



# Community Planning & Permitting

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## Nederland EcoPass Public Improvement District Advisory Committee (NEPPIDAC)

### Meeting Notes

#### Meeting Time (MST):

May 21, 2025, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

#### Meeting Location:

Nederland Community Library  
200 Highway 72  
Nederland, Colorado 80466

#### Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Action Item: Approval of 03-19-2025 Meeting Notes
4. Discussion Item: Boulder County Vision Zero Action Plan
5. Discussion Item: Volunteer Driver Program
6. Information Item: District EcoPass Program Update
7. Matters from Committee Members

#### Summary Notes

Meeting called to order at 4:01 p.m.

##### 1. Introductions

In Attendance

NEPPIDAC: Tom Mahowald, Susie Gallaudet, Andrew Bliss, Gene Smith, Tierney Maris (Virtual)

Town of Nederland: Grace Gude

Boulder County: Melissa Hunter, Landon Hilliard, Liviana Lewin (Virtual), Nick Aguilera (Virtual)

##### 2. Public Comment

No public comment

##### 3. Action Item: Approval of 03-19-2025 Meeting Notes

Tom motions to approve. Gene seconds. Andrew abstains. All in favor (4-0).

##### 4. Discussion Item: Boulder County Vision Zero Action Plan (VZAP)

Boulder County is committed to Vision Zero, which envisions zero fatal and serious traffic collisions on roadways in Boulder County. This transportation safety work funded by a federal grant complements the recommendations of the Nederland Multimodal Transportation Plan (2024). Boulder County is developing a list of specific actions using a toolkit of engineering countermeasures to address safety on the roads.

There are location-specific actions for intersections and road segments identified as the High Injury Network (HIN). In addition to addressing these key areas, the county

wants to take systemic action to address the crash patterns seen county-wide. Focus on “vulnerable road users” of pedestrians and bicyclists.

Public comment period will be in June with expected endorsement of the Boulder County Commissioners in August 2025. Vision Zero Action Plan: [boco.org/visionzeroactionplan](https://boco.org/visionzeroactionplan). Please send questions to Liviana Lewin at: [Visionzero@bouldercounty.gov](mailto:Visionzero@bouldercounty.gov). The Vision Zero presentation slides are attached below.

Question & Answer:

*Q: Has the study found danger zones in Boulder Canyon?*

A: There are locations with higher rates of crashes. The County has grant funding to improve pedestrian crossing in three locations in coordination with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT): Fourmile Canyon Drive, Boulder Canyon Trailhead, and Boulder Falls.

*Q: Have we identified safe routes for bicyclists through Boulder Canyon?*

A: The County’s Transportation Master Plan (2020) may have identified locations for bike paths and safety improvements. There are currently interactive maps that show collision histories in the region. It wouldn’t be at your fingertips like Strava, but these are resources that could be shared with cyclists. Avoiding major roads is one option available on Google Maps (at least in metro areas).

*Q: As those routes are identified, can we partner with RideWithGPS, Strava, Google Maps, or other platforms to communicate the risks and alternative routes to bicyclists?*

A: Boulder County can look into that.

**5. Discussion Item: Volunteer Driver Program (Grace Gude, Program Coordinator)**

Many people in the mountain region live in isolated places and may not be able to get where they need to go. Boulder County secured a DRCOG grant for a volunteer driver program to meet this need. The Town of Nederland has agreed to administer this program. Grace Gude with the Town is coordinating the Volunteer Driver Program.

The program will initially serve Nederland Fire District and run 3-5 days/week. Nederland is exploring tech/software to administer program and using volunteer driver programs on the City of Berthoud and City of Loveland/Fort Collins (RAFT and SAINT) as examples.

Town aims to launch program in August 2025 and is anticipating high demand. Volunteer orientation is scheduled for June. More volunteers needed as drivers and dispatchers. Send names to Grace. Volunteers will initially use their own personal vehicles with an optional mileage reimbursement. Town is exploring acquisition of an ADA-accessible vehicle.

Grace will be presenting about the program at next week's Mountain Mobility Working Group meeting (May 28, 2025 at 3:00pm). She is working on a public-facing website and will be at the Nederland Farmers Market on June 22. Her email is <[PeakTransport@nederlandco.org](mailto:PeakTransport@nederlandco.org)>. Please reach out with any questions.

Q&A:

*Q: How do rides work?*

A: To request the rides, the riders will call or email program dispatch to state interest.

