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CITY OF WHITEFISH

SAFE STREETS FOR ALL



ACTION PLAN

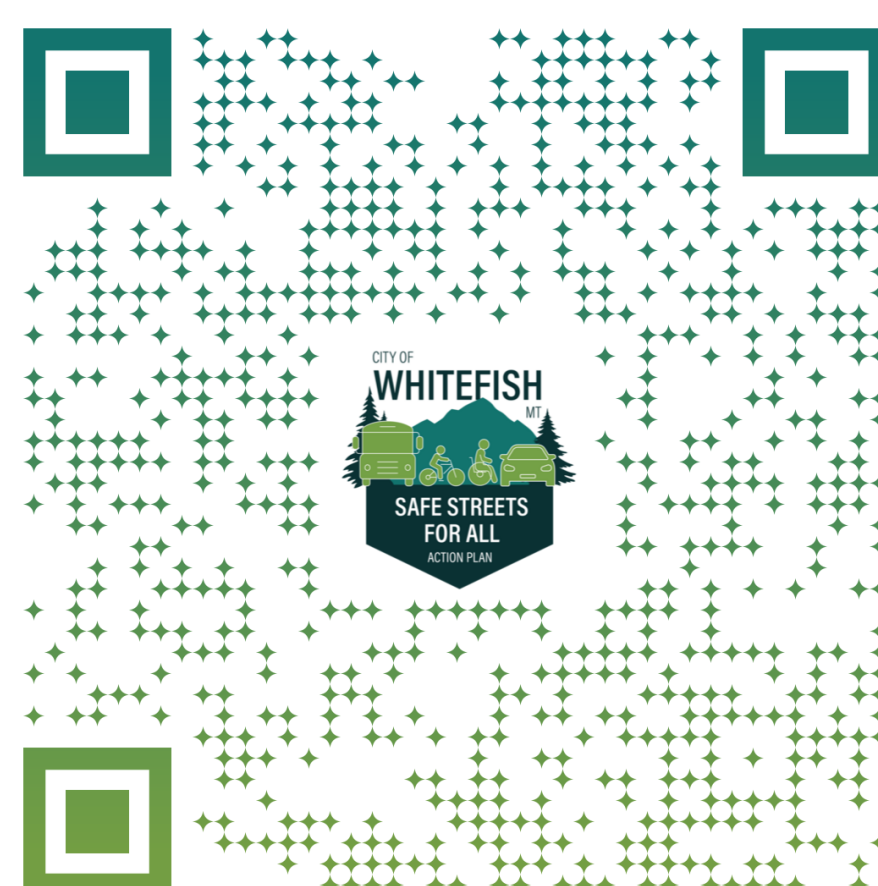
MEETING PURPOSE

- **Learn** more about the Safe Streets for All planning process
- **Understand** the contributing factors and circumstances for crashes that occurred in Whitefish over the past five years (2018-2022)
- **Share** your transportation safety concerns

SCAN ME!

or visit

rpa-hln.com/whitefishss4a/



Your input is needed to help improve transportation safety in **Whitefish!**



Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Program



The **SS4A program** was established by the U.S. Department of Transportation to help fund regional, local, and Tribal safety initiatives through grants to **prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries**.



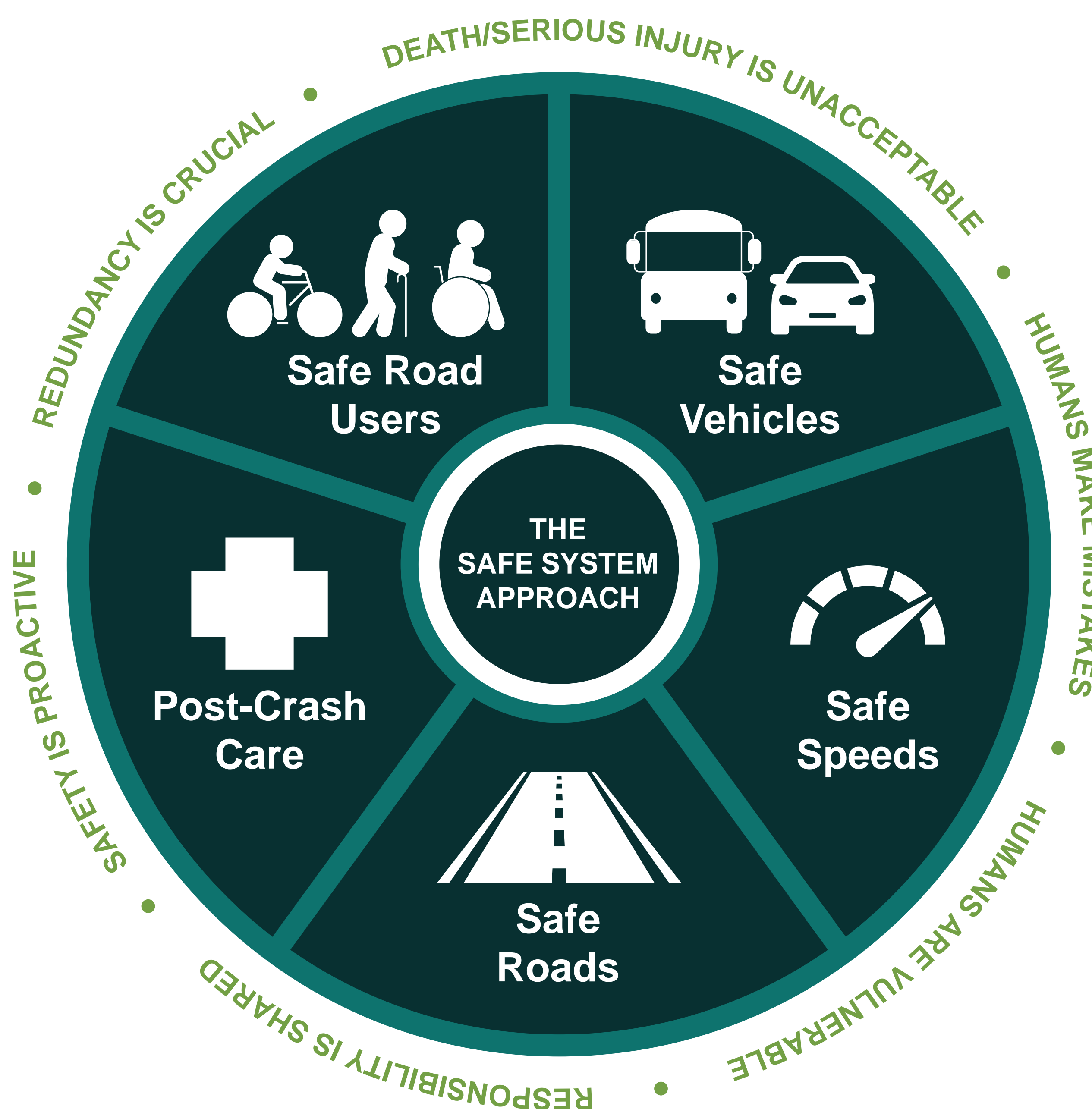
The SS4A program supports the U.S. Department of Transportation's goal of **zero roadway deaths** using a **Safe System Approach**.



