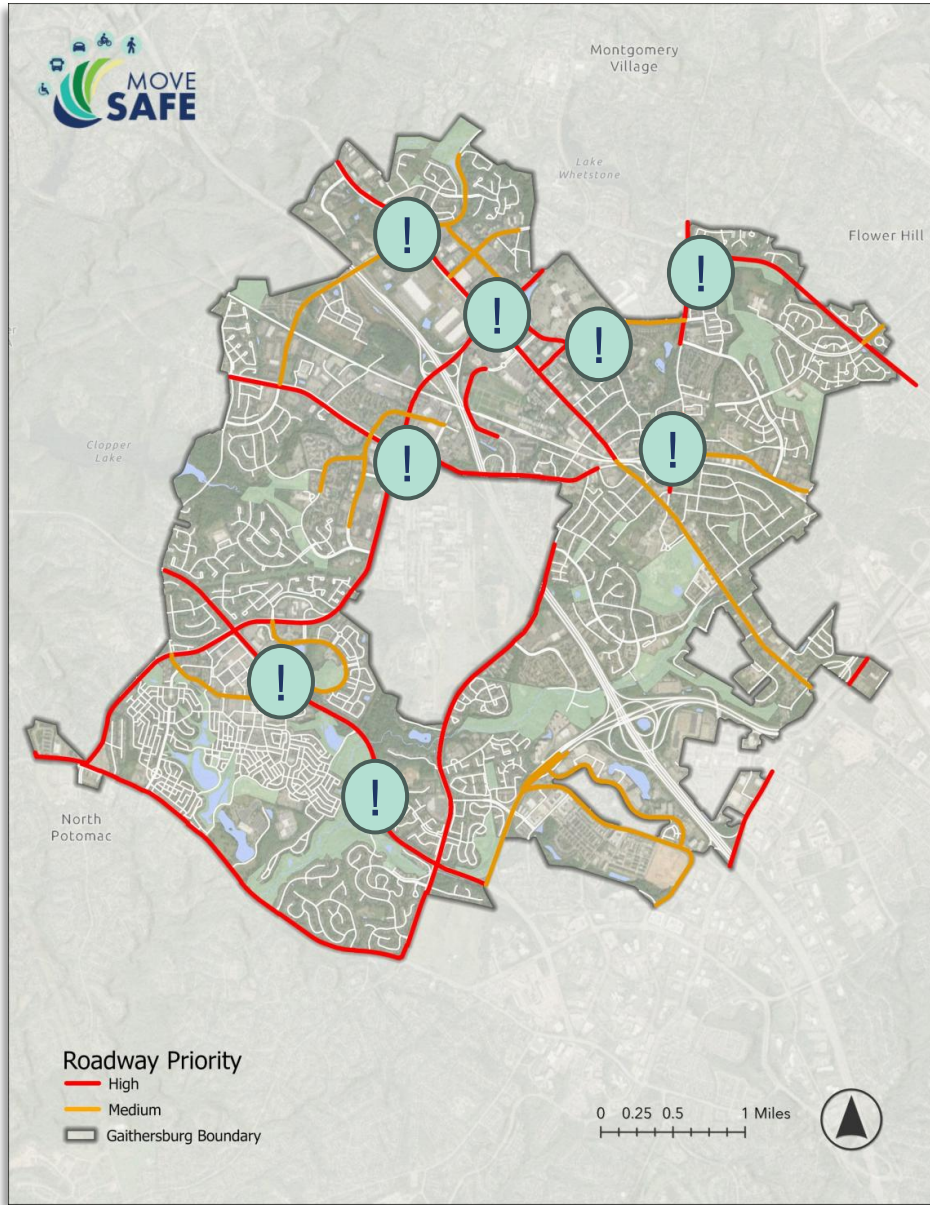
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Solution Crafting Process