*Q: Is there an age limit?*

A: Most programs will not allow children under age 8 in the vehicle. Children over 8 could ride with parents. Children under 18 may not be able to ride alone due to insurance requirements. Town will confirm the policy

*Q: How are volunteers compensated?*

A: Drivers will have the option to receive mileage reimbursement (35 cents/mile).

Nederland Library team would be happy to support people with request form. And potentially serve as pick-up location.

#### **6. Information Item: District EcoPass Program Update**

There are just under 300 active business EcoPasses. The residential program is going strong. Melissa Hunter has been working closely with new town staff to establish strong program administration. Holly Lanthier, the new Town front desk staff, has been very supportive and helpful as she learns EcoPass program procedures.

Boulder County will conduct a spring EcoPass program audit to confirm and validate records. The County is moving current program data is also moving from Google Drive to Microsoft Teams for security of personal information.

Melissa will be removing Eldora seasonal employees from the current program list.

#### **7. Matters from Committee Members**

Landon presented NEPPIDAC's letter of appreciation to RTD Board of Directors at 04/29/2025 meeting. Letter is attached to these meeting notes.

RTD will propose August/September service changes this summer with public comment period expected in June 2025.

Boulder County will send out pre-meeting check-ins to NEPPIDAC to gauge the need and interest for monthly meetings this summer. County staff will confirm if there are statutory requirement for the number of meetings per year.

In response to Tom's question about the NEPPIDAC fund balance, it's around \$100K and can be spent in different ways related to transit service and transit facilities such as bus stops and sidewalks. County staff will bring budget update next meeting.

The Nederland Volunteer Driver Program with Mountain Rides will be very valuable way to collect travel data such as origins and destinations, and rider profiles (Gene).

Steve Rowntree and Eldora Ski company are very interested in bringing back the NedREC shuttle with coordinating discussions planned this summer.

Meeting adjourned at 5:17p.m.





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April 29, 2025

Board of Directors  
Debra Johnson, CEO  
Regional Transportation District  
1600 Blake Street  
Denver, Colorado 80202

Re: In Appreciation of Service Development North Team and EcoPass Market Development Staff

Dear RTD Board of Directors and Ms. Johnson:

As members of the Nederland EcoPass Public Improvement District Advisory Committee (NEPPIDAC), we would like to compliment RTD staff for their assistance with a new EcoPass program and for efforts to add service to the Route NB. In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, we understand the difficulty of allocating limited resources that had undercut staffing and hampered transit operations. For this reason, we especially appreciate the attention from RTD's marketing, planning, and operations staff to address the desires and needs of people who live, work, and recreate in the Nederland area.

The Nederland EcoPass Public Improvement District, in partnership with the Town of Nederland, Boulder County, major employers, and RTD aims to increase the convenience and effectiveness of public transit in the mountain area in SW Boulder County.

We would like to recognize Service Development staff Nataly Handlos and Greg Filkin for engaging in and working collaboratively with us. They have generously listened, evaluated, and responded to critiques and suggestions in a manner that respects our community's interests leading to improved transit outcomes.

Furthermore, Theresa Rinker and the Market Development team - by means of administrative guidance and swift processing of a contract - were instrumental in standing up a Nederland District-wide Business EcoPass Program. The new program, which builds on an existing neighborhood program, has sparked interest and attracted new Route NB riders, particularly employees of the Eldora Mountain Ski Resort.

Because the Route NB provides a critical connection between Nederland and Boulder that supports access to key destinations of jobs, schools, human services, recreation, shopping, and more, we appreciate the commitment of RTD staff to support and advance public transit for the Nederland community.

Respectfully Yours,

Members of NEPPIDAC  
Andrew Bliss, Susie Gallaudet, Tom Mahowald, Tierney Maris, Eugene Smith

Cc:

