

# SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL

## MAPA COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN DEVELOPMENT

### WHAT IS IT?

To address the dramatic rise in traffic deaths and serious injuries, the USDOT is making an ambitious **long term goal of reaching zero deaths and serious injuries** on the Nation's highways, roads, and streets.

"Safe Streets and Roads for All" (SS4A) is a **competitive grant program that will provide \$5 billion over 5 years to improve traffic safety** by supporting local communities in

the **development of safety action plans**, and the **implementation of projects which reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries** on the local road network.

### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Nationwide, traffic deaths are increasing at an alarming rate, particularly in **disadvantaged and underrepresented communities**. From 2018-2022 the MAPA region has seen a slightly lower overall increase, has experienced a higher rate of nonmotorist fatalities than the either Nebraska or Iowa state averages, and a **disproportionately high impact on disadvantaged communities**.

Traffic fatalities are a public health crisis affecting all road users:

**42,939** lives lost on U.S. roads in 2021

**7,770** nonmotorists killed in U.S. traffic crashes in 2021



Disadvantaged communities make up **20%** of the region's population.

**They experience:**

**35%** of the total traffic fatalities on all roads



**45%** of the pedestrian fatalities on local roads



By taking this first step to develop a comprehensive safety action plan, we will be able to **meet people where they are, locate key areas of safety concern, and establish solutions to increase safety and reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries in our region.**

### HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

MAPA was awarded planning funds through the FY22 grant application cycle and is leading the development of a **regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP)**. This work kicked off in Spring 2024 and is expected to be complete by Fall 2025.

To be successful, this initiative will **need a coalition of champions, experts, community members and leaders to advocate for regional safety efforts.**

**Here are several ways you can get involved as we move through this process:**

- Partner with us to conduct outreach in your communities
- Provide input in our project surveys
- Schedule a time to talk with us about becoming a partner
- Check on our website for updates and other involvement opportunities

Learn more at [www.mapacog.org/projects/ss4a](http://www.mapacog.org/projects/ss4a)



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