Refine the Initial Locations

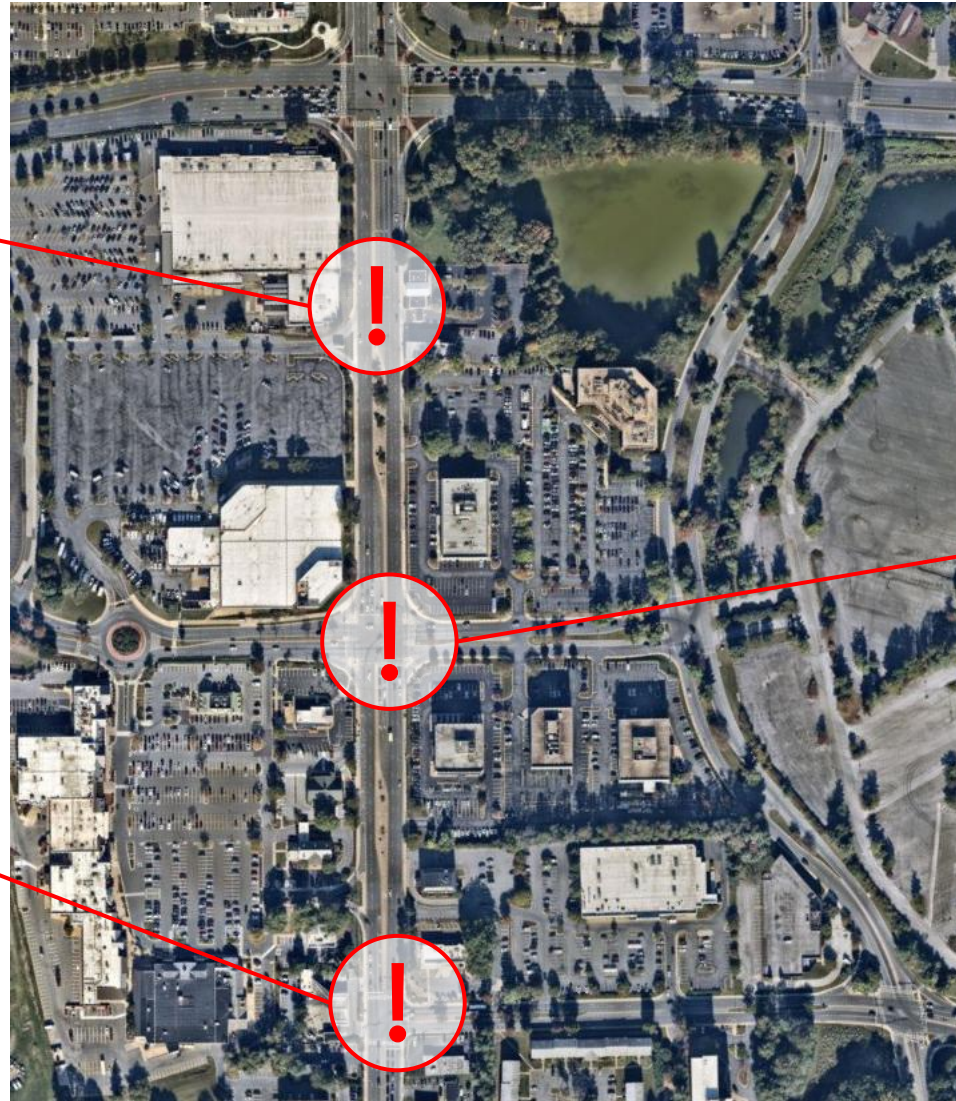


Identify Site-Specific Issues



Speeding
Issues

Pedestrian
Collisions



Left Turn
Collisions

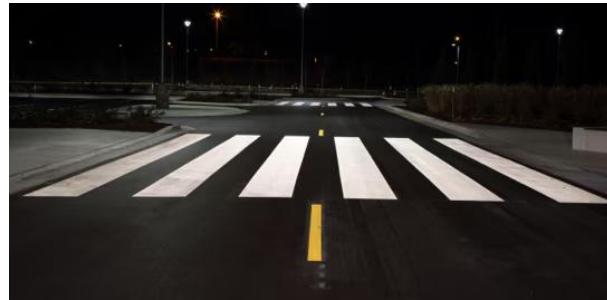
Identify the Right Countermeasures



Countermeasure

*Roadway-based strategies
to reduce the frequency
and severity of collisions*

High Visibility
Crosswalks



Crossing Islands



Rectangular Rapid
Flashing Beacons



Countermeasures can be combined to compound their effectiveness

Crossing Island

High Visibility
Crosswalks

Rectangular Rapid
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DAYLIGHTING

Description

Daylighting is the removal of street parking within close distances to intersections to increase drivers' lines of sight.