**Market Development Group**

Theresa Rinker

Dawn Plooster

Valerie Padilla

Bailee Manfro

Jyotsna Khattri

John Lopez- Alegria

Reina Cubias

Liliana Avila

**Service Development North Team**

Nataly Handlos

Greg Filkin



Boulder County, Lafayette, and Superior

# VISION ZERO ACTION PLANS

NEPPIDAC

May 21, 2025





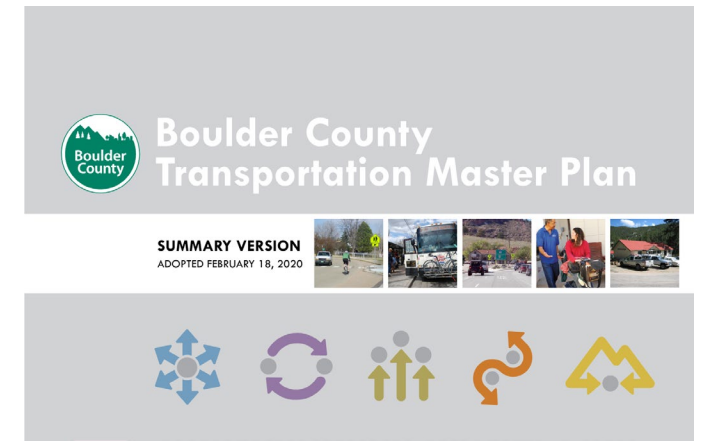
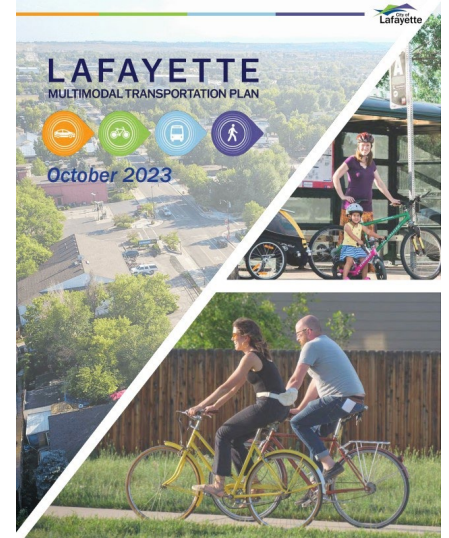
# Project Overview

- Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant funding for the development of a Vision Zero Action Plan for transportation safety
- Vision Zero: eliminate fatal and serious injury traffic crashes

