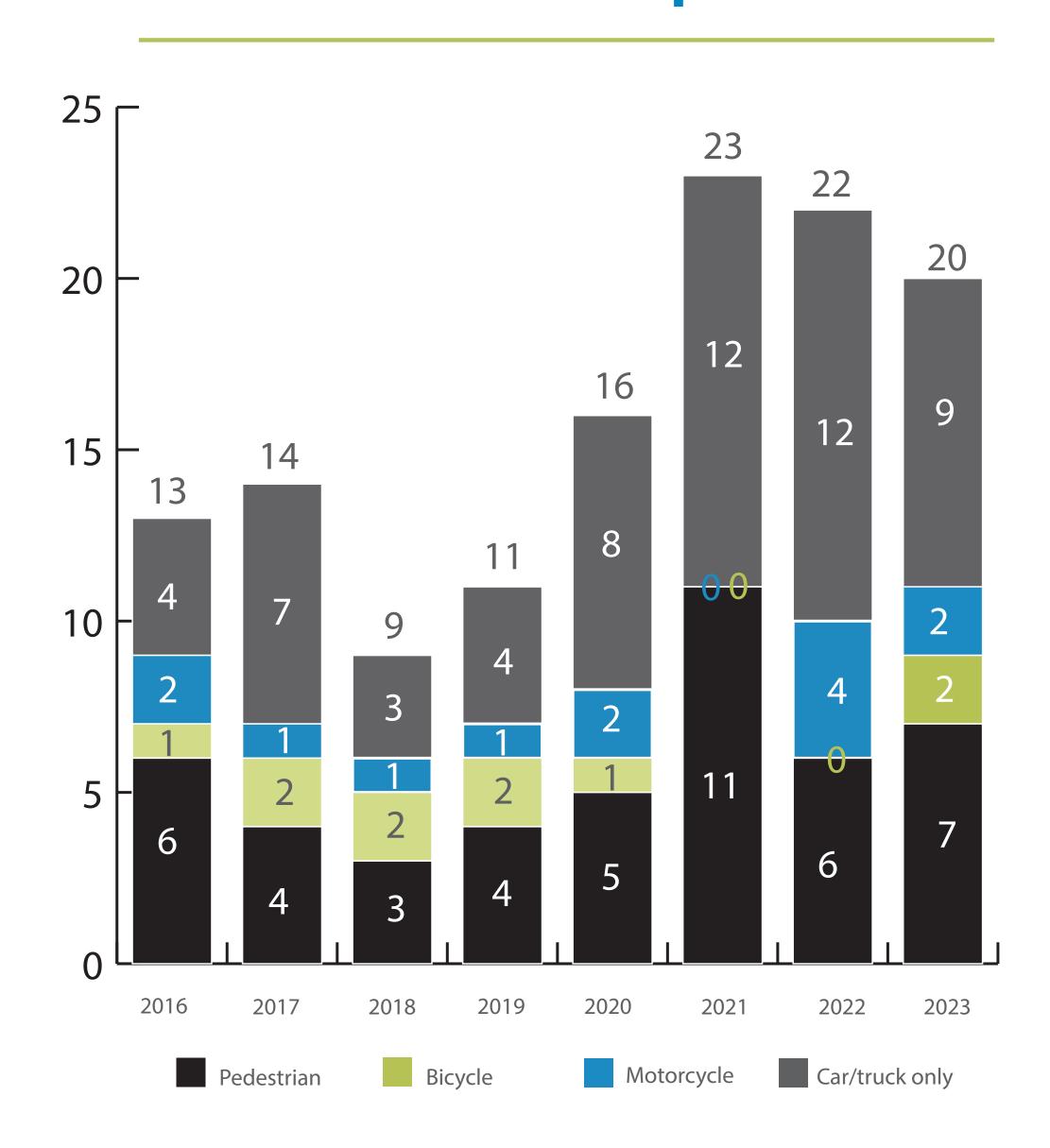
