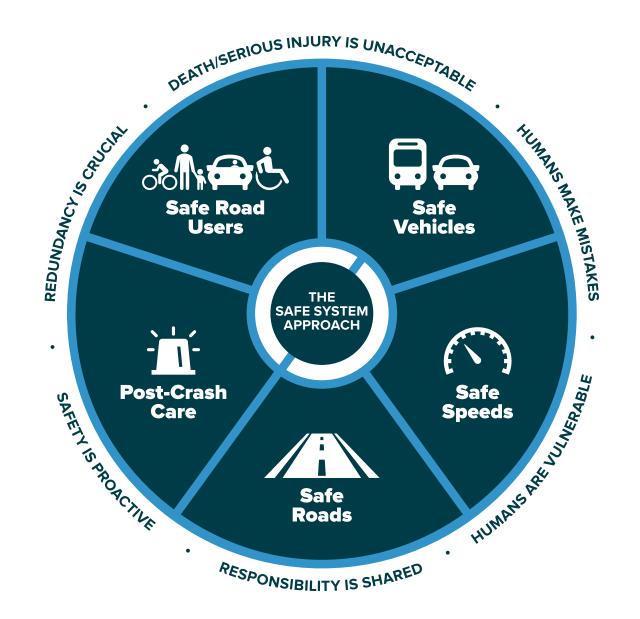


### VISION ZERO

Implementation Update to Silver Spring TMD Advisory Committee | July 31, 2025

# What is Vision Zero?

Building Layers of Safety to Prevent Serious and Fatal Injuries on Our Roadways



### The 6 Safe System Principles



Death/serious injury is unacceptable



Humans make mistakes



Humans are vulnerable



Responsibility is shared



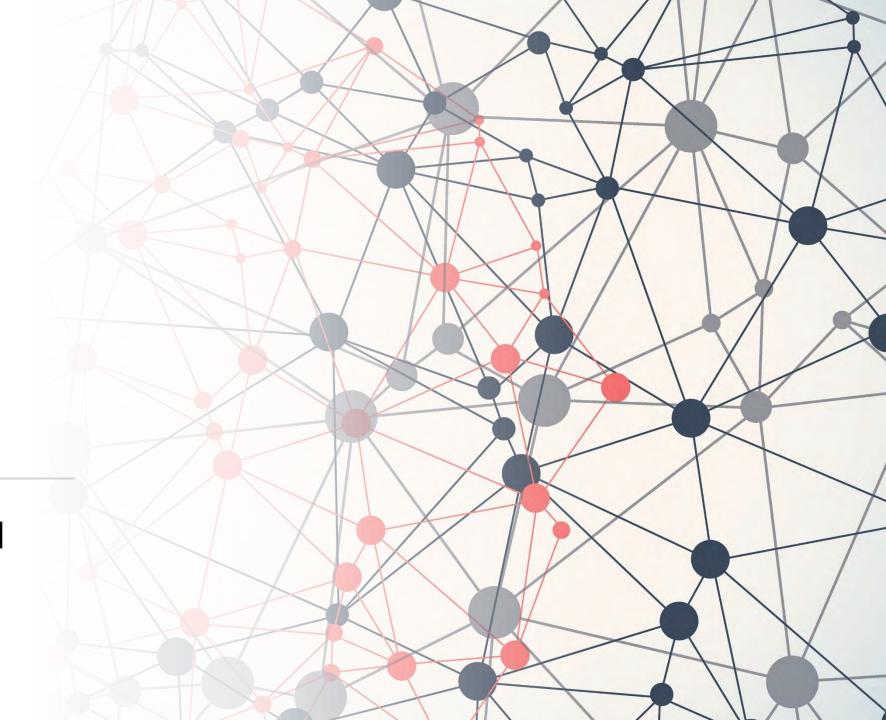
**Safety is proactive** 



Redundancy is crucial

### Crash Data

Data and dashboard resources



### Finding latest crash and fatality data

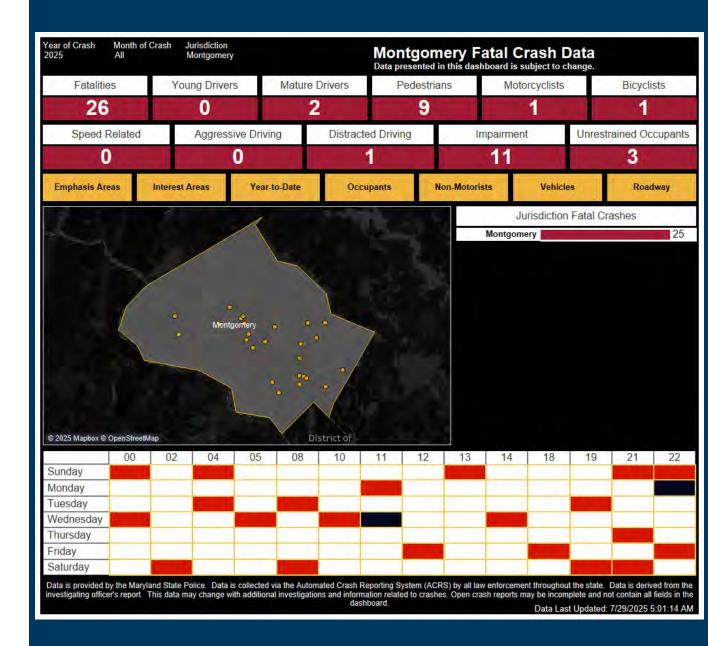
County and State Resources

Highway Safety Office Fatal Crash

Dashboard. Fatal crashes typically added within 24-48 hours.

