

Regional Safety Action Plan Engagement

Regional Staff Committee

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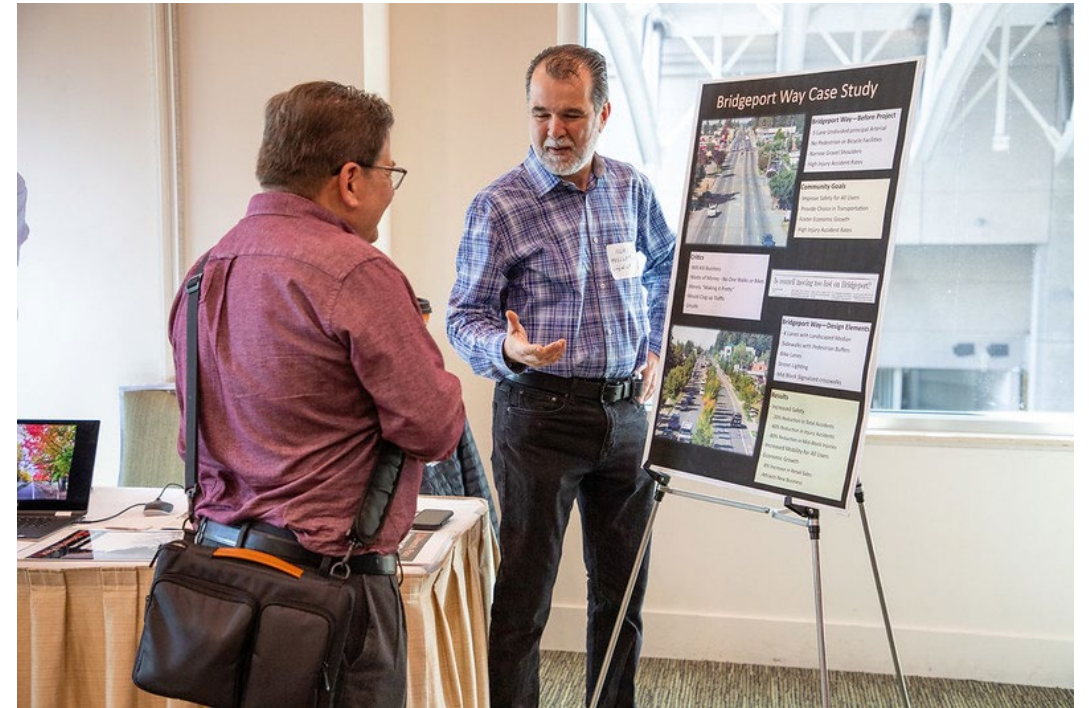


We are leaders in the region to realize equity for all. Diversity, racial equity and inclusion are integrated into how we carry out all our work.