The City of Whitefish was awarded grant funds to develop a **Comprehensive Safety Action Plan**. The Action Plan will identify the most significant roadway safety concerns in the community and **identify projects and strategies to address roadway safety issues**.



Completion of the **Action Plan** is a necessary component to be eligible for future **SS4A construction grant opportunities**.



Background

Timeline



2020 - 2022

Whitefish Transportation Plan

The *Whitefish Transportation Plan* was completed in 2022. As part of the plan development process, a comprehensive public outreach effort was undertaken to understand community transportation needs and concerns.

About four years ago, the City of Whitefish conducted a similar public outreach effort to collect feedback about transportation concerns in the area. The **Whitefish SS4A Action Plan** will **build upon** the safety concerns identified in the past and identify any **new or changed safety concerns**.



October 2020

Whitefish Transportation Plan Public Outreach

Public feedback was collected through surveys, public listening sessions, and an online commenting map. Primary safety concerns identified through the *Whitefish Transportation Plan* include:

- Bicycle and pedestrian access/visibility/facility connectivity
- Traffic safety on high volume corridors (Spokane Ave, 2nd Street, Wisconsin Ave, Baker Ave) – high speeds, difficult left turns, poor visibility



October 2022

SS4A Application

The City of Whitefish submitted a funding application to the SS4A grant program using information from the *Whitefish Transportation Plan* as support.



Feb 2023

SS4A Funding Awarded

The City of Whitefish was awarded SS4A funds to complete an Action Plan addressing transportation safety concerns in the Whitefish area.



Feb 2024

SS4A Action Plan

The Whitefish SS4A Action kicked off to identify concerns and develop strategies to improve transportation safety in Whitefish.

