WHAT IS A SAFETY ACTION PLAN?

The City of Beatrice, Nebraska has initiated the process of developing a Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan. The final plan will aim to eliminate fatal crashes and dramatically reduce severe injury crashes for all users of Beatrice's highway, street, sidewalk, and trail transportation network.

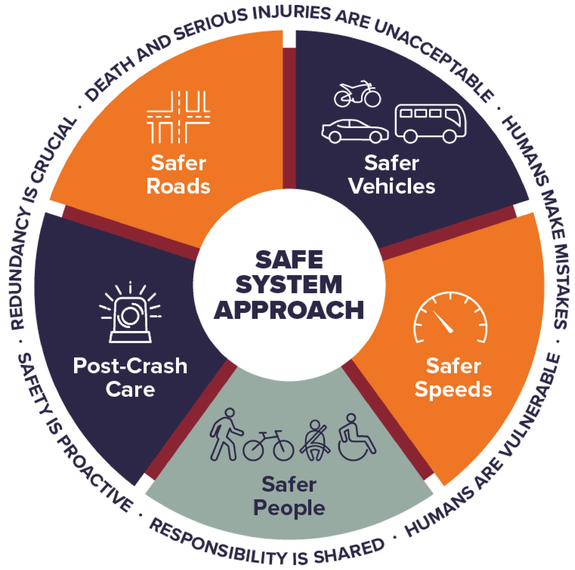
The Safety Action Plan will provide an overview of:

- Historical crash data for the city of Beatrice
- Development of applicable countermeasures
- Equitable transportation access and use solutions
- Focused pedestrian/bicycle improvements

WHAT IS A SAFE STREETS FOR ALL (SS4A) - SAFETY ACTION PLAN?

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) established the Safe Street and Roads for All discretionary program in 2022 with $5 billion appropriated over five years (2022-2026). The City of Beatrice successfully obtained SS4A grant dollars in fall 2023 and officially kicked off the project in January 2024.

The SS4A program follows the Safe System Approach to achieve the goal of zero roadway deaths and reduce severe injury crashes in a community.



PRINCIPLES OF A SAFE SYSTEM APPROACH

A Safe System Approach incorporates the following principles:

1. **Death and Serious Injuries are Unacceptable**
2. **Humans Make Mistakes**
3. **Humans Are Vulnerable**
4. **Responsibility is Shared**
5. **Safety is Proactive**
6. **Redundancy is Crucial**

OBJECTIVES OF A SAFE SYSTEM APPROACH

The Safe System Approach principles also complement five critical objectives that will be achieved through the adoption of Beatrice's SS4A Safety Action Plan:

Safer Vehicles

Safer Speeds

Safer People

Post-Crash Care

Safer Roads

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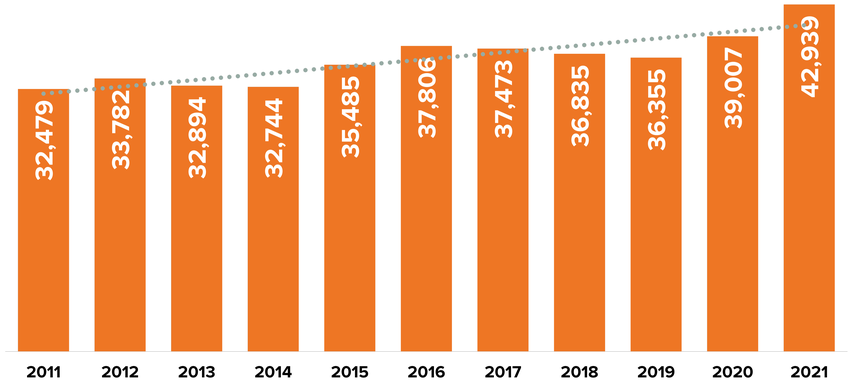
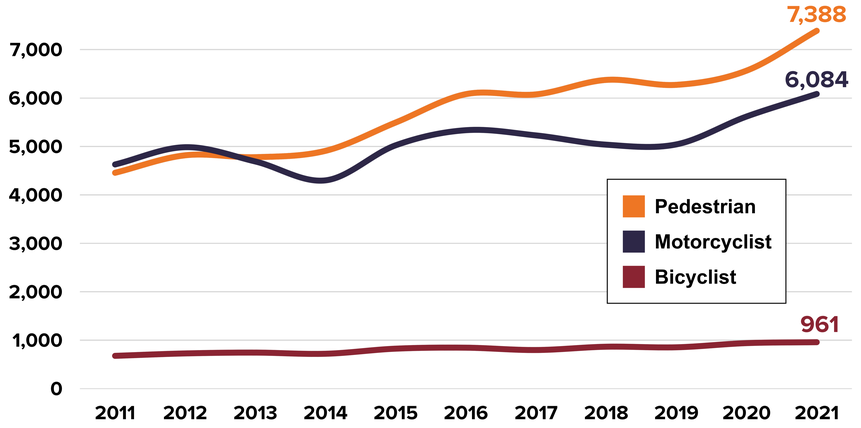
Fatal Motor Vehicle Crashes 2011-2020, United States