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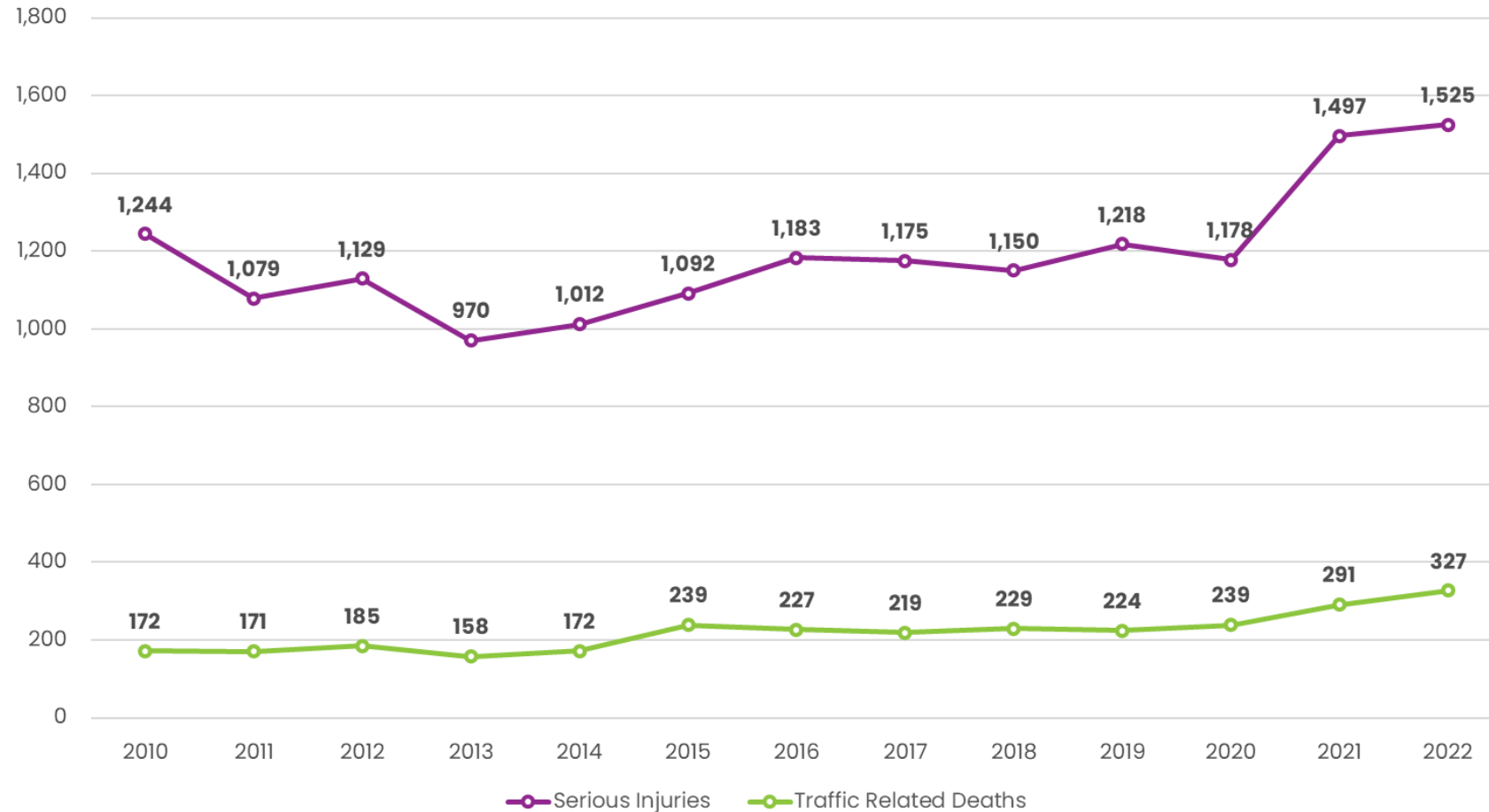
Agenda

- Safety Trends
- What is a Regional Safety Action Plan?
- Consultant for Engagement Work
- Guiding Principles and Approach
- Public Involvement Plan
- Questions & Next Steps