2025

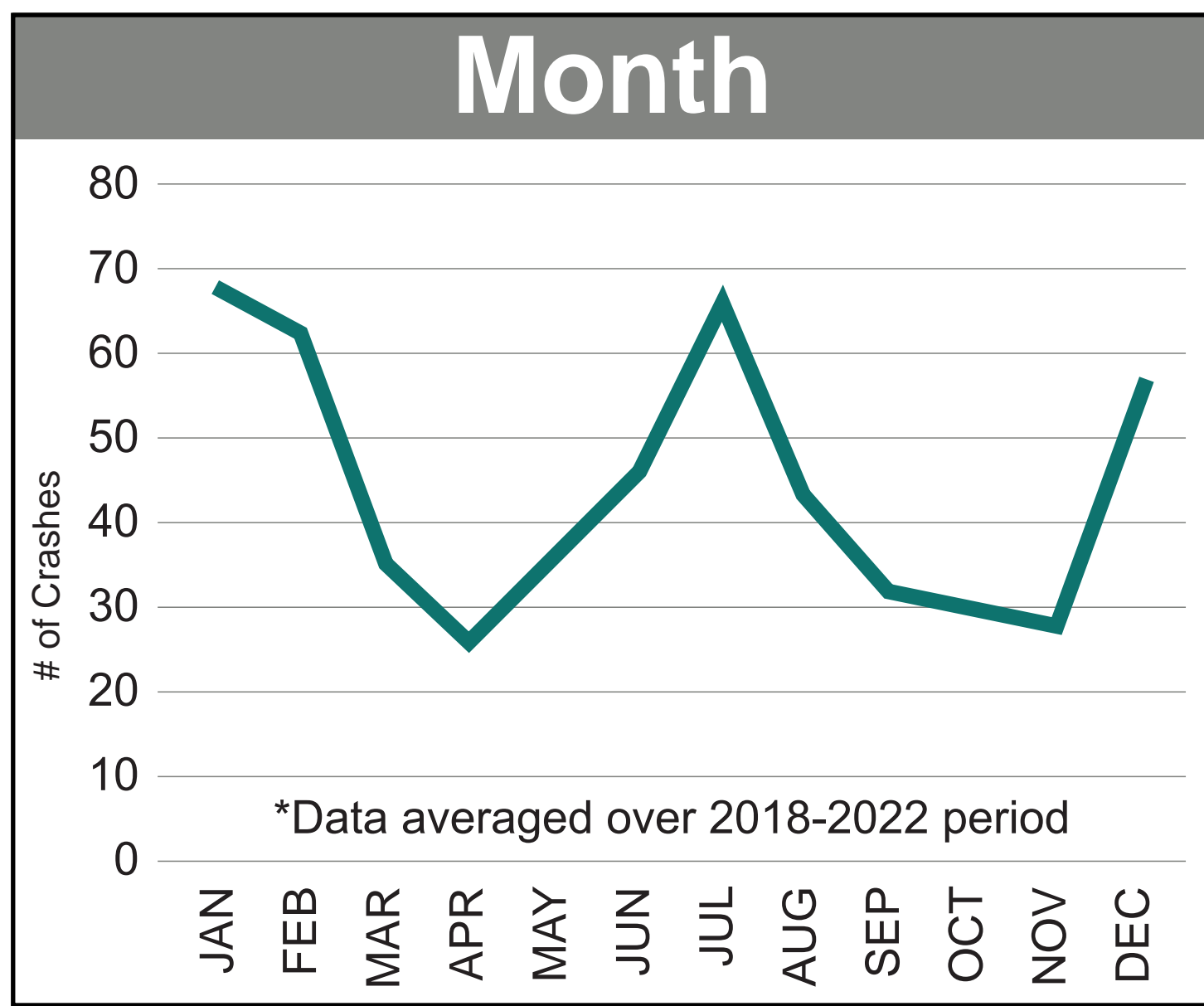


Potential Future SS4A Construction Grant Opportunities



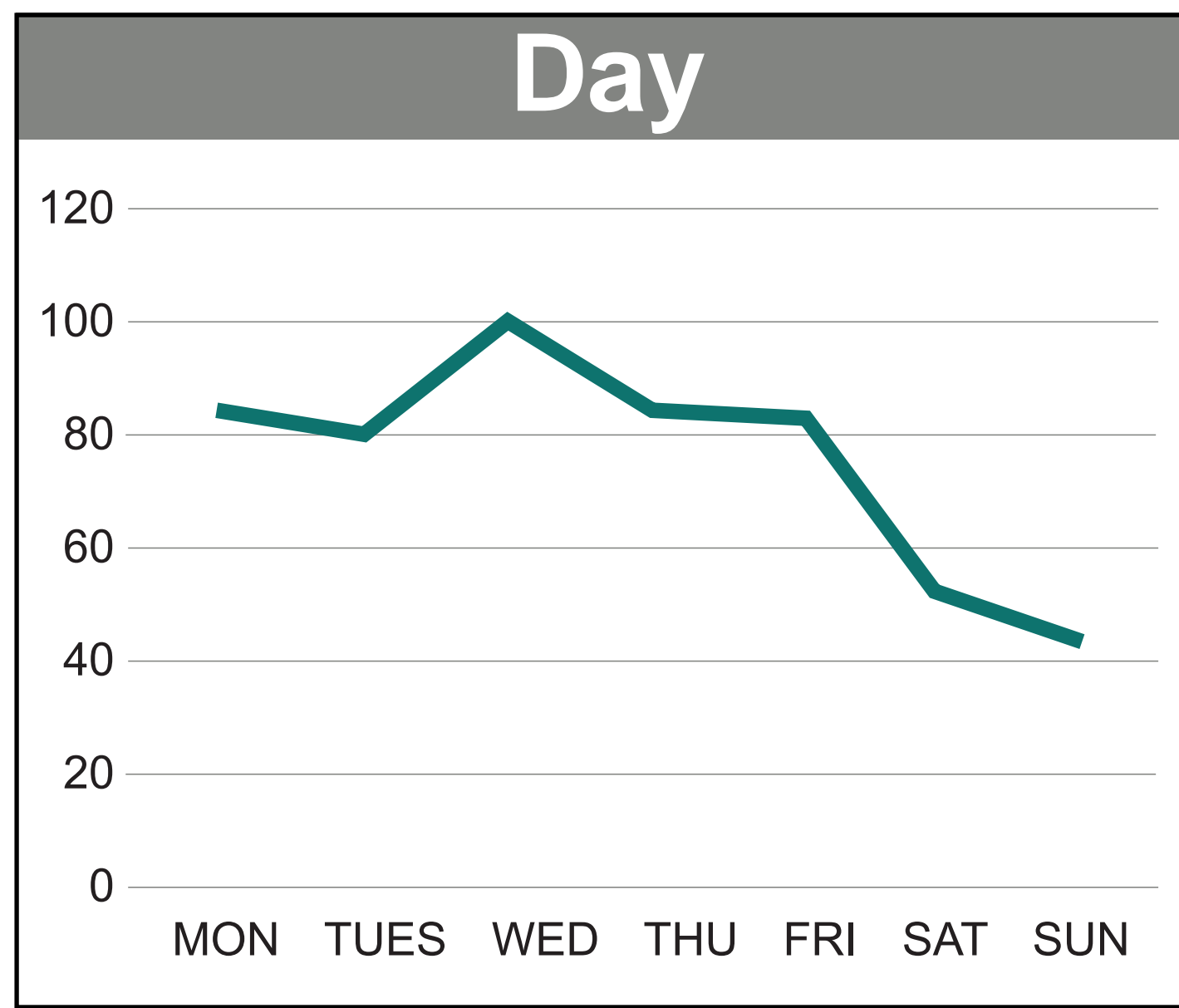
Crash Record Overview

When did crashes occur?