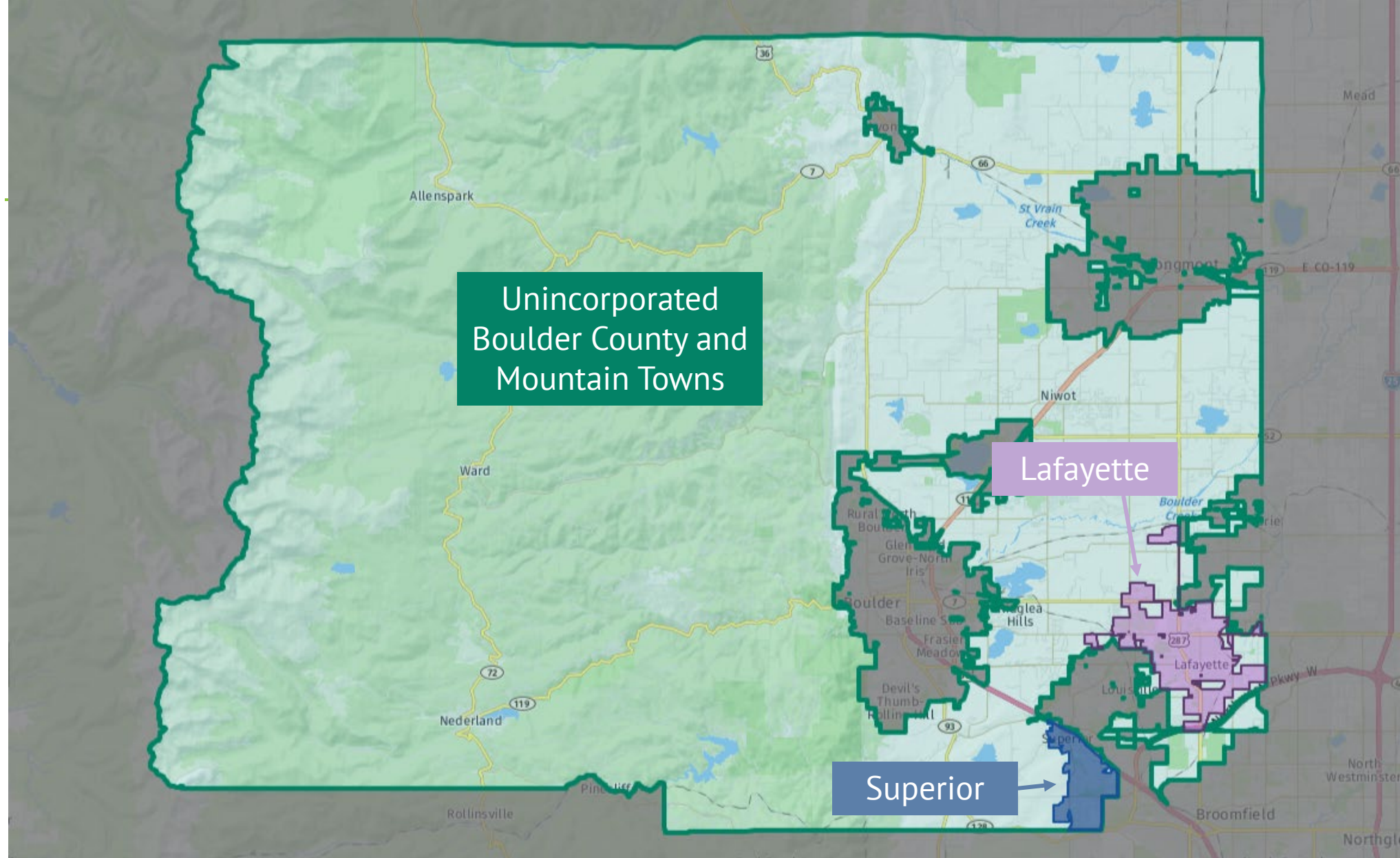


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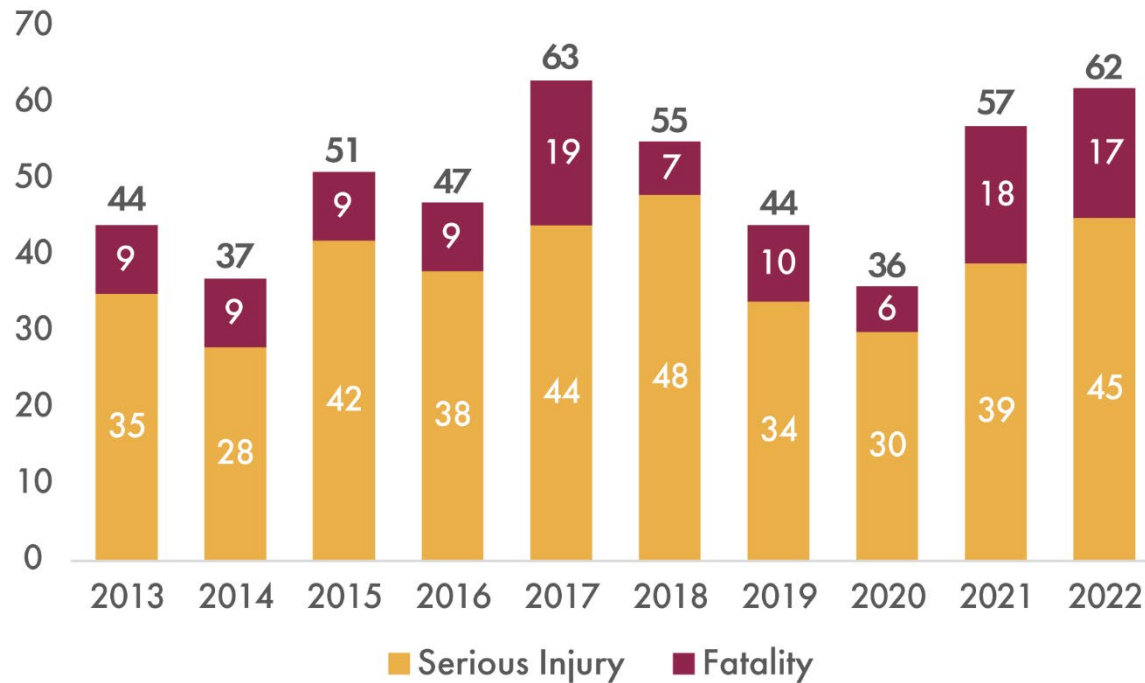
- To-do lists of specific actions
- Three standalone Vision Zero Action Plans:
  1. **Boulder County** (unincorporated, state highways, Jamestown, Nederland, and Ward)
  2. **City of Lafayette**
  3. **Town of Superior**



