# Cupertino Traffic Collision Data Analysis

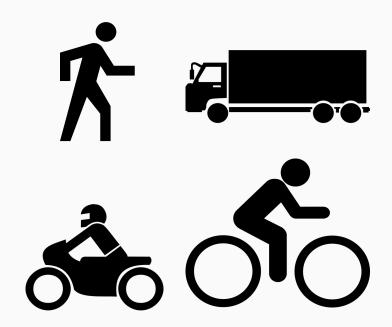
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# Background

- The Smart City pilot project's aims to make the city safer with new technology.
- The Commission wants data on which streets are more susceptible to accidents and what vehicles were involved.
- This data should be easily understandable through visualization.

#### The Project Goals

- The Commission requires Collision data from the past 5 years.
- This data must be in the form of a map and display the collision type.
- The types of collisions are: motorcycles, vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians.



### Methodology

#### **Data Retrieval**

Using the Santa Clara County SWITRS website, the raw data is retrieved as CSV file along with meta information about data.

#### **Data Processing**

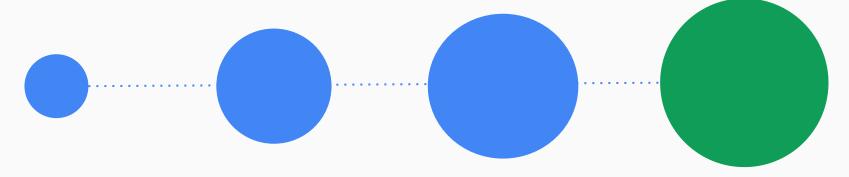
Using Java and Python programming, unnecessary data was cleaned up to make the map visuals relevant.

#### **Data Visualization**

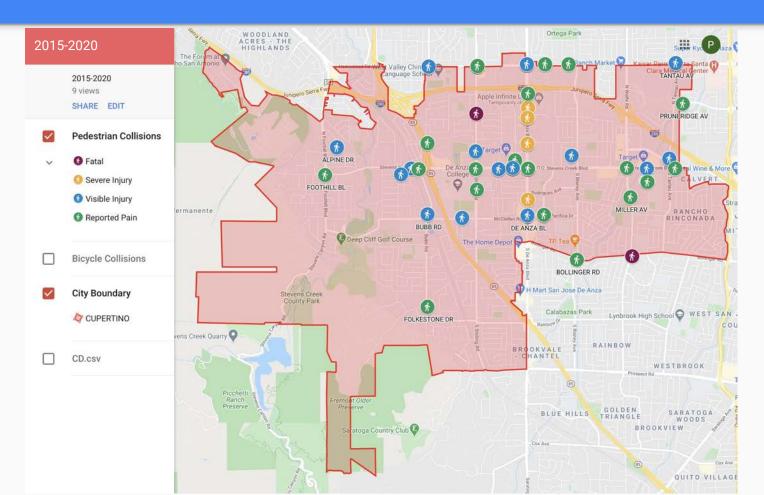
Using Google maps, the data was applied in the map format for easier human interpretation.

#### Data Analysis

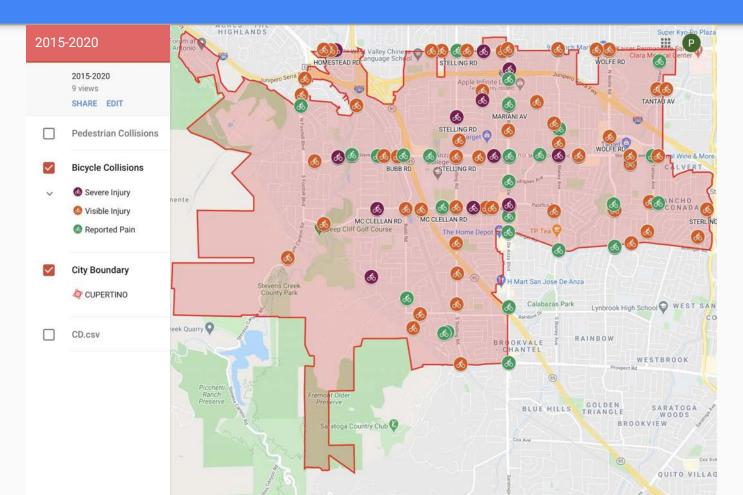
From the maps, data was interpreted and some conclusions were derived (in the following slides).