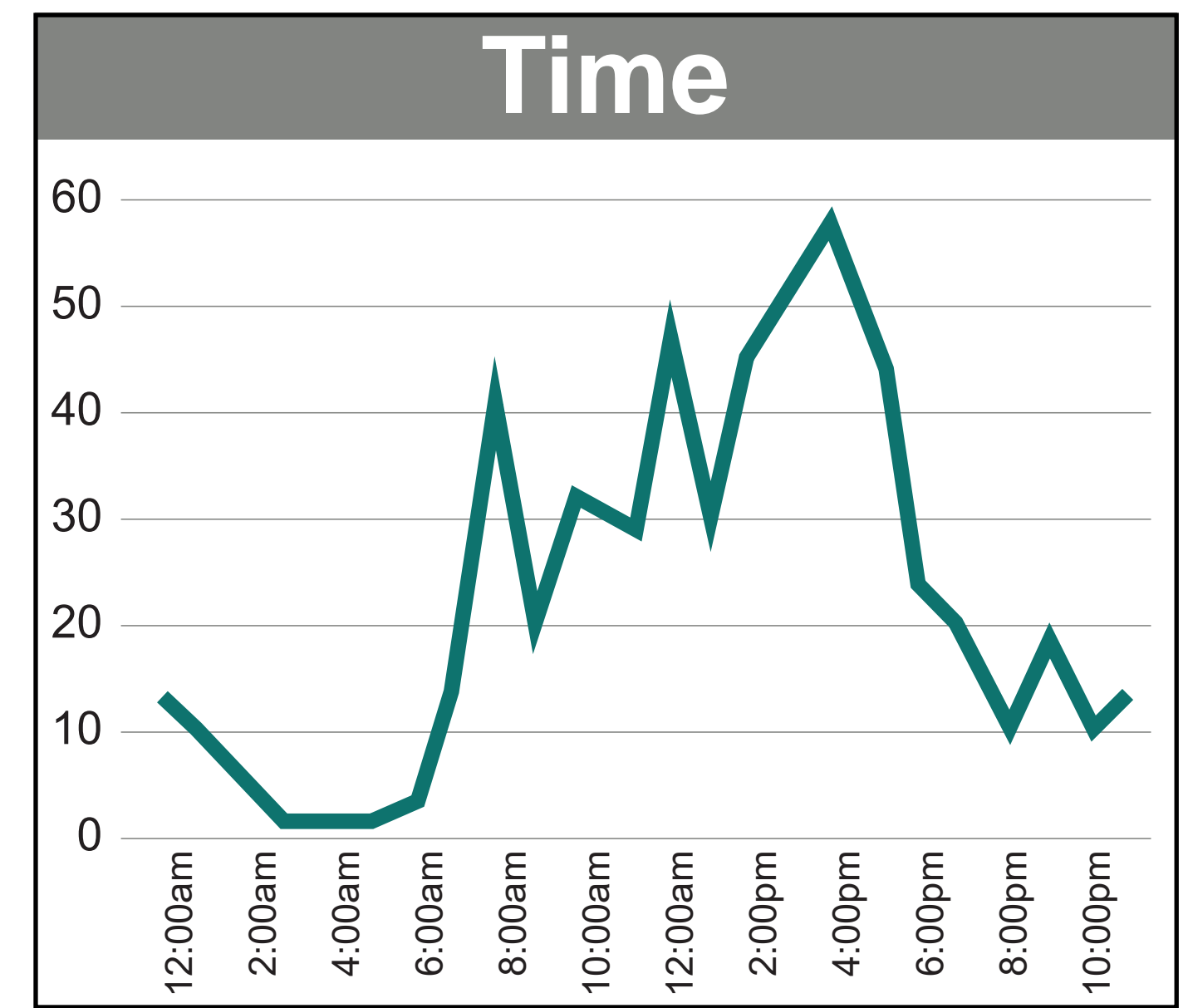


29% of crashes occurred during June – August

35% of crashes occurred during December – February