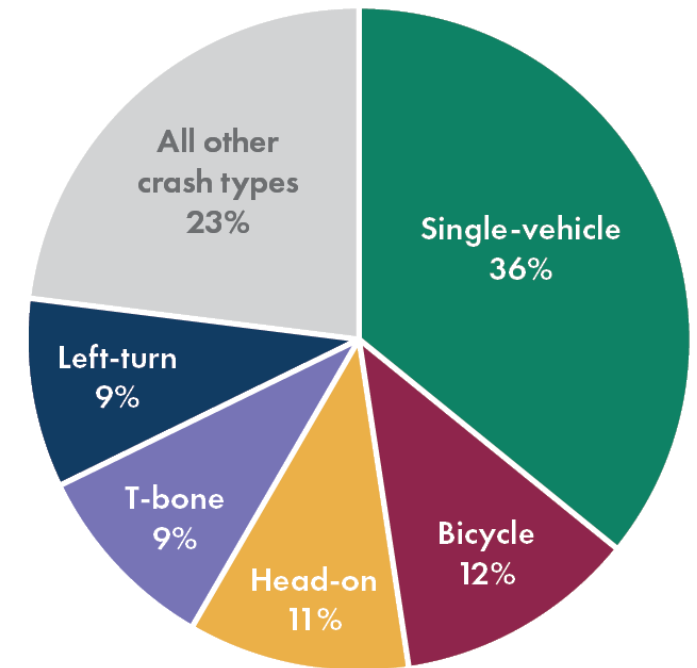
# Project Area



# Safety Issues



The top five serious injury and fatal crash types account for 77% of the serious injury and fatal crashes.





# Mountain Town Focus Areas

## MOUNTAIN TOWN FOCUS AREAS

Across the participating mountain towns, 209 crashes occurred during the study period (2013 – 2022). Of these, two serious injury crashes occurred in Ward, four serious injury crashes occurred in Nederland, and one fatal crash involving a motorcycle occurred in Nederland. Additionally, two fatal overturning crashes and three serious injury crashes occurred just north of Ward on CO 72.