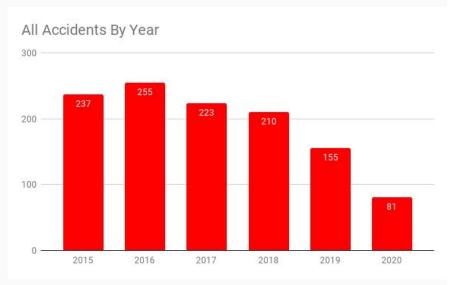
### Pedestrian Collisions Map

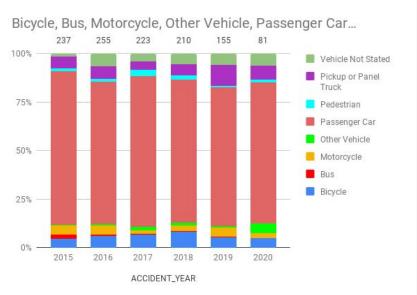


### **Bicycle Collisions Map**



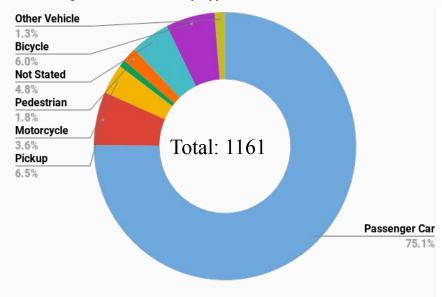
### All Collisions by Year and Type

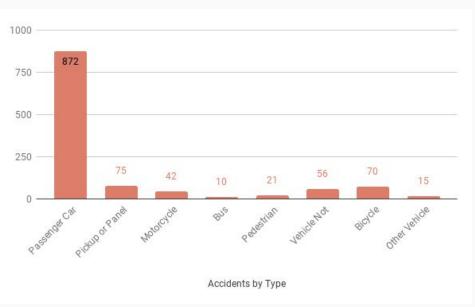




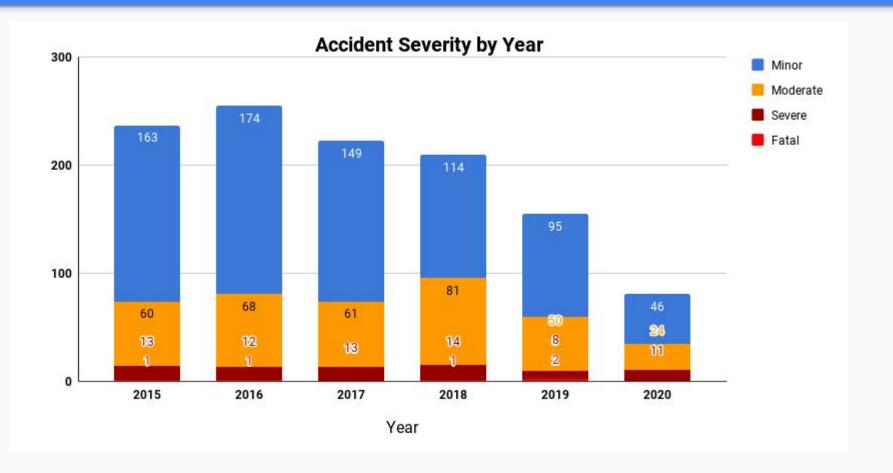
#### All Collisions by Type

#### Percentage of All Accidents by Type





## All Collisions Severity by Year



#### Cupertino Pedestrian Collisions by Street

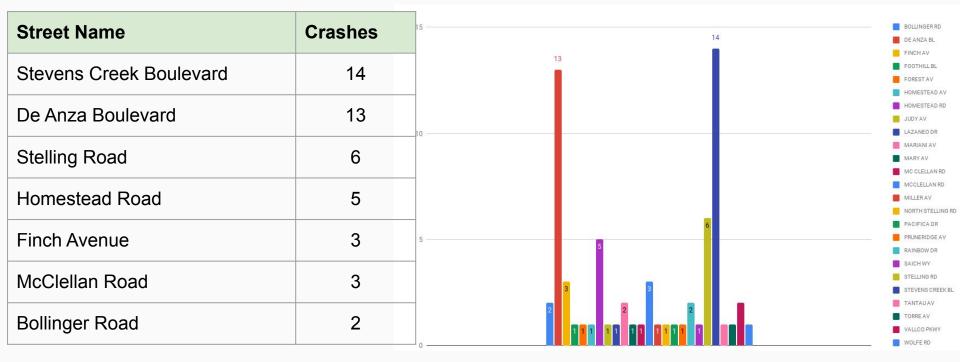
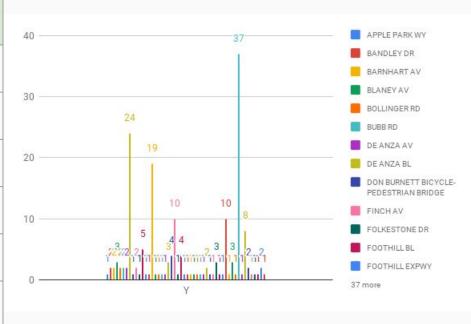


Table 6. Most frequent pedestrian collisions by Primary Street

### Cupertino Bicycle Collisions by Street

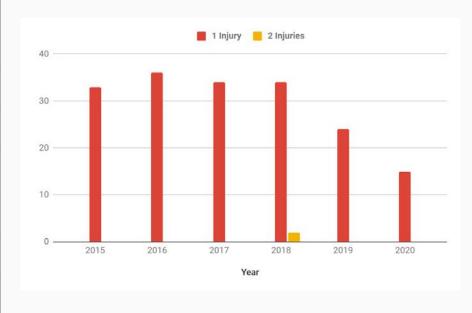
Street Name	Crashes
Stevens Creek Boulevard	37
De Anza Boulevard	24
Homestead Road	19
Stelling Road	10
McClellan Road	10
Tantau Avenue	8



Most crashes occur on major streets

## **Bicycle Collision Data**

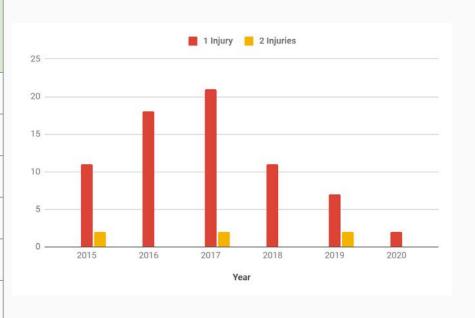