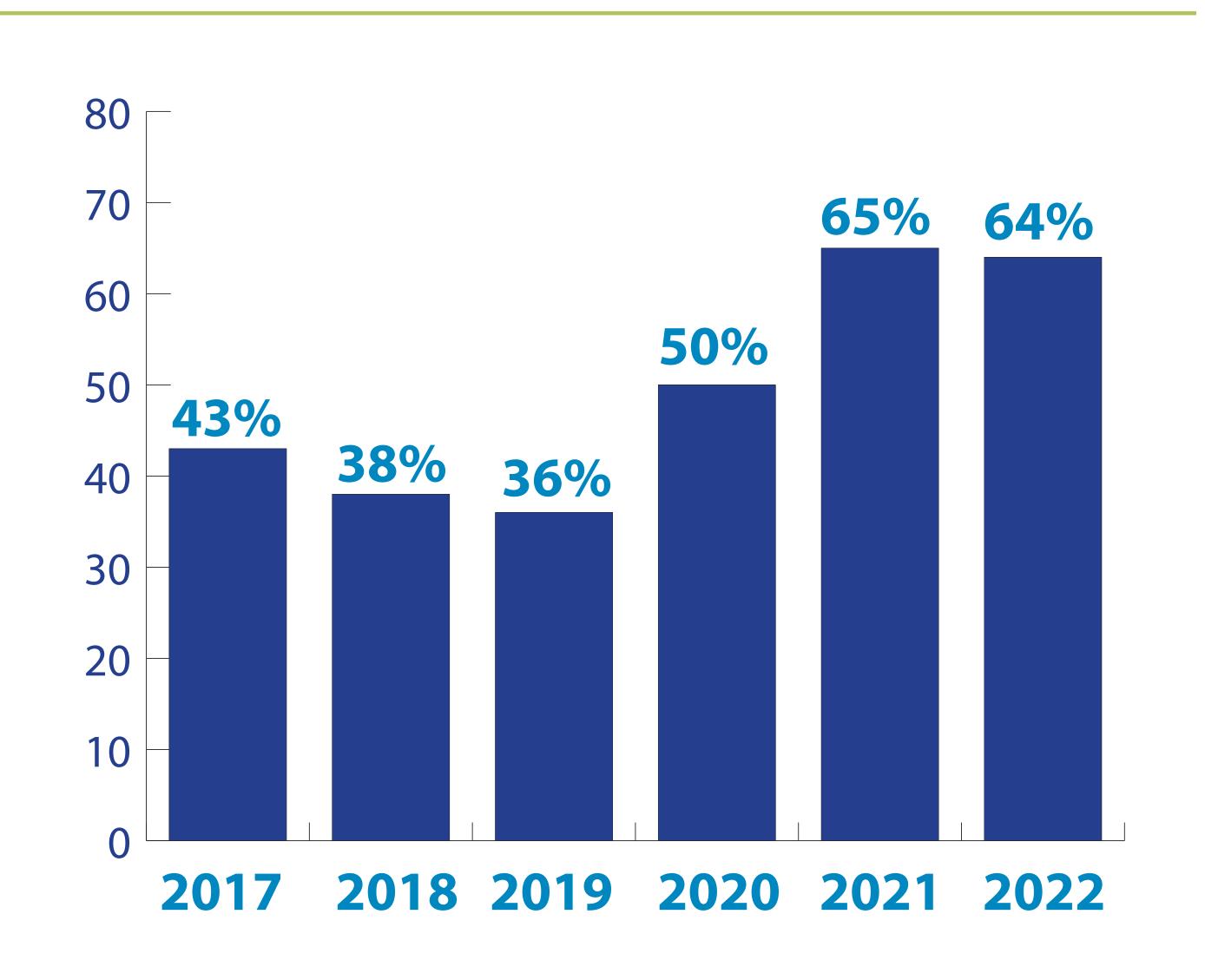
MINNEAPOLIS TRAFFIC SAFETY CONTEXT