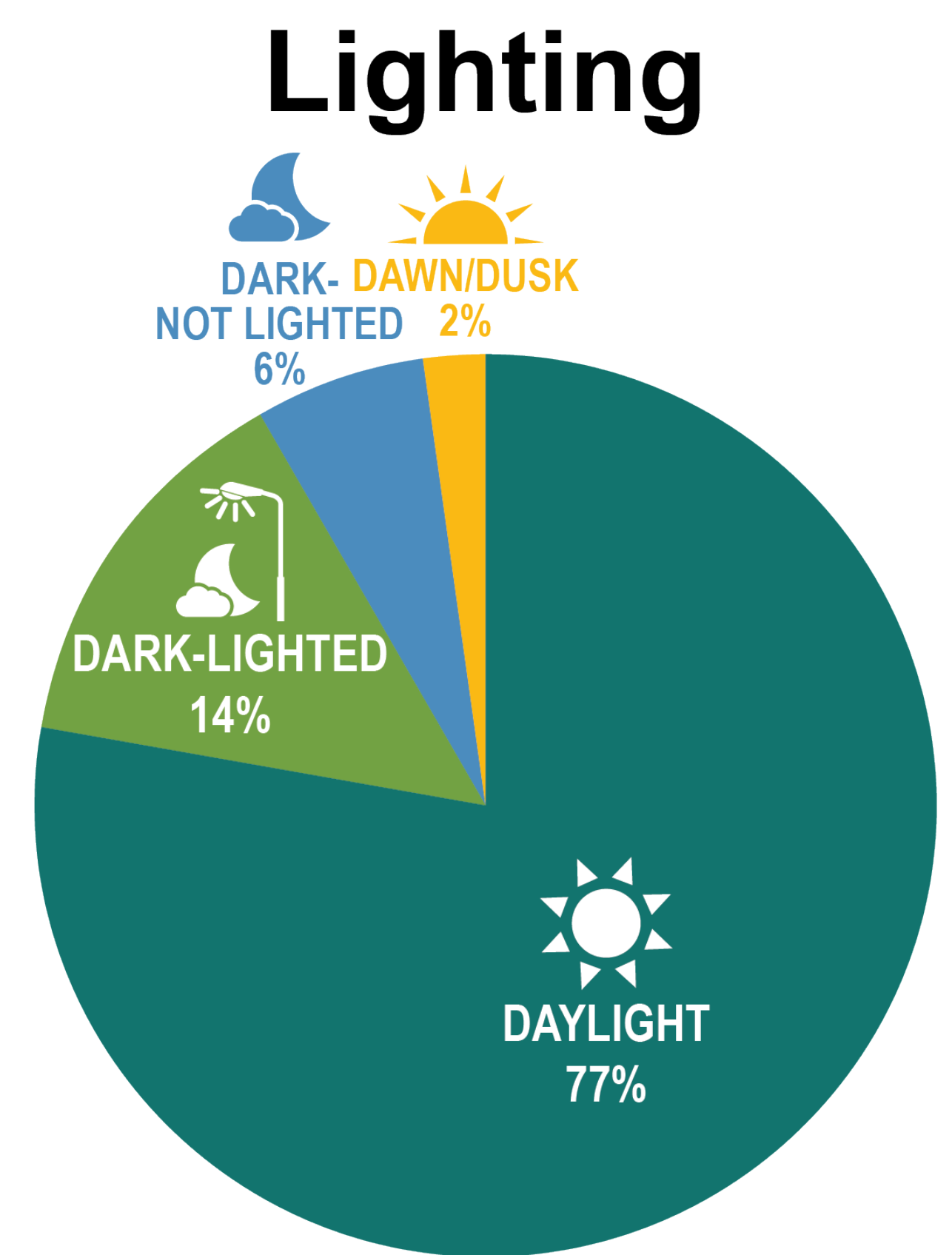
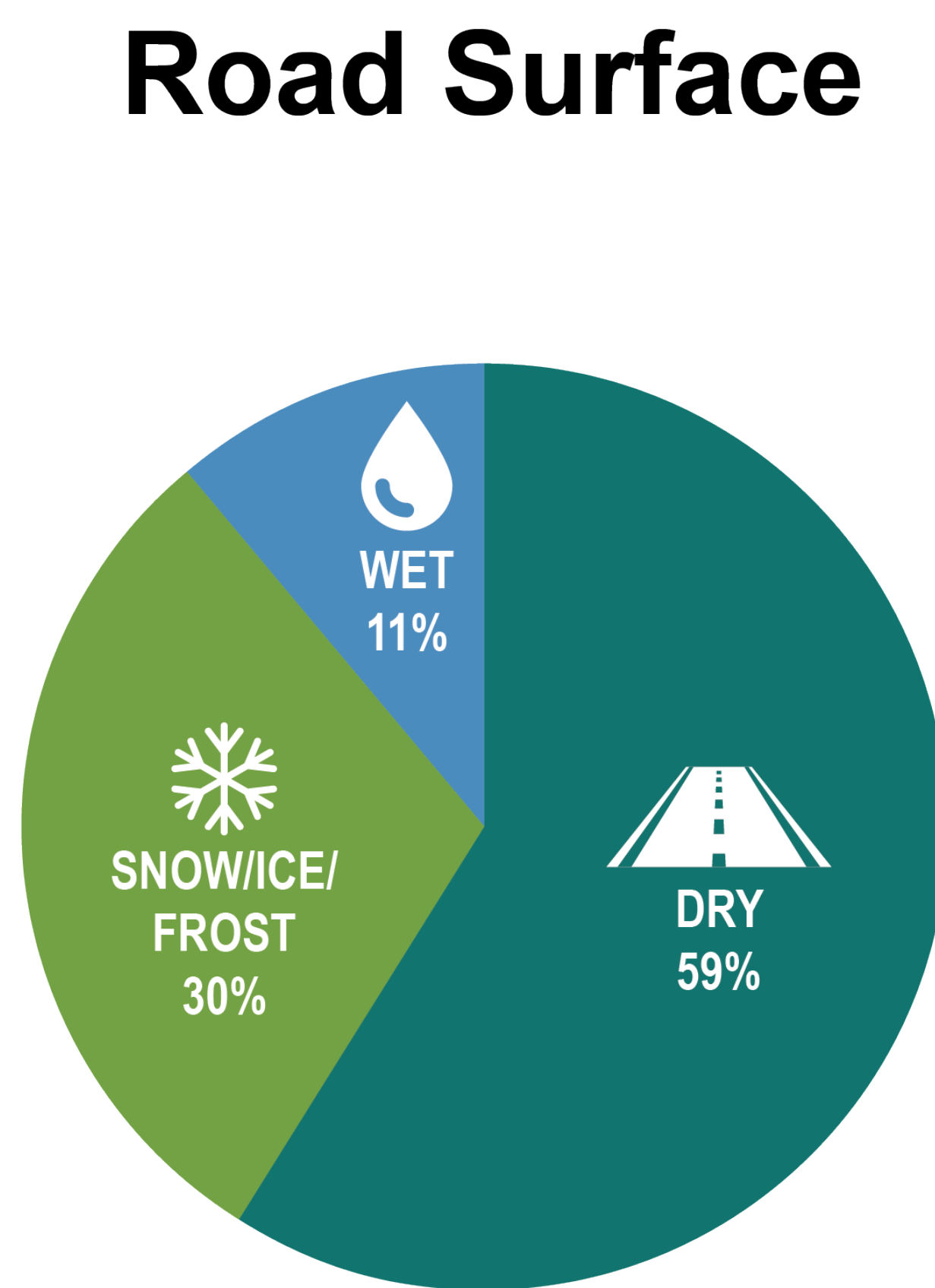
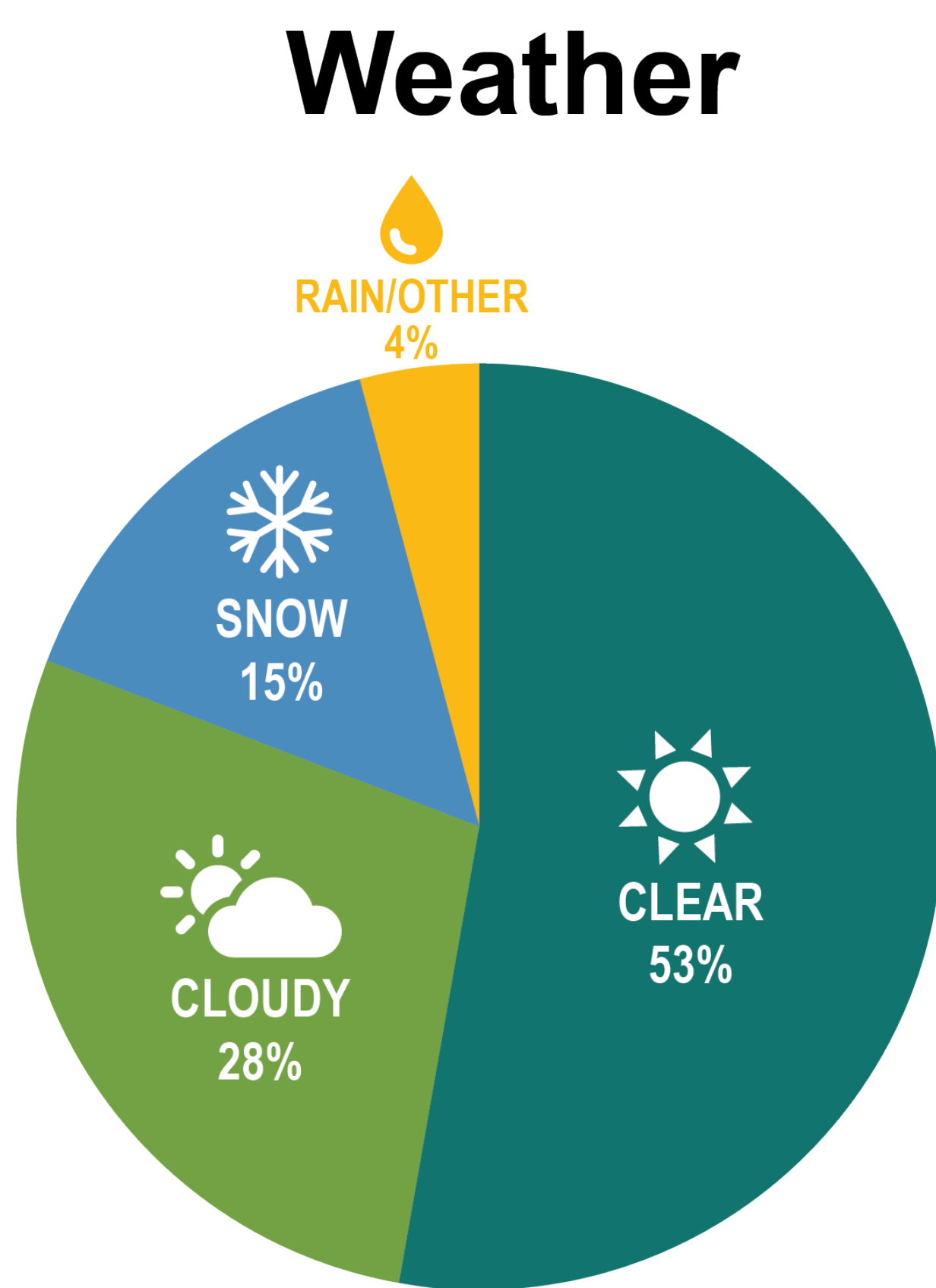