Year	Total Bicycle Collisions	1 Injury per incident	2 Injuries per incident
2015	11	11	0
2016	15	15	0
2017	15	15	0
2018	17	15	2
2019	8	8	0
2020	4	4	0
Total	70	68	2



<sup>\*</sup>No Fatalities Recorded in Data.

#### Pedestrian Collision Data

Year	Total Pedestrian Incidents	1 Injury per incident	2 Injuries per incident
2015	13	2	11
2016	18	0	18
2017	23	2	21
2018	11	0	11
2019	9	2	7
2020	2	0	2
Total	76	6	70



\*2 Fatalities

## Bicycle Collision Data: Percentages

Type Of Collision	Number of Collisions	Percentage of Total Collisions
Head-On	1	3.23%
Sideswipe	2	1.82%
Rear End	3	0.59%
Broadside	10	5.62%
Hit Object	5	4.59%
Overturned	6	17.14%
Vehicle/Pedestrian	2	2.30%
Other*	40	39.60%

<sup>\*</sup> Type not listed

## Pedestrian Collisions Data: Percentages

Type Of Incident	Number of Incidents	Percentage of Total Incidents
Head-On	0	0%
Sideswipe	0	0%
Rear End	0	0%
Broadside	0	0%
Hit Object	0	0%
Overturned	0	0%
Vehicle/Pedestrian	20	95.24
Other*	1	4.76%

