

SAFE STREETS FOR ALL: NEW ORLEANS SAFETY ACTION PLAN



The City of New Orleans has developed a comprehensive strategy to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2041. Led by the Office of Sustainability, Department of Public Works, and New Orleans Health Department, the **Safe Streets for All (SS4A) New Orleans Safety Action Plan** is a coordinated effort that will establish a new set of principles to design safe roads, educate people traveling on our roadways, and create a sense of collective responsibility.

Between 2019 and 2023, a total of 297 people were killed and more than 47,000 people were injured on New Orleans roadways. These are not just statistics—they are our neighbors, family members, and friends. We believe *no one should be killed or severely hurt when moving through our city.*

ROADWAY SAFETY ANALYSIS:

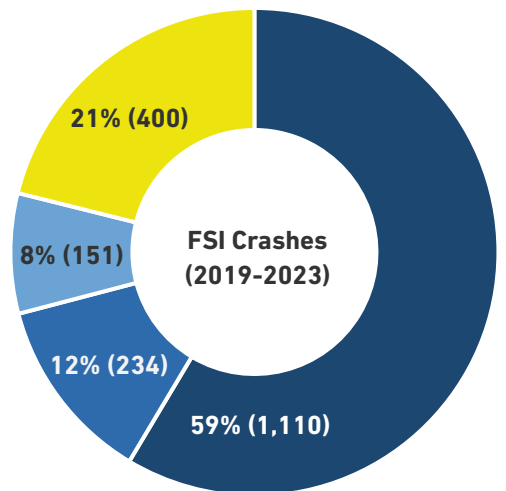
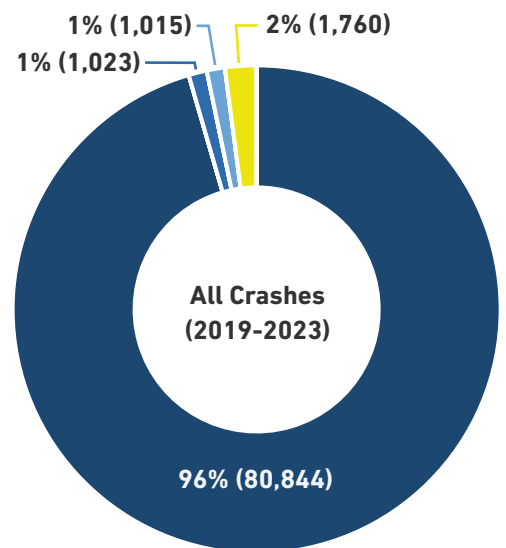
In New Orleans, vulnerable road users (VRUs) and motorcyclists are significantly overrepresented in fatal and serious injury (FSI) crashes. People walking, bicycling, or motorcycling account for less than 5 percent of total crashes, yet they collectively comprise 41 percent of FSI crashes, as shown in the figures to the right.

Severe pedestrian and bicycle crashes are frequently concentrated at intersections and along higher-speed arterial corridors, where turning conflicts, long crossing distances, and limited visibility increase risk. Motorcycle crashes are often associated with speed, lane departure, and impaired driving. The rate of severe outcomes for VRUs and motorcyclists are similarly disproportionate.

SAFETY DESIGN TOOLKIT:

In addition to the priority projects, the Safety Action Plan (SAP) includes a set of tools to support infrastructure design, policy change, educational programming, and partnerships vital to eliminating fatal and serious injury crashes. These tools emphasize the need to plan and design for safe speeds, improved visibility, and reduced conflicts between road users. They also include strategies for internal and external collaboration and coordination across agencies and partnerships. The tools featured in the SAP should be considered a catalyst for citywide efforts and cultural shifts to promote road safety in New Orleans.

Overall Crash Severity by Mode (2019-2023)



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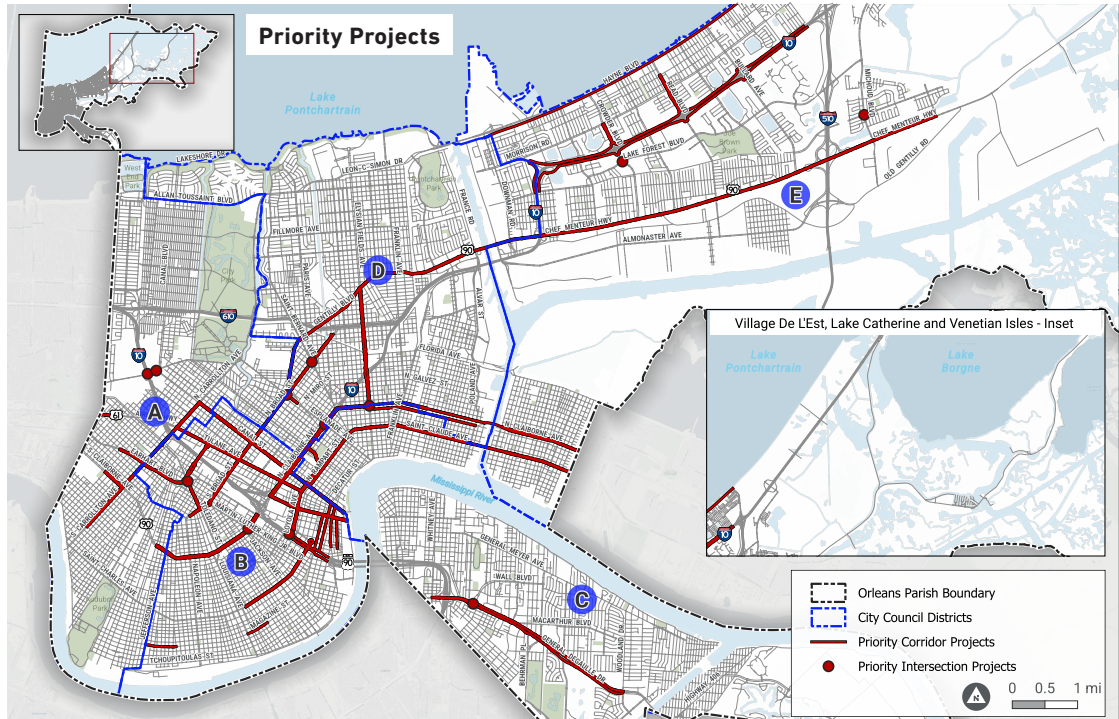


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PRIORITY PROJECTS:

The map below identifies the corridors and intersections with the greatest roadway safety needs and the highest potential for impact in New Orleans. These priority projects were constructed with multiple complementary inputs, including: the City's High Injury Network (HIN), risk assessments, community engagement and stakeholder input, and a focus on locations with the greatest need and opportunity for measurable crash reduction.

Each project listed in the Plan is accompanied with actionable infrastructure recommendations and a planning-level opinion of probable construction cost.



NEXT STEPS:

The City of New Orleans has built strong momentum toward its 15-year goal of zero deaths and serious injuries by 2041. With this Plan, the City is well-positioned to pursue near-term implementation support through programs such as USDOT's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program, as well as complementary opportunities through FHWA Proven Safety Countermeasures, Highway Safety Improvement Program investments (HSIP), and supplemental safety planning efforts already underway in New Orleans—including the Roadway Lighting Safety Study and CBD Safety Study.

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Kickoff
Jan-May
2025

- Crash Analysis
- Plan reviews
- Safety Summit

Safety Analysis
March-Dec
2025

- Crash and risk analysis
- Community input
- Priority corridors

Final Plan
Jan-March
2026

- Safety design toolkit
- Project locations
- Systemic actions

Next Steps
April-May
2026

- Mayor and Council approval
- SS4A implementation funding