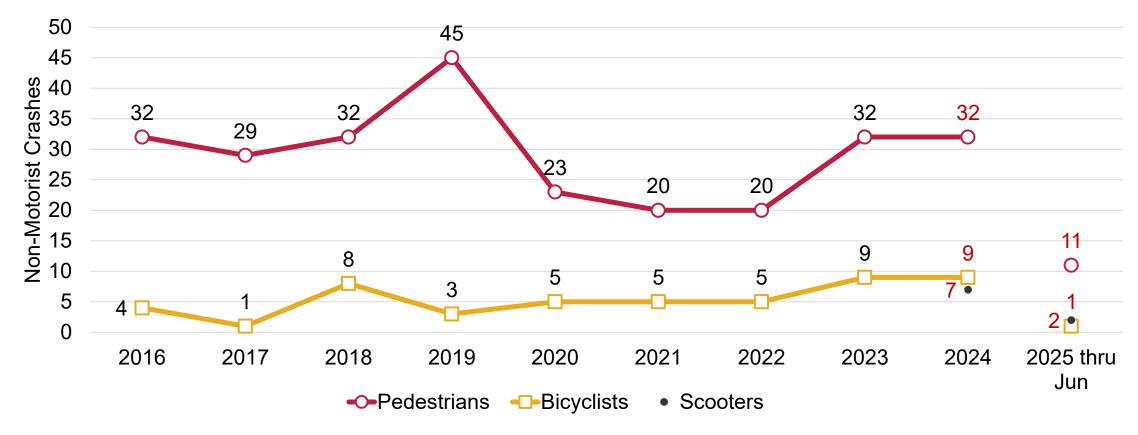
County Monthly Crash Summary. Updated middle of each month for crashes through the prior month.

<u>Crash open data</u>. Raw version of crash data updated weekly.



# Non-Motorist Crashes in Silver Spring T.M.D. by Year

Pedestrian- and bicycle-involved crashes are near pre-COVID levels, but the distribution has changed. In completed project areas, like Spring St and Cameron St, crashes have decreased. Areas with projects scheduled, Fenton St, or on-going construction along Georgia Ave had increases.



- Data as of 7/30/2025. 2024 and 2025 data are preliminary.
- Starting in 2024, the statewide crash data system was updated to create a separate category for manual powered and electric scooters.