Crashes were **more frequent on weekdays** than weekends

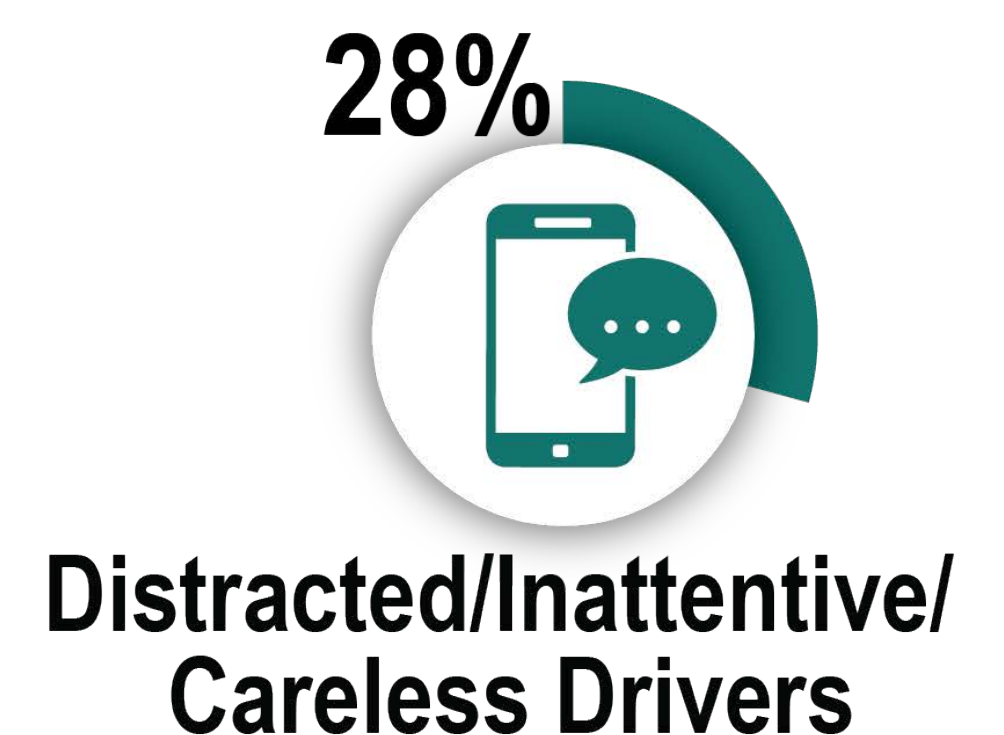


Crashes are more common during **peak periods** (AM commute, lunchtime, school pick up/drop off, PM commute)

What were the conditions at the time of crashes?