Safety Trends – Fatalities & Serious Injuries

Traffic Related Deaths and Serious Injuries in the PSRC Region



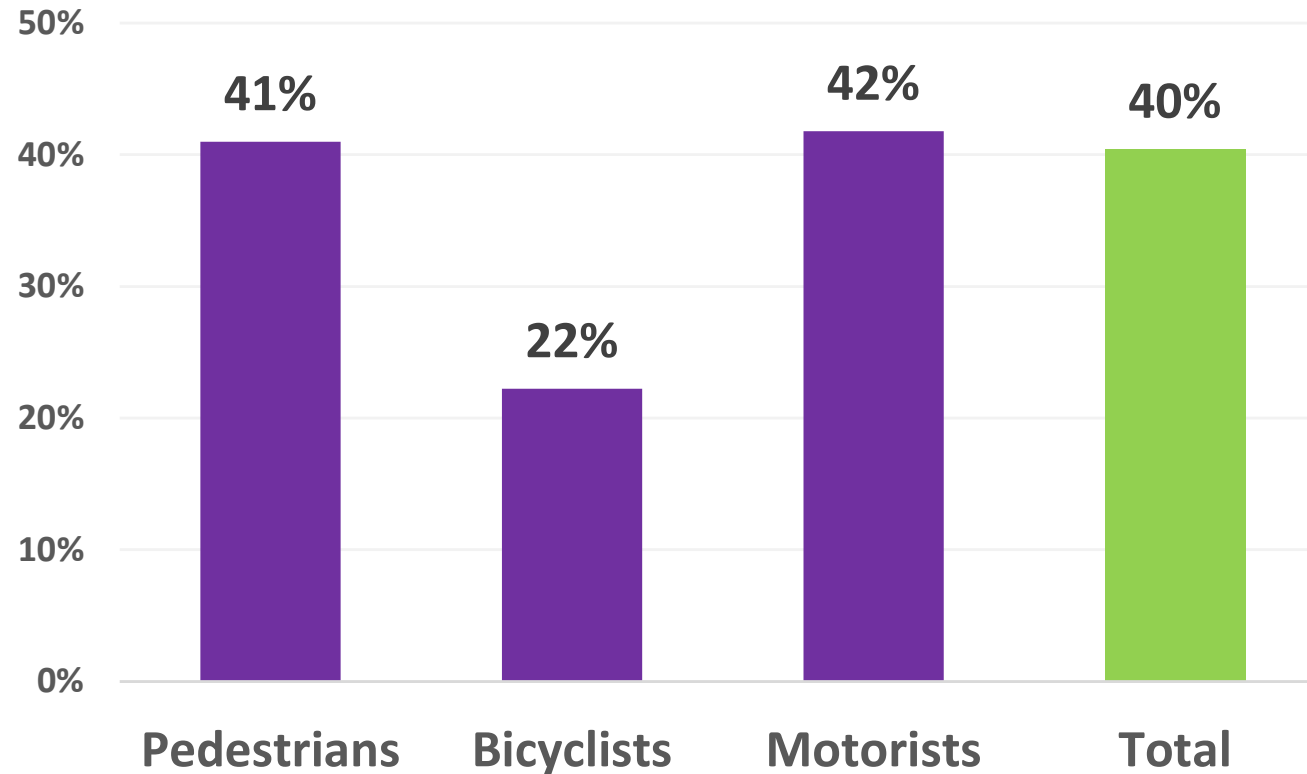
Fatality Source: Washington Traffic Safety Commission Coded Fatality Files (2022 Preliminary)

Serious Injury Source: Washington State Department of Transportation, Crash Data Division, Multi-Row Data Files



Safety Trends – Fatalities & Serious Injuries

% Increase in Fatalities and Serious Injuries in the PSRC Region by Mode (2012 – 2022)