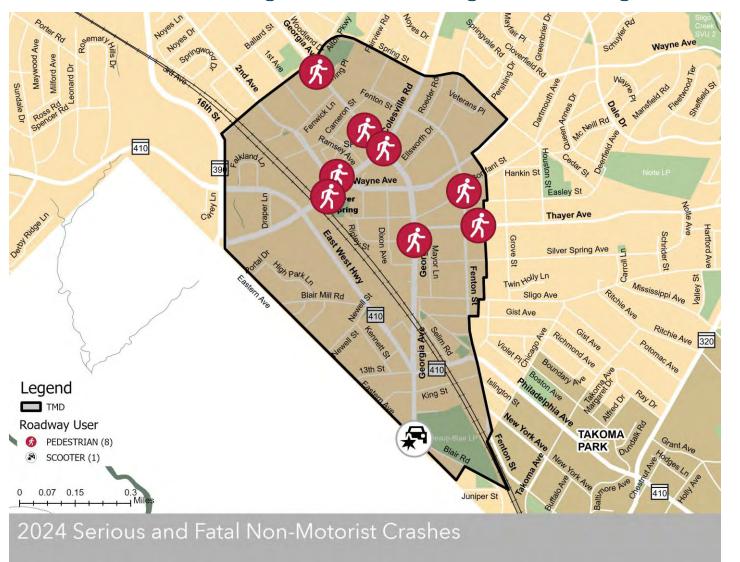
### Non-Motorist Crashes by Roadway Owner

Pedestrian, cyclist, and scooter crashes increasing on State maintained roadways (the busiest in the T.M.D.) compared to pre-COVID crash trends.

Calendar Year	County Road	State Road or State Intersection	Outside Travel Way (mainly parking lots)
2016	9	21	6
2017	10	14	6
2018	14	20	6
2019	10	27	11
2020 (COVID)	10	17	1
2021 (COVID)	7	17	1
2022	6	16	3
2023	10	24	7
2024	9	34	5
2024 compared to 2016-2019	Flat	Increased	Flat

### 2024 Serious and Fatal Pedestrian- or Scooter-Involved Crashes

5 out of 9 crashes along or intersecting with Georgia Avenue.



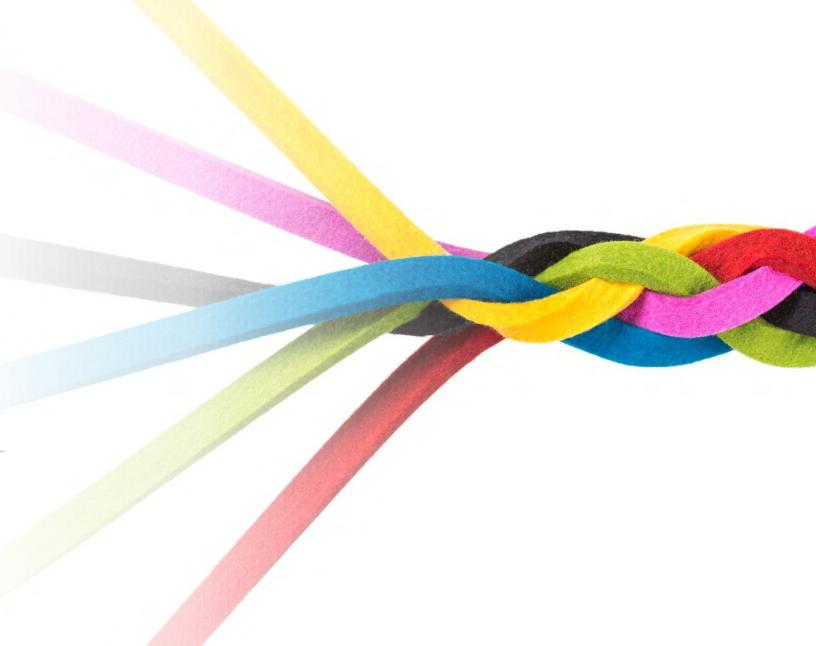
## Upcoming Projects and Initiatives to Address Increasing Crashes

Purple Line Construction Finishing in 2027, Starting Fenton Street Bikeway Construction, and Options for Future Automated Enforcement.