One death on our streets is too many.

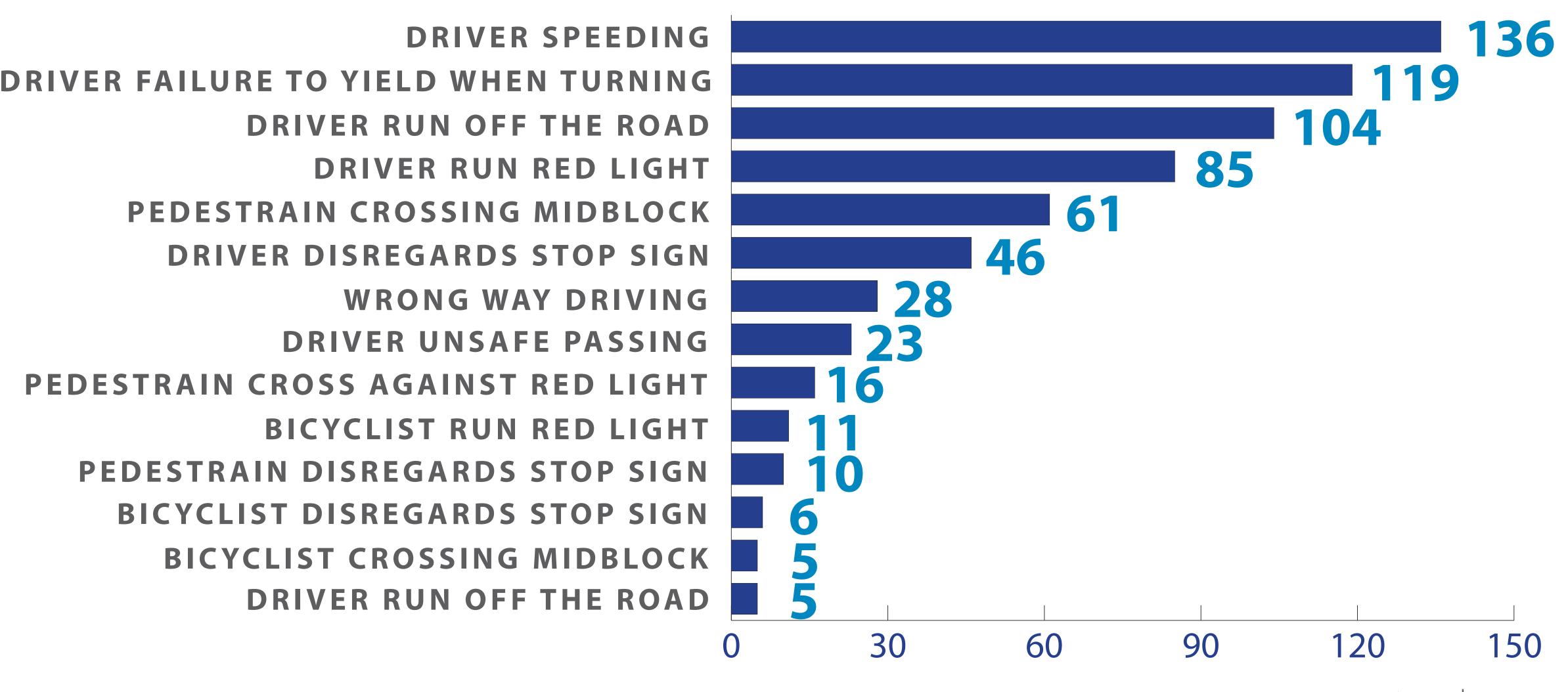
Traffic deaths are up since 2020

Dangerous speeding is contributing to more fatal crashes





Driver speeding top factor in fatal & severe crashes



Data exclude freeway, intentional, and medical emergency crashes. Based on Public Works review of crash reports.





MINNEAPOLIS VISION ZERO TRAFFIC SAFETY WORK

Together, we can make our streets safe for everyone.

PRIORITY STEPS:

The Vision Zero Action Plan includes priority actions on the path to get to zero traffic deaths and severe injuries on our streets.