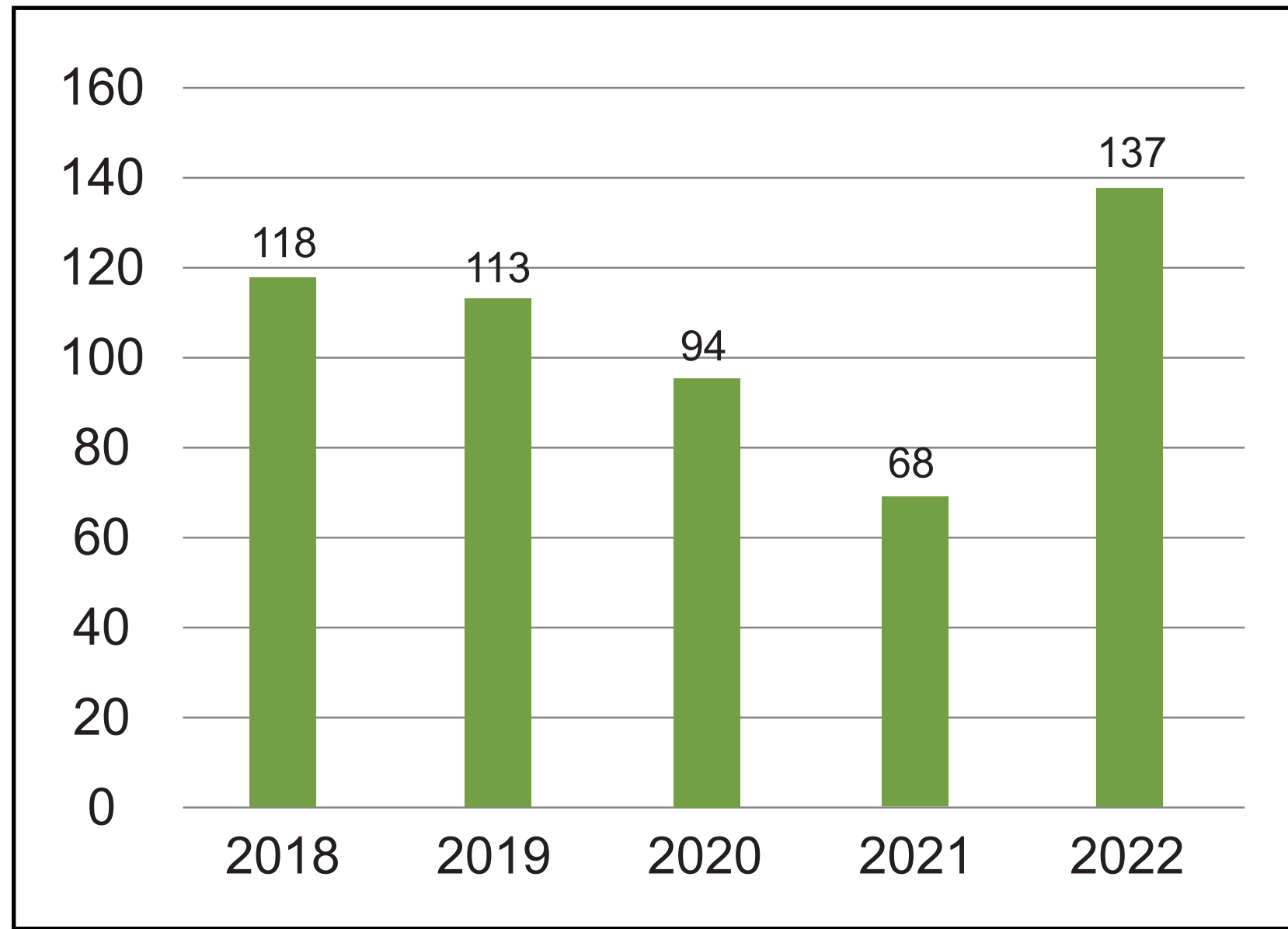


What contributed to crashes?



Crash Record Overview

Between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2022, **530** crashes were reported within **Whitefish city limits**.



That's approximately **100 crashes per year!**

Of those crashes, **2** resulted in fatalities, and **5** resulted in serious injuries.