- Existing bike lanes keeping crashes low as biking and overall travel increasing
  - Currently implemented bike lanes on lower crash roadways such as Spring Street and Cameron Street have held crashes low. Zero pedestrian or cyclist crashes at the intersections of Fenton Street & Cameron Street and Cameron Street & Spring Street since December 2019.
  - <u>Bike counts</u> at Second Avenue at Colesville Road up 18% between 2023 and 2024 with vehicle counts down 8% at the same location.
  - Vehicle traffic up 9% between 2023 and 2024 at Colesville Road and Fenton Street.
- Fenton Street cycle-track project: County moving on to projects on higher crash roadways like Fenton Street to reduce crashes on County maintained roadways.
- **Finishing Purple Line Construction:** restoring crossings along Georgia Avenue as well as other facility upgrades related to the project.
- Examining future automated enforcement options
  - Starting October 1, Georgia Avenue between Colesville Road and Burlington Avenue will become eligible for automated speed enforcement. Will need supporting study to determine if speed camera would be warranted.
  - Seeking State law change to authorize automated enforcement for drivers not yielding to pedestrians legally in the crosswalk.

# Implementing Vision Zero

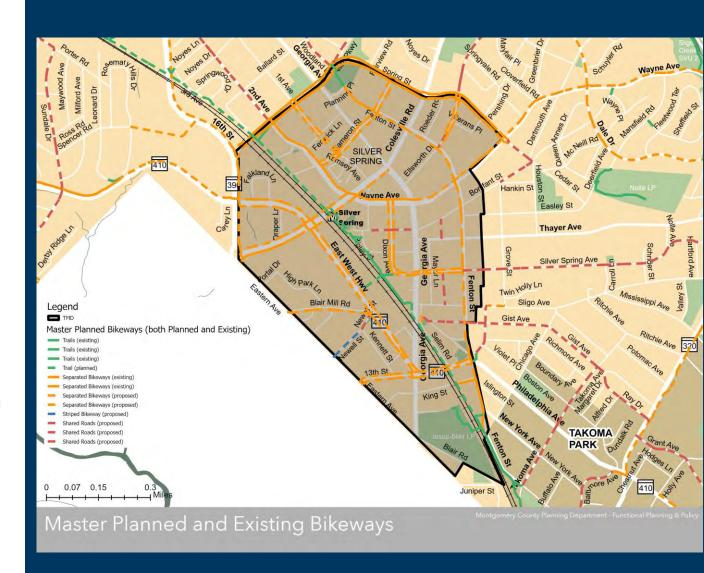
FY2026 Work Plan



### Advancing Bikeway Projects in Silver Spring

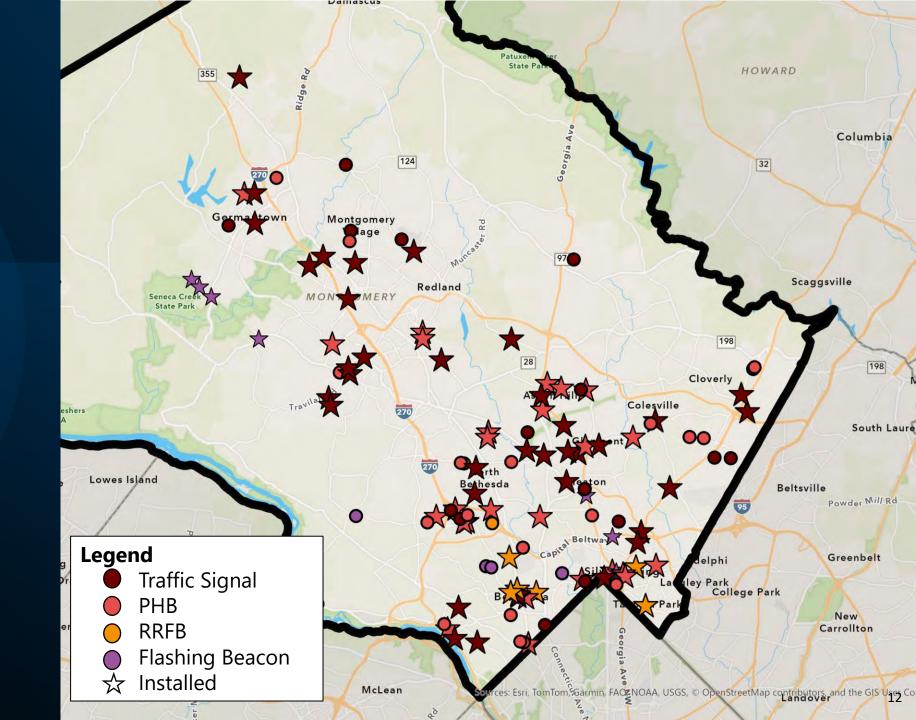
Neighborhood and main road bikeways scheduled for construction.