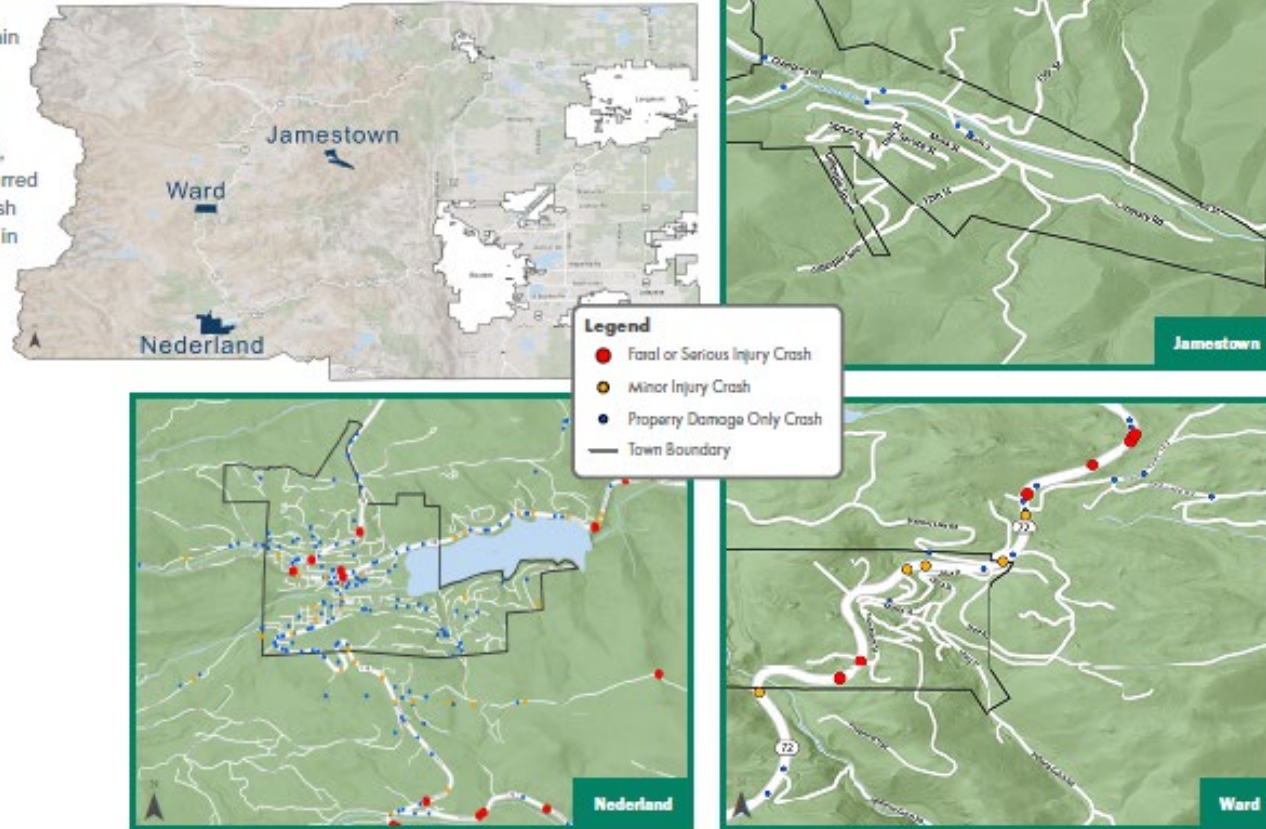
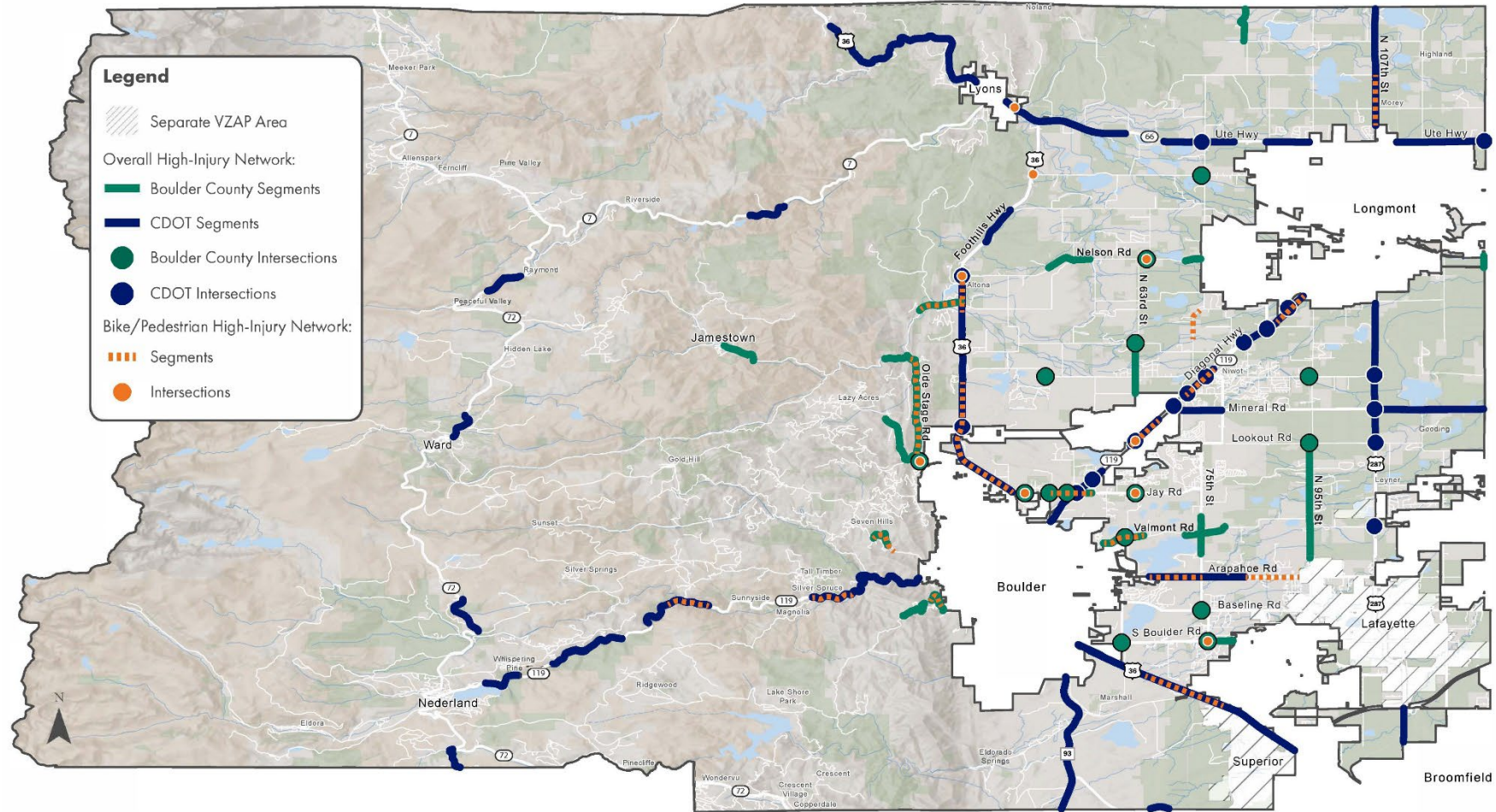