1,109 people involved in **530** crashes

Fatal



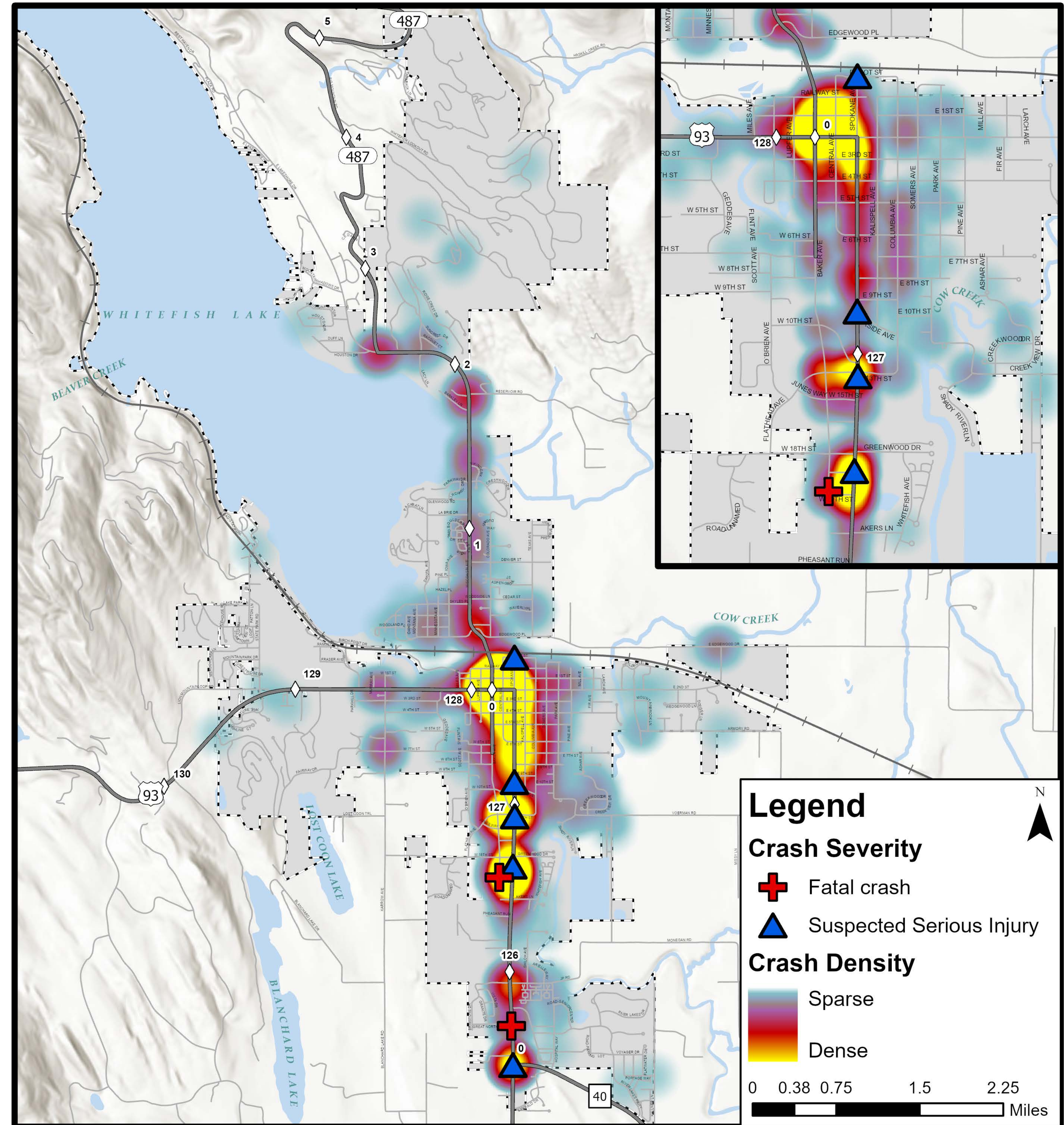
Serious Injury



Minor/Possible Injury



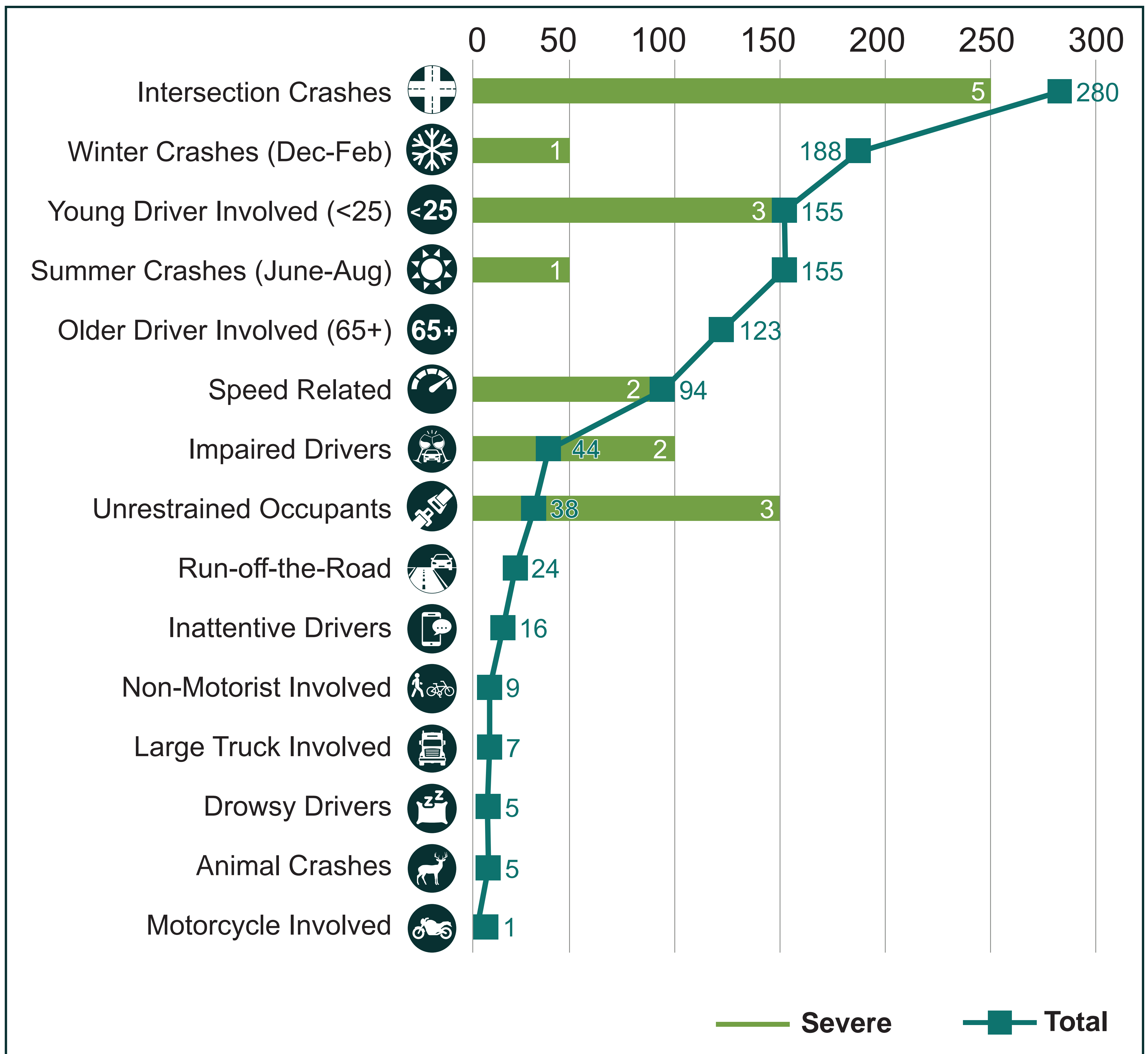
PDO/Unknown



Potential Focus Areas



The following focus areas are common causes or circumstances relating to crashes across the U.S. An analysis was conducted to evaluate which focus areas are most **relevant** to the **City of Whitefish**.



To target the most prevalent transportation safety concerns in Whitefish, stakeholders will select a few focus areas to explore in greater detail based on **need, community priority, and the greatest potential for crash reduction**. Other focus areas not listed above may be identified through the public outreach process.



Focus Areas

Which Focus Areas Should the Action Plan Prioritize?



Animal Crashes



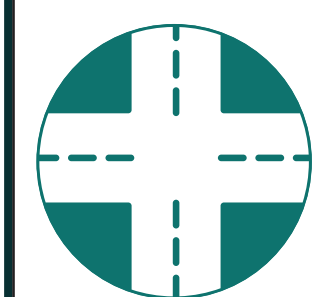
Drowsy Drivers



Impaired Drivers



Inattentive Drivers



Intersection Crashes



Large Truck Involved



Motorcycle Involved



Older Driver Involved (65+)



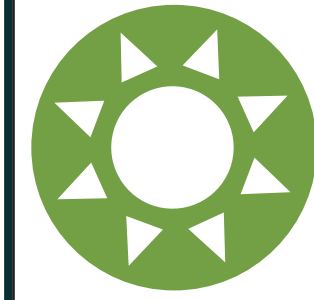
Non-Motorist Involved



Run-off-the-Road



Speed Related



Summer Crashes (June-Aug)



Unrestrained Occupants



Winter Crashes(Dec-Feb)



Young Driver Involved (<25)

Some other focus areas? (write in)



Next Steps

The **Action Plan** kicked off in **February 2024**. A draft plan is expected to be available for public review in **December 2024** with the final plan completed by the end of **January 2025**. Public feedback is welcome throughout the planning process!

City of Whitefish Safe Streets For All (SS4A) Action Plan - Schedule

WORK TASKS	MONTH											
	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25
Project Management and Administration	[Green bar]											
Stakeholder and Public Involvement	[Green bar]											
Leadership Commitment and Goal Setting			[Green bar]									
Data Review and Analysis	[Green bar]											
Project Identification and Implementation					[Green bar]							
Policy and Process Changes							[Green bar]					
Action Plan and Progress Reporting									[Green bar]			
MEETINGS AND EVENTS												
Task Force Meetings (4)					[Icon] In Person	[Icon] Hybrid			[Icon] In Person		In Person	[Icon]
Public Meetings (2)					[Icon]				[Icon]			
Walking Audit (1)/Non-Motorist Event (1)					[Icon]							
City Council Coordination (2)									[Icon] In Person		In Person	[Icon]
DELIVERABLES												
Goal Summary Memo					[Icon]							
Data Summary Memo					[Icon]							
Concept Drawings/Details/Costs									[Icon]			
Policy and Process Memo									[Icon]			
Action Plan and Annual Reporting Template										[Icon]	[Icon]	[Icon]

Task Force Review
Public Comment Period



Questions?

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