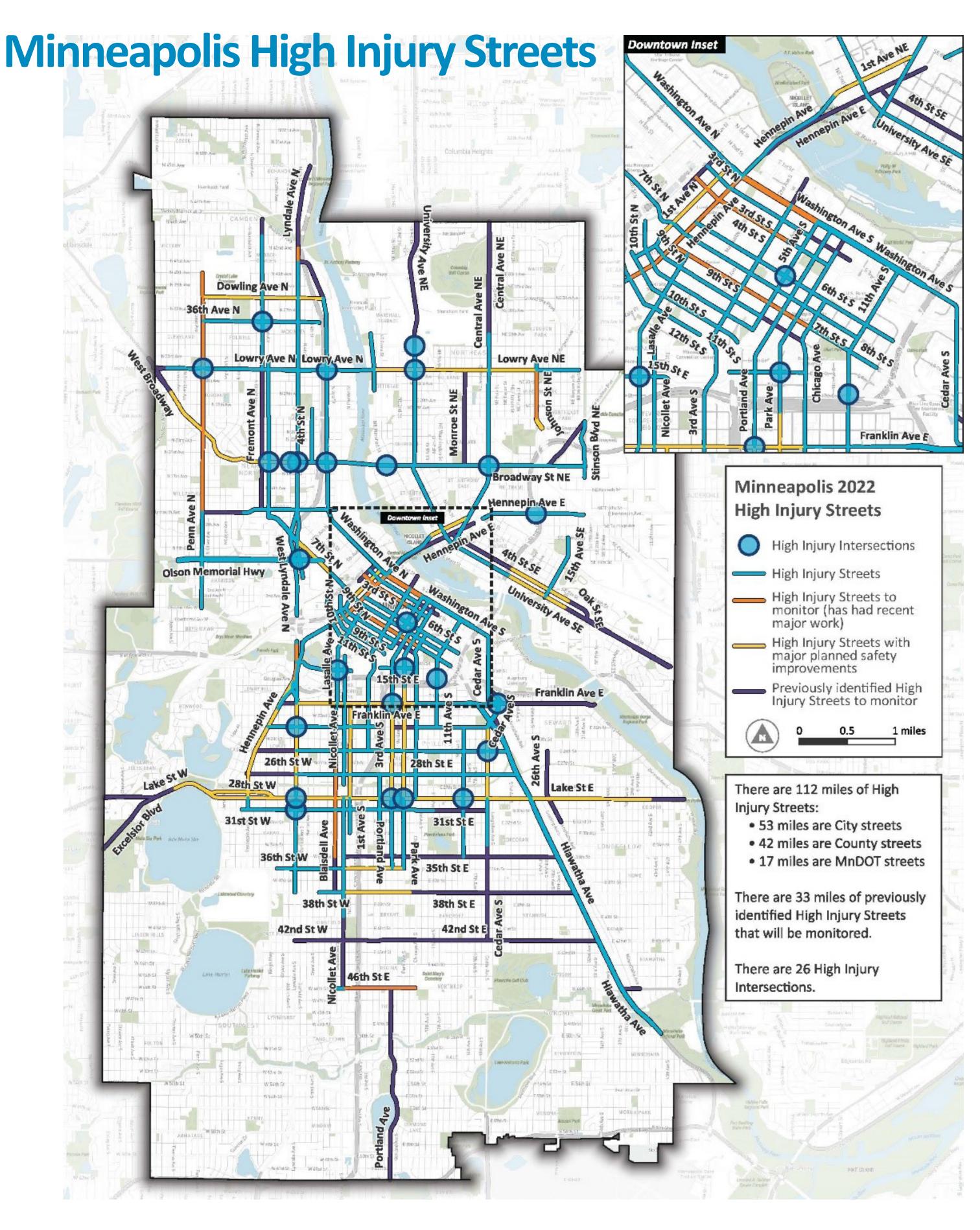
Key actions:

- Make safety improvements on High Injury Streets
- Advance street designs to reduce dangerous speeding
- Work to implement a traffic safety camera pilot
- Evaluate alternative approaches to traffic enforcement while addressing discriminatory outcomes and building trust

IMPROVING SAFETY ON HIGH INJURY STREETS

- Nearly all High Injury Streets will receive safety upgrades in next 5 years
- Minneapolis recently received a \$20
 million federal safety grant to install safety
 treatments on 25 miles of High Injury Streets
- Incorporating safety best practices into all street projects
- Partnering with Hennepin County and MnDOT for safety improvements on their streets
- Installed "quick build" safety improvements at 250+ intersections since 2020; working to upgrade "bollard" treatments to concrete over time











TRAFFIC SAFETY CAMERA INTRODUCTION

How do they work?

Traffic safety cameras automatically enforce traffic violations.

The City is considering traffic safety cameras for speeding and, potentially, red light running.

When the system detects a violation, the camera takes a picture of the license plate and stores video of the infraction. The video is reviewed by a trained enforcement agent who confirms the violation. A warning or ticket is then mailed to the owner of the vehicle.

Why is the City working on traffic safety cameras?

Traffic safety cameras are part of the City's Vision Zero effort to get to zero traffic deaths and serious injuries.

Speed safety cameras have been found to improve traffic safety:

- MnDOT 2023 study: "Every methodologically sound study of US speed camera systems has found reductions in deaths, injuries, crashes, and speeds"
- Federal Highway Administration:
- Can reduce injury crashes up to 47%
- A proven safety measure
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: "Speed camera enforcement is effective in reducing speed and speed-related crashes."