- Capital Crescent Trail: 62% complete and expected completion in spring 2026.
- Metropolitan Brach Trail Phase 2a: Under construction. Currently painting pedestrian bridge, grading the path, and installing light poles.
- Fenton Street Cycle-track: aiming to start construction by next summer, but utility coordination and property acquisition may change the schedule.
- East Silver Spring Neighborhood Greenway: pending construction start.
- 13th St. / Burlington Ave. Separated Bike Lanes: Design on-going.
- Secure Bike Parking at Dixon Avenue: construction expected fall 2026.



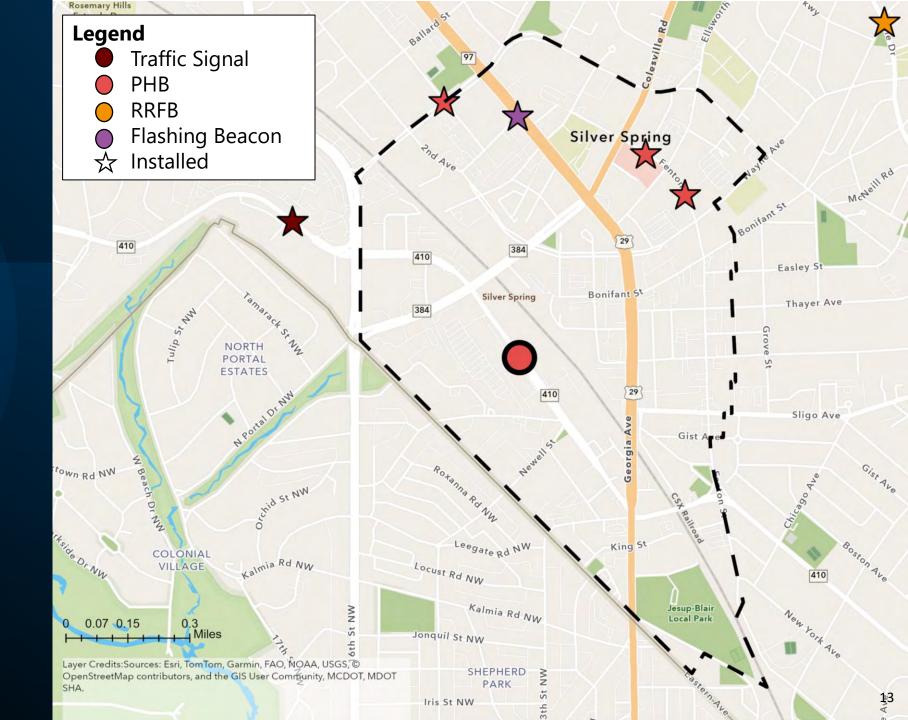
Over 70 new installations since Vision Zero started

#### NEW SIGNAL AND BEACON INSTALLATIONS



3 Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons installed. More will be added for Fenton Street project.