Safety Focus Areas



Pedestrians



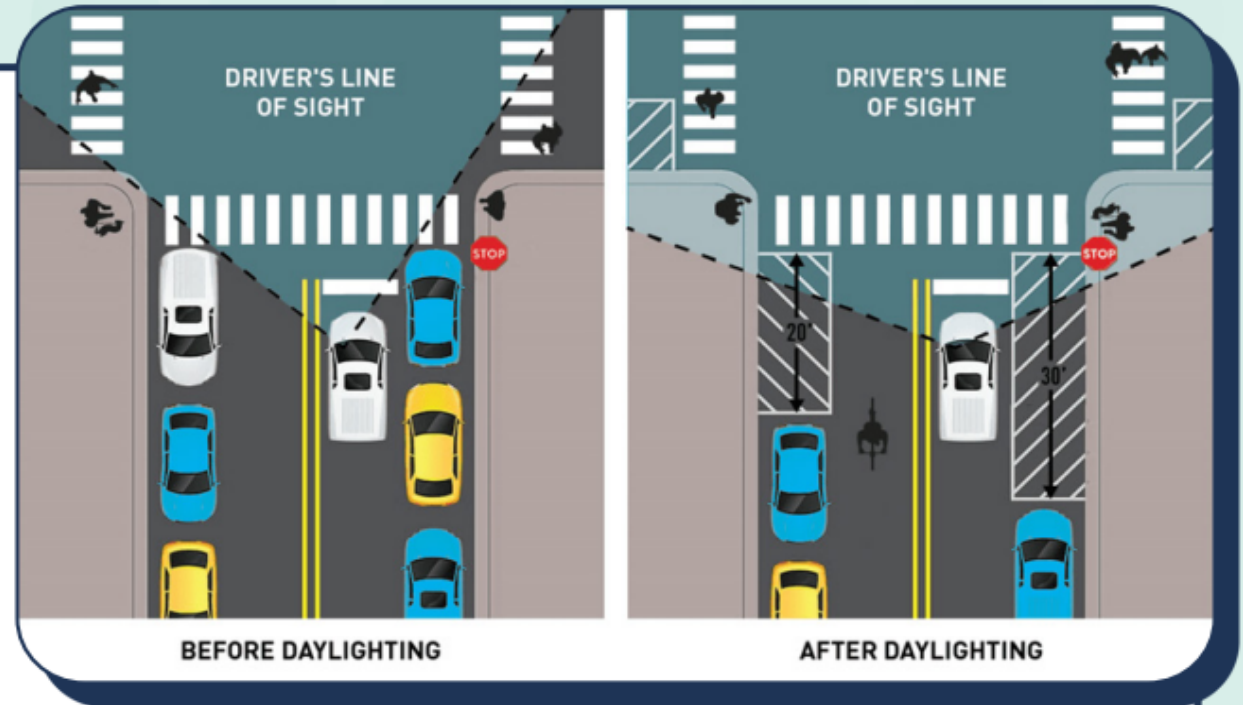
Intersections



Visibility

Ideal Application

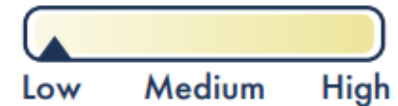
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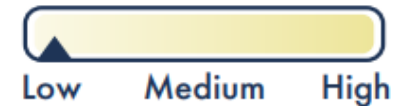
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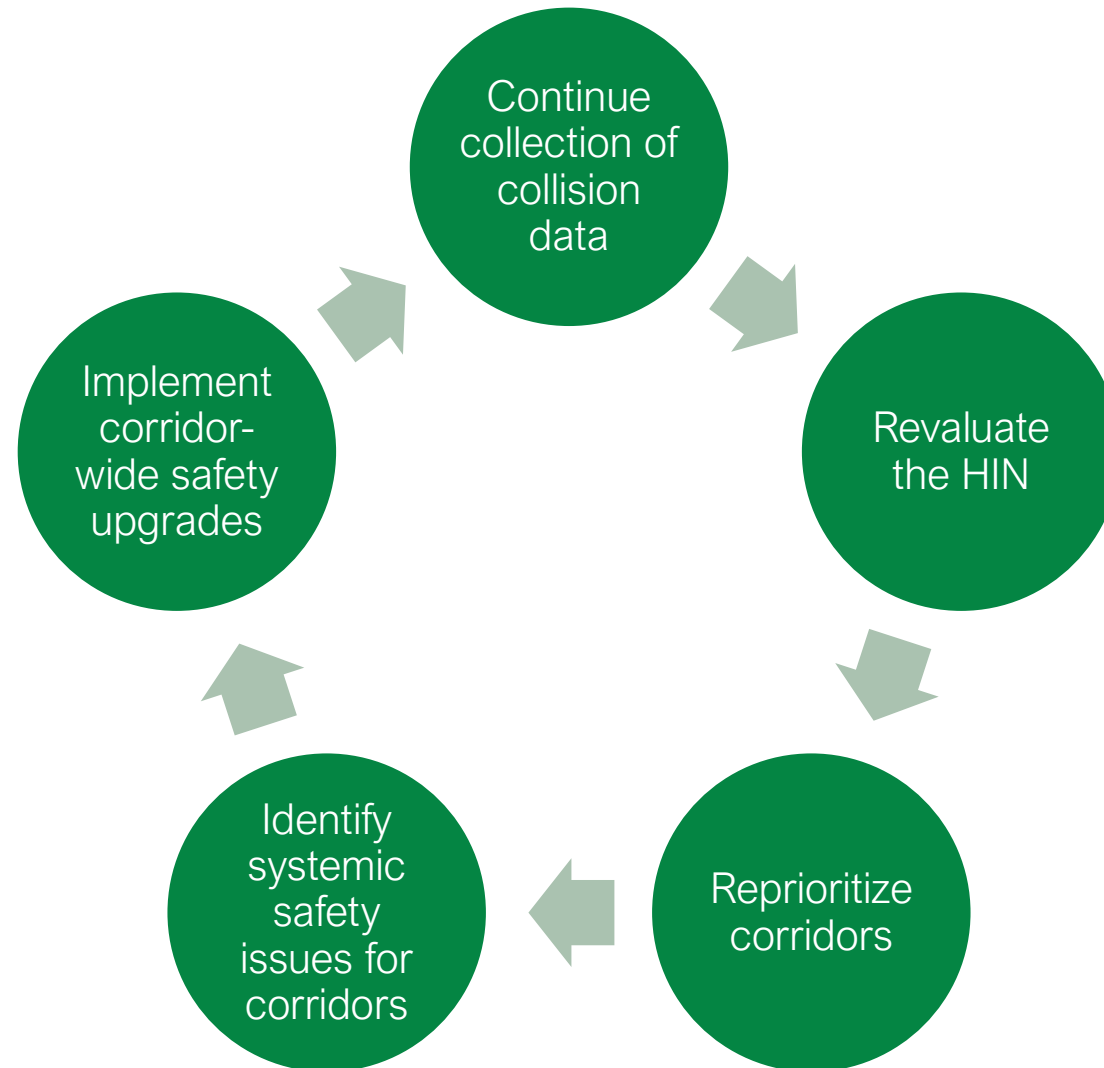
AVERAGE COST