Figure 8. Mountain Town Crash Locations

# High-Injury Network



# Key Actions

## Location-Specific (HIN)



**FACT SHEET > 63RD STREET & JAY ROAD INTERSECTION**

### CRASH REDUCTION POTENTIAL

Urban 2-Lane Divided Signalized 4-Leg Intersection



**FREQUENCY OF CRASHES**  
Medium to High Potential for Crash Reduction

### RECOMMENDATIONS

#### SIGNAL OPERATIONS

- ✓ Install 4-section FYA signal heads to be consistent with nearby intersection traffic signal design (consistent infrastructure) **\$**
- ✓ Install reflective back plates (rear-end and broadside crashes) **\$**
- ✓ Review yellow and red clearance times (rear-end and broadside crashes) **\$**
- ✓ Review traffic operations for protected only left-turn movements by time of day for northbound and southbound lefts (left-turn crashes) **\$**

## Systemwide



### SINGLE-VEHICLE CRASHES

Single-vehicle crashes result in 38% of the serious injury and fatal crashes in Boulder County. Examples of single-vehicle crashes include a departing from the road, colliding with fixed objects, and overturning vehicles. Some common factors as to potential conditions that most frequently contribute to these types of crashes include:

1. **Departing from the road and colliding with fixed objects.**
  - a. Inadequate warning signs, lack of clear lane markings, and lack of clearly marked shoulders particularly in areas of sharp curves or elevation changes.
  - b. Impaired, distracted, and aggressive driving contribute to off-road crashes as they prohibit the driver's ability to focus, react appropriately, and maintain control of the vehicle. It may include behaviors such as driving under the influence, speeding, tailgating, and aggressive maneuvers.
2. **Overturning vehicles.**
  - a. Impaired, distracted, and aggressive driving contribute to off-road crashes as they prohibit the driver's ability to focus, react appropriately, and maintain control of the vehicle. It may include behaviors such as driving under the influence, speeding, tailgating, and aggressive maneuvers.

### Potential Solutions

Potential Solution & Description	Cost Consideration	Where to Consider Implementation
Install reflective stripes on the shoulder or shoulder. Add an additional shoulder on the pavement intended to catch debris through holes and ensure that the vehicle has left the road and that they are clearly marked. Appropriate use of reflective stripes should not be installed within 500 feet of residences or businesses.	\$\$	Locations with steep overpasses or off-ramp exits. Locations with sharp curves.
Install roadside barriers. Safety features along the edge of the road to prevent vehicles from leaving the roadway and to protect drivers from striking off-road fixed objects, steep embankments, or hazardous terrain. These barriers, which can include guardrails, concrete barriers, or cable barriers, absorb impact and reduce the severity of crashes.	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$	Locations with high traffic volumes, sharp curves, or areas with significant roadside hazards.



# Key Actions (cont.)

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- Automated Speed Enforcement
- Regional Corridors (e.g., CO 119 Diagonal Bikeway, US 36 N. Foothills)
- Guidance Documents/MMTS Update
- Signal System Upgrades
- Safe Routes to School Vision Zero Action Plan
- Road Maintenance Practice Review
- Safety Messaging





# Next Steps

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- Bring draft Action Plan to public for feedback (May 23 - June 13, 2025)
- Ned Town Board Meeting (June 3, 2025)
- Finalize Plan and bring to BOCC for adoption (August 28, 2025)



# Surveys Open

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## Project Website & Survey

[boco.org/visionzeroactionplan](https://boco.org/visionzeroactionplan)

- Superior – through May 21 (today!)
- BoCo – May 23 through June 13
- Lafayette – late May through mid-June



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