Red light cameras have been found to reduce fatal and injury crashes:

- 2017 Insurance Institute for Highway Safety study: 14% fewer fatal crashes at all signalized intersections
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: red light cameras reduce total injury crashes

States with traffic safety camera programs (January 2022)



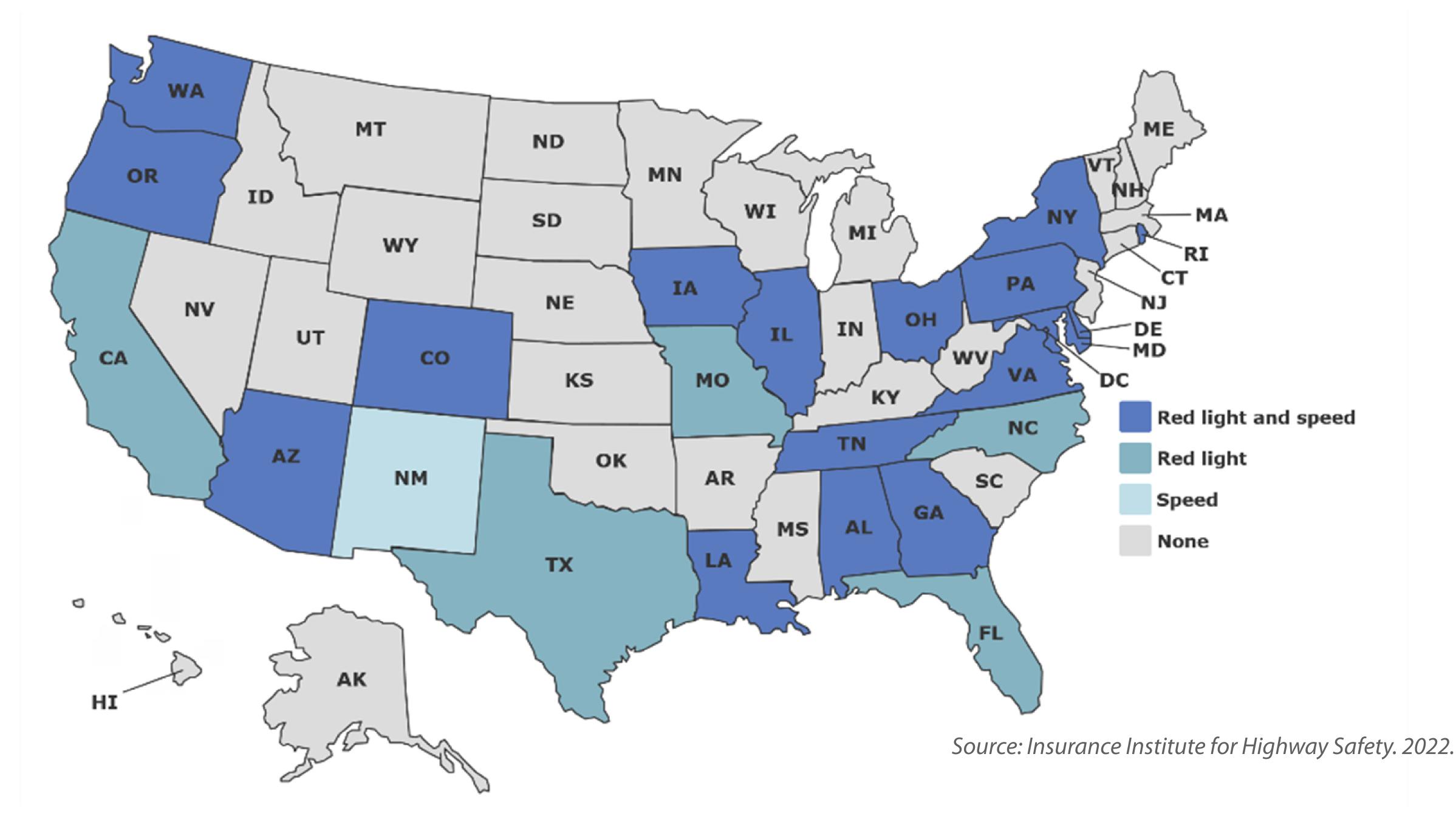




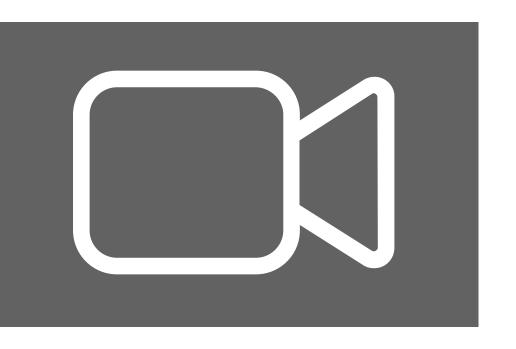
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MINNEAPOLIS WORK ON TRAFFIC SAFETY CAMERAS