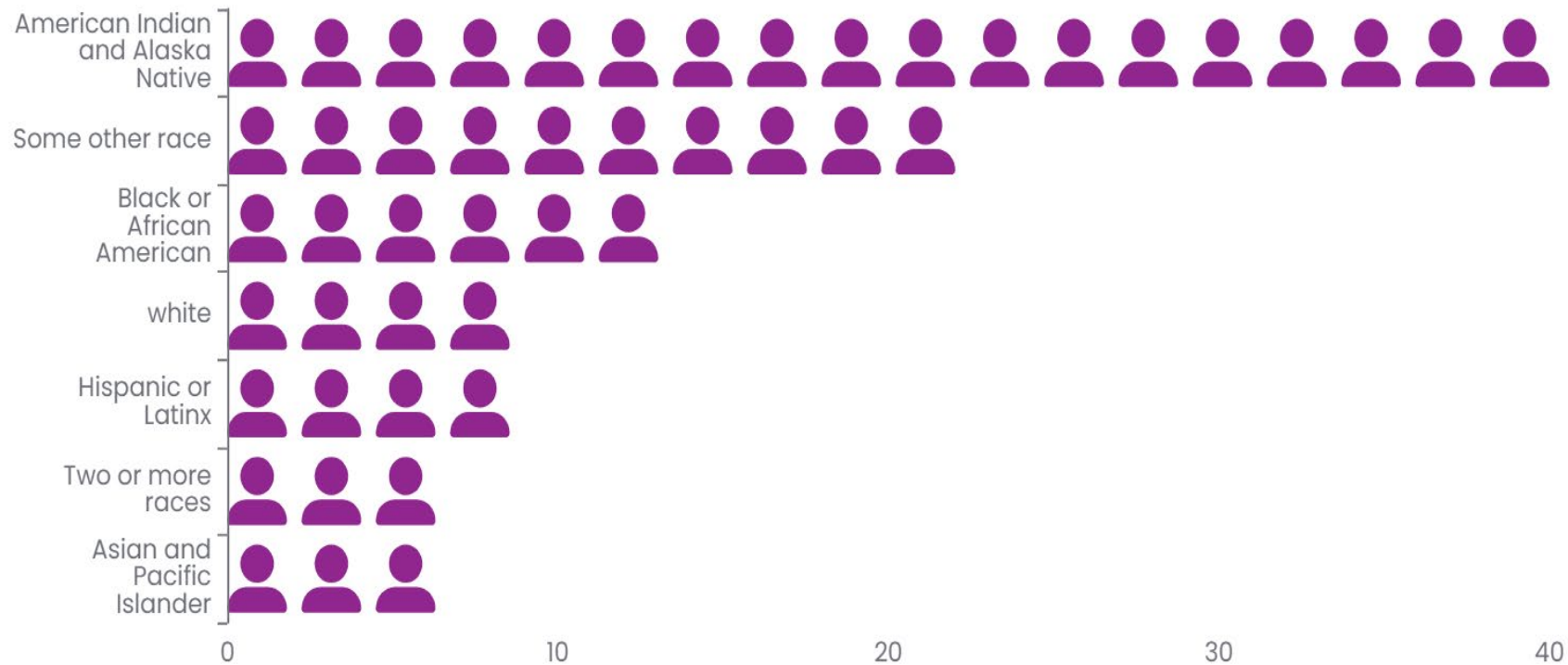


Source: Washington State Department of Transportation, Crash Data Web Portal (9/12/2023)



Safety Trends – Fatalities & Serious Injuries

Traffic Related Fatality Rates in the PSRC Region by Race/Ethnicity, 2021



Fatal Collision Source: Washington Traffic Safety Commission Coded Fatality Files (2022 Preliminary)

Population Data Source: US Census Bureau American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year data Table B03002



What is a Regional Safety Action Plan?

- RSAP is complementary to local safety action plans
- Will provide regional scale analysis and tracking
- Will provide context-specific strategies based on typologies
- Local plans have location-specific project and program lists
- Total of 18 local jurisdictions in the region were awarded Action Plan funds in the first two years of SS4A



What is the final result?

- State of the Region Report
- Array of recommended strategies for prevention and intervention
- Comprehensive Engagement Report



Engagement Consultant–Uncommon Bridges



PSRC interviewed several firms to assist with large-scale public engagement

Uncommon Bridges was selected in March

Experience doing equitable engagement with government partners



Guiding Principles

- Do this work in partnership
- Accountability to those closest to impacts and harms
- Relationships and capacity building are essential to long-term success
- Course correcting is inherent
- Conflict is an important element of growth