NEW SIGNAL AND BEACON INSTALLATIONS IN SILVER SPRING TMD



#### Inaugural Summertime Alcohol Task Force

Promoting Safe Rides Home

- 127 impaired driving arrests with 1,164 citations, 1,249 warnings, and 84 equipment repair orders in nine weeks.
- Outreach to bars and restaurants by Alcohol Beverage Service with inspections and safety materials.
- Promote <u>Safe Ride Home page</u> to provide one stop shop for finding sober ride options in Montgomery County.





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Encuetre un medio de transporte alternativo





#### Automated Enforcement Expansion Plan

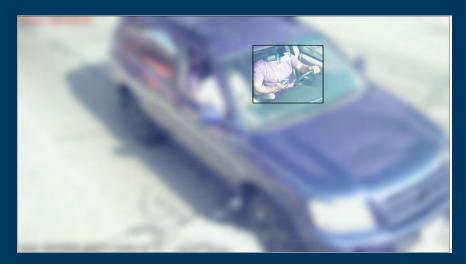
More sites and new technology

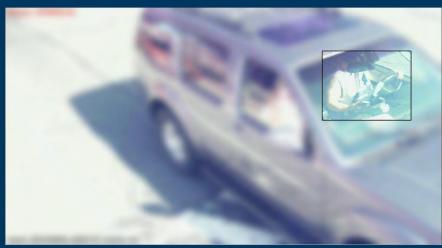
#### **Recent Expansions and Changes**

- Graduated fines for speed camera violations start October 1.
- The County and S.H.A. are studying speed cameras on High Injury Network with new authority granted by Maryland General Assembly.
- Start using red-light cameras as speed cameras where allowed.
- Permitted to use bus lane cameras. Pilot started with WMATA.
- 44 new speed locations approved in August 2024.

#### **Needing State Law changes**

 Using new technology for enforcing seatbelts, mobile phone use, crosswalks, move over law, HOV.





Examples of mobile phone use captured by distracted driving cameras. At 3 pilot sites, over 780 violations detected in 3 days.

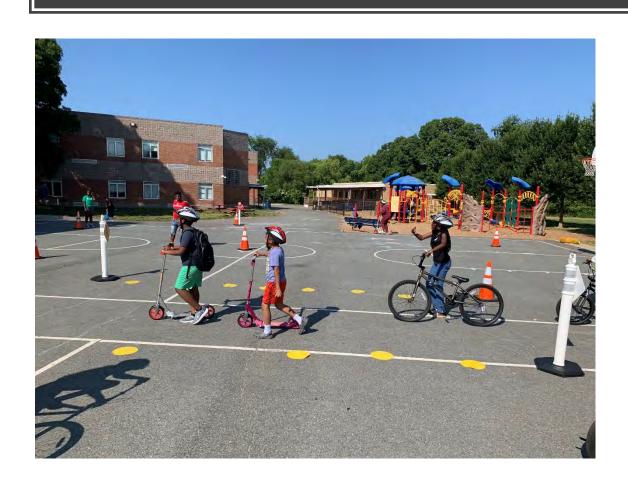


Recent Events and Upcoming Schedule





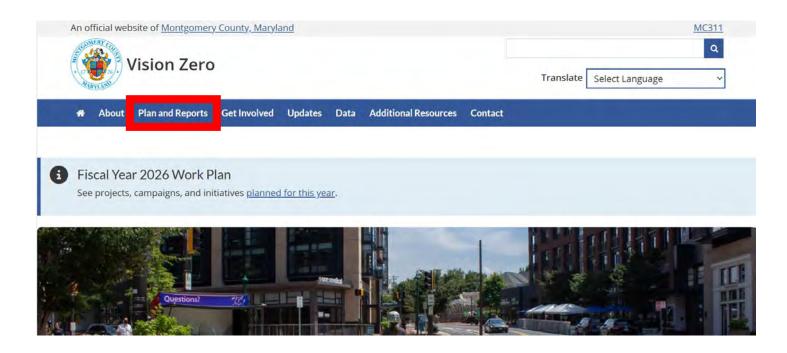
# BIKE RODEOS AND WALKING WEDNESDAYS





#### FY2026 Work Plan

Where can I find the full text of the current work plan?





#### THANK YOU!