STEPS ON TRAFFIC SAFETY CAMERAS

Minneapolis is pursuing a local traffic safety camera pilot program. In order to use traffic safety cameras, the City needs State legislative authority. Traffic safety cameras are part of the City's legislative agenda.

Completed

- Research and analyze issue
- Get initial community feedback
- Set actions in VisionZero Action Plan
- Develop approach for State legislation
- Collaborate with other agencies

Current steps

- Finalize approach for State legislation
- Get State legislative authority

Future steps

- Develop details of a local pilot
- More community engagement
- State develops local standards
- City Council and Mayor approve pilot details
- Setup details for launch of pilot

Launch pilot

Communications

Evaluate pilot and consider future steps

- Reports to City Council and State Legislature
- More community engagement
- City Council and Mayor approve future direction for the program

Potential timeline (if legislation passes this year)

Complete

Feb. – May 2024

June 2024 – Summer 2025

Summer/Fall 2025

Fall 2025 – 2028

PREVIOUS MINNEAPOLIS WORK ON TRAFFIC SAFETY CAMERAS

2005 red light camera program

The City had a short-lived red light camera program in 2005. The program saw initial positive safety results. The State Supreme Court determined that the City did not have legislative authority to implement the program. The City is seeking legislative authority to make a program legal.

2019 AND 2022 VISION ZERO ENGAGEMENT

As part of traffic safety engagement in 2019 and 2022, Public Works asked questions around support for automated enforcement and speed safety cameras.

2019 results

58% support28% oppose

14% unsure/neutral

1598 responses

2022 results

63% support25% oppose11% unsure/neutral1519 responses

Significant additional engagement is planned once the City has legislative authority, including culturally relevant and in-language activities to connect with traditionally underrepresented communities.

Vision Zero Action Plan actions

The City Council has adopted two Vision Zero Action Plans with actions on traffic safety cameras. The current plan includes actions to:

- Seek legislative authority for a traffic safety camera pilot
- Once there is authority, create a local pilot informed by community engagement
- Evaluate the traffic safety camera pilot





PROPOSED DETAILS FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY CAMERA PROGRAM

These details are incorporated into the State bill that the City is supporting (HF 2098 / SF 2026).



- Achieve meaningful traffic safety benefits by reducing unsafe driving behaviors
- Support a fair and equitable program, including addressing the disproportionate impacts of fines on people with lower incomes
- Protect privacy
- Build trust

REDUCING UNSAFE DRIVING BEHAVIOR WHILE PROTECTING FAIRNESS AND EQUITY

- All locations must have advance warning signage and be listed publicly
- Speed camera violations at 10+ mph over speed limit
- 1 month warning period at start of program and 1st violation for each person is a warning
- \$40 tickets; can take a free traffic safety class in lieu of 1 ticket
- \$84 max charge in collections if someone never pays their ticket
- \$80 if 20+ mph over limit (doubles like for other speeding tickets)

- Violations do not go on driving records
- Cannot be grounds for revoking or suspending a driver's license or for arrest
- Warnings and citations go to owner of the vehicle (like a parking ticket)
- Owners can challenge citations and aren't liable if vehicle was stolen or transferred before the violation

PROTECTING PRIVACY

- Cameras can only be used for traffic safety enforcement and cannot capture pictures that can identify people
- Cameras can only take picture of back license plate
- Cameras cannot be used as license plate readers
- Additional data management and privacy protections included aligned with State best practices

BUILDING TRUST

- State bill requires reporting and an independent evaluation
- City plans for significant additional community engagement after legislative authority passes
- Engagement will help shape local details and camera locations
- City plans to start with a local pilot with reporting and evaluation
- Mayor and City Council will need to approve final details for a pilot