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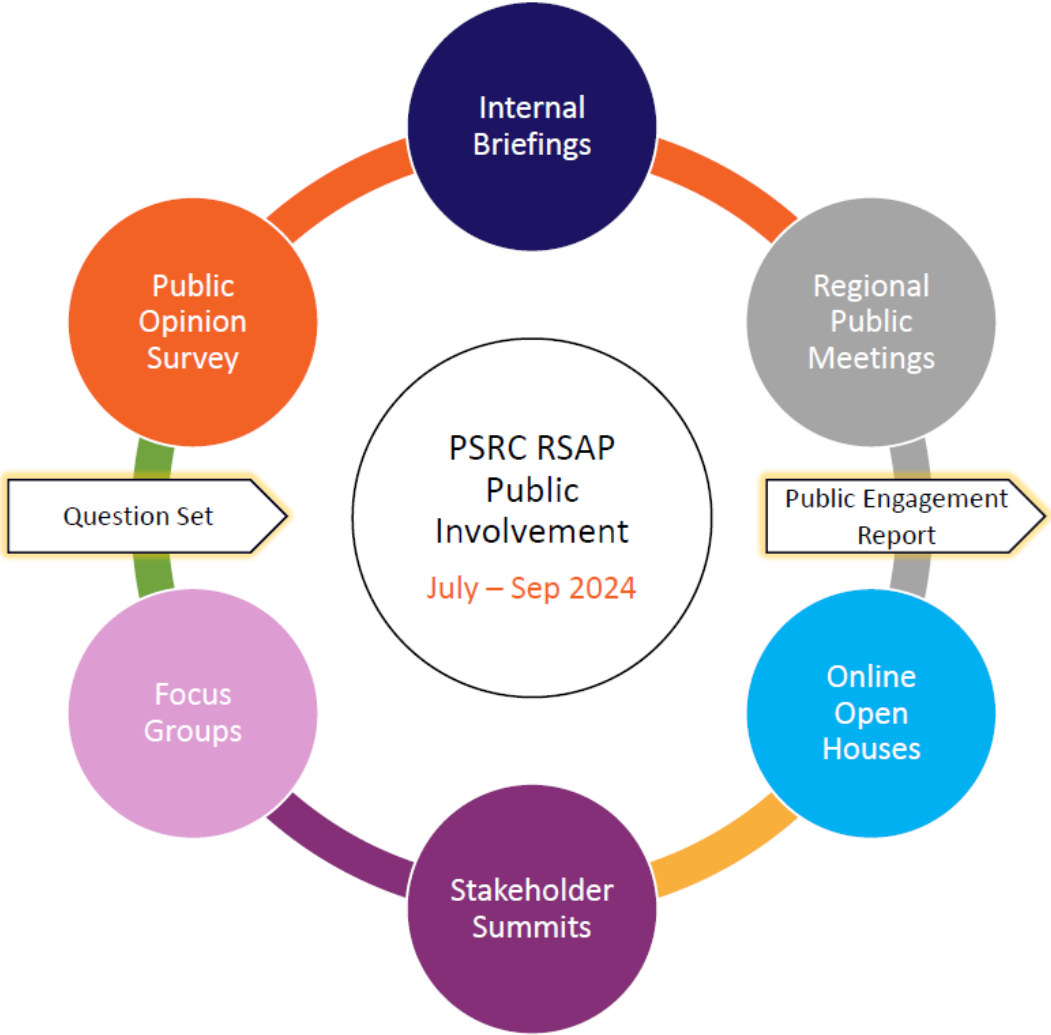
Safe Systems Approach



Public Involvement Framework

Inputs

- Existing research
- PSRC Safety Summit
- Committee Engagement



Outputs

- Stakeholder Engagement Report
- Priority Policies & Interventions
- Risk Tolerance for Policies & Interventions



Public Involvement Timeline

Engagement	Timeline
Stakeholder Briefings	Ongoing
Community Events	July–September
Online Engagement Hub	August–September
Focus Groups	August–September
Regional Public Meetings	September–October
Public Opinion Survey	September–October
Circle Back with Engaged Groups	November–December
Final Engagement Report	January 2025




Key Stakeholders

Community	Issue Specific Interests
Community members and leaders	Transportation access and safety advocates
Local and regional businesses	Washington Traffic Safety Commission
Local Media	National Transportation Safety Board
Civic leaders	Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety
Community councils	World Health Organization
Transportation access and safety advisory councils	Public Safety Advocates
	Emergency Response Groups



Community Events

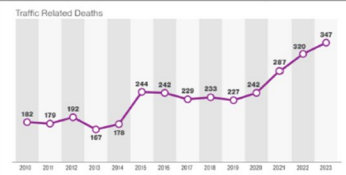


Roadway Deaths and Serious Injuries Continue to Rise

Traffic related deaths in the central Puget Sound region have almost doubled since 2010, reaching nearly one death every day.

Some Communities Are Suffering More
Native American community members are more likely to die in traffic crashes than white residents. The same is true for residents in rural areas.

People Throughout the Region Are Working On Solutions
Cities and towns are identifying ways to reverse these unacceptable trends, using what's called a Safe System Approach, which calls for Safer People, Safer Vehicles, Safer Speeds, Safer Roads, and better Post-Crash Care.