Motor Vehicle Crash Deaths by Type 2011-2020, United States



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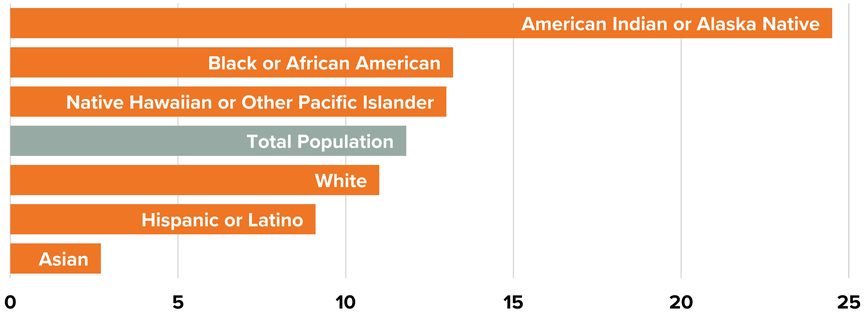
Traffic crashes continue to be a leading cause of death for teenagers in America, and disproportionately impact people who are Black, American Indian, or live in rural communities.

2018 Roadway Fatalities per 100,000 Population by Race, United States



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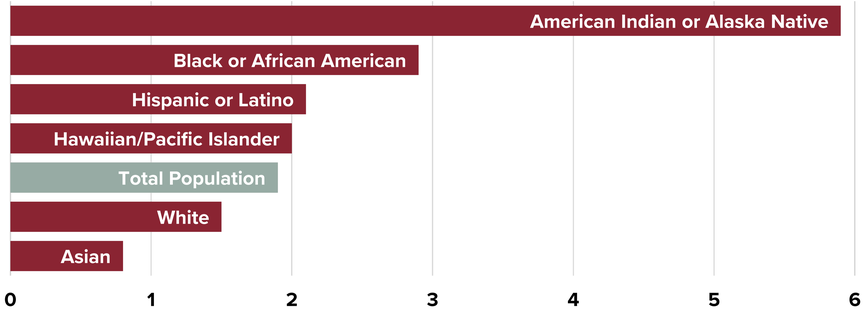

WHAT DOES AN EQUITABLE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM LOOK LIKE?

A critical part of developing this plan is identifying and addressing any gaps in service, access, or use of Beatrice's transportation system by *disproportionately impacted populations.

Equality

- Everyone is given the same resources
- The ability to succeed is reduced for those who start at a disadvantage
- The outcomes are different for everyone

Equity

- Everyone is given the resources they need
- The ability to succeed increases for those who start at a disadvantage
- The outcomes are more equal for everyone

**Disproportionately impacted populations are those who are impacted by unsafe street designs and policies, particularly communities of color and people in low-income areas (Vision Zero Network 2024).*