<sup>\*</sup> Type not listed

#### **Highest Collisions By Location**

#### Intersections

- Stevens Creek(63)
- De Anza(45)
- Homestead(19)
- Wolfe(16)
- Bollinger(12)

#### Streets

- Stevens Creek(142)
- De Anza(111),
- Homestead(55),
- Stelling(40),
- Wolfe(38),
- o Bollinger(27)

#### Highways

- o I280S/B(126)
- o I280N/B(98)

#### Conclusions

# High Risk Corridors from the Previous Master Plan



Figure 14. High-injury corridors: From 2005 to 2014, 71 percent of pedestrian injury crashes occurred on eight corridors.

#### Conclusions from This Analysis

- The three corridors with the **highest number** of reported collisions(Bicycles and Pedestrian) were
  - Stevens Creek Boulevard (51)
  - De Anza Boulevard(37)
  - O Homestead Road (24).
- Stevens Creek and De Anza Boulevard both have higher volumes of auto traffic and vehicle speeds since they are larger main roads.
- Stelling Road is also a major corridor through Cupertino and prone to higher incidents(16).

#### **Next Steps**

- Add other vehicle types
- Sort by demographic
- Further clarification on accident severity
- Collision Cause(DUI, Reckless Driving, etc.)

# References

- Santa Clara County Police Dept.
- **SWITRS Website**
- 2016 Bike Transportation Plan
- 2018 Pedestrian Transportation Plan

# VTA BPAC Report

For Jan 13, 2021 meeting Erik Lindskog

# VTA Staff Report

- Darcy Paul is now on the VTA board representing the West Valley Cities
- Caltrans Pedestrian Plan for the Bay Area (District 4)
  - Main link: <a href="https://www.catplan.org/d4-draftPlan">https://www.catplan.org/d4-draftPlan</a>
  - District-4 link: <a href="https://www.catplan.org/district-4">https://www.catplan.org/district-4</a>
  - Open for public review until Feb 5, 2021.
- Caltrans Bicycle Highway Study
  - Purpose is to understand where bike highways can be installed along state highways
  - Survey link open for 6-8 weeks: <a href="https://sta.ca.gov/bike-highway-study-website-survey-launch/">https://sta.ca.gov/bike-highway-study-website-survey-launch/</a>

## VTA Board Governance Process Assessment

- 'RSM' (A consulting firm maybe?) recommendations included deleting the VTA BPAC
- However, the Board Enhancement Committee did not forward this recommendation to the Governance & Audit Committee (G&A).
- Next step is for G&A to forward recommendations to the VTA board.
- Still to be evaluated:
  - Consolidation of standing committees
- Process is expected to continue until mid 2021.

# Election of VTA BPAC Chair and Vice Chair

- Elected
  - Chair: Robert Neff (Palo Alto)
  - Vice chair: Stacy Banerjee (Los Altos Hills)

# 2016 Measure B Bicycle & Pedestrian Education & Encouragement FY2021 Program

Update on the 2016 Measure B Bicycle & Pedestrian Education & Encouragement (E&E) program

## **Projects:**

2016 Measure B Bicycle & Pedestrian Education & Encouragement Program FY2021 Projects

#### Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, San Jose, Saratoga, Sunnyvale. County & VTA

- SRTS events: pop-up demonstration, walking school bus, Walk n' Roll days, in-class bike/pedestrian education, parent train the trainer, helmet fittings
- · SRTS individual school program and activity plans development
- · Pre-K Education opportunities: Learn to Ride Balance Bikes
- · Grade 1: Advanced Pedestrian Training
- · Grade 2: Scooter Training and Traffic Understanding
- · Grade 3 & 4: Helmet Safety Training
- Grade 4: Bike Rodeo
- Grade 5 & 6: Middle School Cycling Proficiency
- . Grade 7 & 8: Train the Trainer on Helmet Safety
- · High School: Implementation into Life Fitness Course
- · SRTS teacher education, public meetings, online engagement & outreach Survey
- SRTS outreach & education standalone website, plans, maps, brochures and incentives

#### Marketing and Distribution of Incentives

Morgan Hill, San Jose, Sunnyvale, County & VTA

- Creation and distribution of marketing materials and incentives, such as citywide/countywide maps, bike helmets, bike lights, and/or reflective safety items.
- · Development of a Bicycle Friendly Business Program.