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The Safe System Approach seeks to mitigate risks in the transportation system to move toward a future with zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries. Things like raised intersections, better sidewalks and lighting, separated bicycle lanes, rumble strips, speed safety cameras, and better designed roads have been proven to make a huge difference.

We want to hear from you!
What transportation safety issues concern you most? What's going on in your community? There are a variety of ways for your voice to be heard to help shape the region's plan to address transportation safety:

- Community Events
- Online Engagement Hub
- Regional Public Meetings



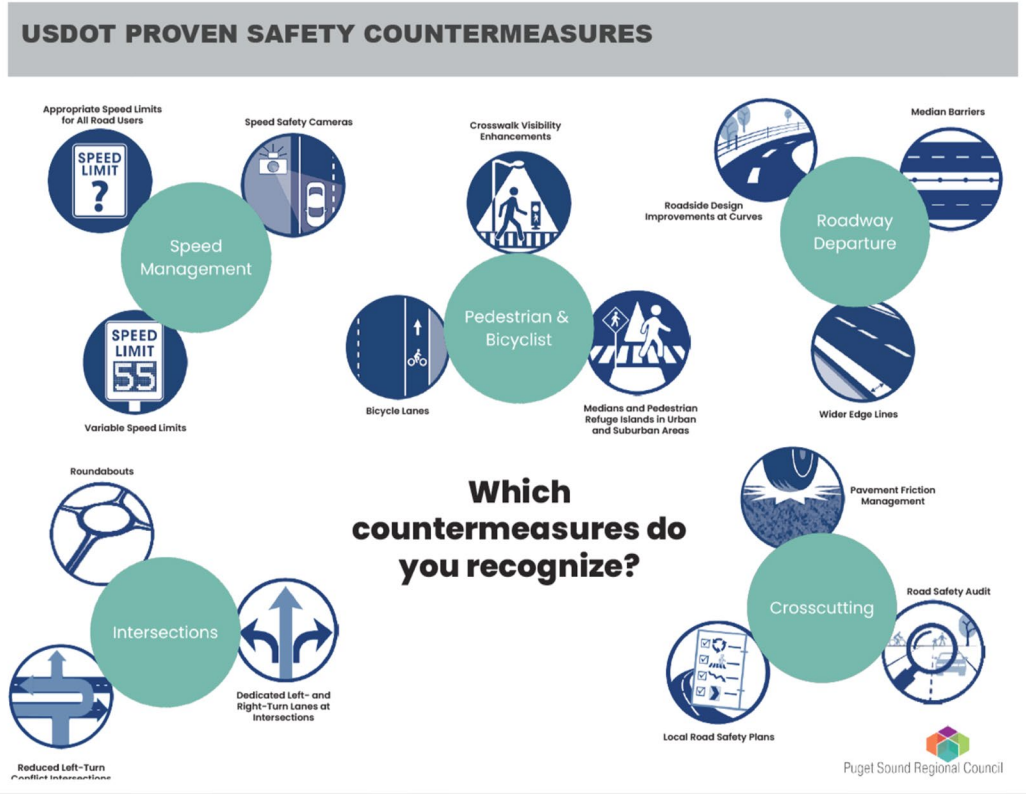
For more information, go to <https://www.psrc.org/our-work/safety>



<https://www.transportation.gov/NRSS/SafeSystem>

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USDOT PROVEN SAFETY COUNTERMEASURES



Appropriate Speed Limits for All Road Users

Speed Safety Cameras

Crosswalk Visibility Enhancements

Median Barriers

Roadside Design Improvements at Curves

Roadway Departure

Speed Management

Variable Speed Limits

Bicycle Lanes

Pedestrian & Bicyclist

Medians and Pedestrian Refuge Islands in Urban and Suburban Areas

Wider Edge Lines

Roundabouts

Intersections

Dedicated Left- and Right-Turn Lanes at Intersections

Which countermeasures do you recognize?

Pavement Friction Management

Crosscutting

Local Road Safety Plans

Road Safety Audit

Reduced Left-Turn Conflict Intersections

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Community Events



Questions

- What feedback do you have for the engagement strategy and timeline?
- Are there key stakeholders that are missing from the initial strategy?
- Do you have any additional questions or recommendations for the engagement plan?



Thank You!

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