IMPLEMENTATION TIME



Safety Improvements are a Continual Process



Phase 2 of Engagement Recap



Phase 2 of Engagement

- Solicited thoughts on the prioritization process and potential countermeasures
- 5 in-person pop-up events
 - 324 Total Interactions
 - 163 in English
 - 158 in Spanish
 - 178 Postcards Distributed
 - 108 Directly Engaged
- Tonight's Meeting



Next Steps



Ideas and Strategies



Develop
Corridor
Improvements



Finalize the
Safety Action
Plan



Present the
Final Plan to
City Council

Your Call to Action



Review the priority networks and potential countermeasures and **complete the survey**



Act as a **champion of the safe transportation behaviors**. Lead by example and slow down when driving, follow the rules of the road, and foster a culture of safety with your peers and neighbors

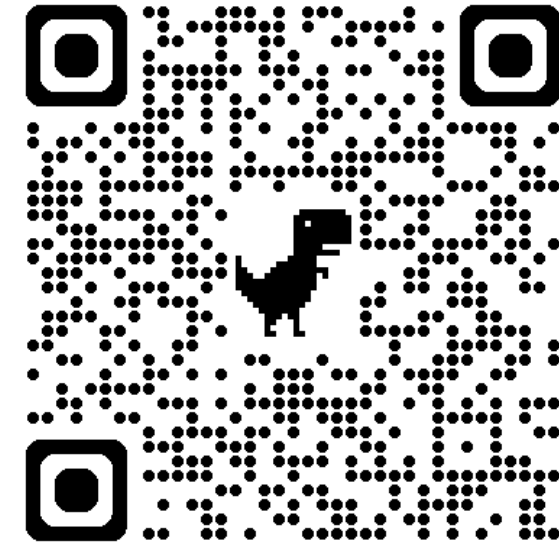


Report safety concerns on Gaithersburg's roads



Engagement is Still Active

- Visit the website by
 - Scanning the QR code or visit <https://gburg.md/MoveSafeGburg>
- Participate by
 - ☐ Reviewing the priority networks and proposed countermeasures
 - ☐ Reviewing the collision dashboard and other project information



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Active Engagement Efforts

Move Safe is currently in its second phase of public outreach, and we want your input. During this phase, the Move Safe project team is sharing updates with the community about the current status of the project. Since the previous round of engagement, the project team has:

- Prioritized roadway segments and intersections for future safety improvements
- Compiled a draft set of countermeasures to address Gaithersburg's most pressing safety concerns

These materials are still draft, and we want to hear your thoughts on the selected roads, intersections, and proposed safety projects, as well as how these selections could be improved.

There are three ways to participate and provide your feedback:

- In person at a pop-up event
- Virtually at the virtual public meeting

zoom

Virtual Public Meeting

Tuesday, April 7th
6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

[Click the link below to join the meeting! >](#)

Upcoming Engagement Events

✓ **Casey Bunny Bash at the Casey Community Center**

Saturday, March 28th
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Let's Discuss!



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Thank You!