#### Community Engagement / Safety Education Programs

Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Palo Alto, Sunnyvale, County & VTA

- Mobility Information Kiosk E-Bike (M.I.K.E) Community Engagement Pilot at parks, schools and other public space.
- · Adult bicycle education classes
- · Adult education classes videos
- · Licensed Cycling Instructor training for community members
- · Vision Zero Safety Education Campaign
- · Bike/walk counts at specific hot spots
- Pedestrian safety: provide expanded crossing guard hours at schools

#### Special Bicycle/Pedestrian Events

Cupertino, Gilroy, Morgan Hill, San Jose

- · Bike valet at downtown weekly live events during summer
- · Bike to Work Day
- · Bike to School Day
- · Open Streets Events
- · Fall Bike Fests: develop bike challenges and purchase incentives
- · Family Fun Bike Night Event

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# 2016 Measure B Bicycle & Pedestrian Education & Encouragement Program

## 2016 Measure B Bicycle & Pedestrian Education & Encouragement Program Project Evaluation Metrics

Member Agencies must propose at least one metric per project based on the project goal(s). The 2016 Measure B Program Office identified four main categories of proposed metrics:

1. Project Reach

- Number of participants/volunteers
- · Number of schools/students/teachers/parents/staff/business participating
- · Number of views or downloads on the map/website/videos/flyers
- · Number of courses offered
- · Number of campaign goals and activities developed
- · Number of survey respondents
- Number of materials/incentives distributed

2. Behavioral or Attitude Change

Metrics:

- . Number/rates of parents/caregivers who would allow their students to actively commute to school, by school.
- · Before/after data of respondents' feedback on the safety education campaign
- · Participants have a more positive opinion of bicycling and feel more confident bicycling after taking courses
- · Pop-up survey from map asking viewers about how they use the map, bicycling habits, and if the map changed their behavior.
- · Rates of participants reporting 60 minutes of exercise or more and % of bicyclists, measured by post-event surveys
- · Collision analysis reporting

3. Mode Shift

- · Rates of students walking and biking to school
- · Number of bikes parked and percentage change over time
- · Number of pedestrians/cyclists counted at hot spots/nearby school intersections
- · Survey results of commuting mode change

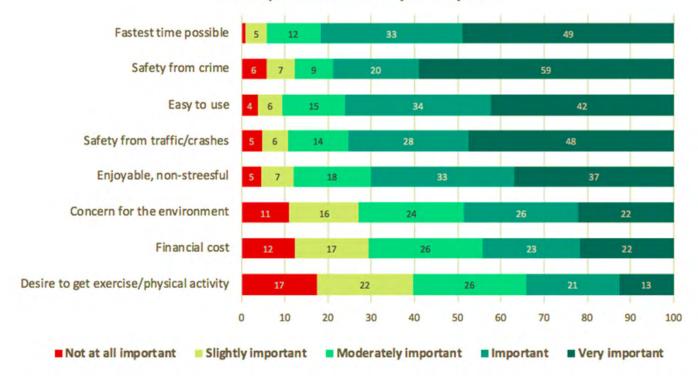
4. Equity

- · Number of SRTS activities offered per school
- Number of identified pick-up/drop-off locations or routes designed per school
- Number of visits/events per school/area
- Number of written testimonials letters of appreciation from institutional and school leaders

# Surveying Silicon Valley on Cycling, Travel Behavior, and Travel Attitudes 1(2)

Q: "Indicate how important each one is to you when you're deciding which form of transportation to use for your daily travel"

Some highlights of the content:



# Surveying Silicon Valley on Cycling, Travel Behavior, and Travel Attitudes 2(2)

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