

CRASHES AND COMMUNITIES OF CONCERN IN THE GREATER PHILADELPHIA REGION



KEY TERMS

KSI: killed and severe injury crashes

Vulnerable user: non-motorized road user

Communities of concern: a diverse cross-section of populations and communities that could be considered disadvantaged or vulnerable in terms of both current conditions and potential impacts of future growth

(Plan Bay Area 2040)

Indicators of potential disadvantage (IPD): an equity analysis tool developed by DVRPC



RESEARCH QUESTION

Do **communities of concern** in the region experience **severe traffic crashes** disproportionately and, if so, which populations are at the greatest risk and further, **where** is the impact most critical?



INDICATORS OF POTENTIAL DISADVANTAGE

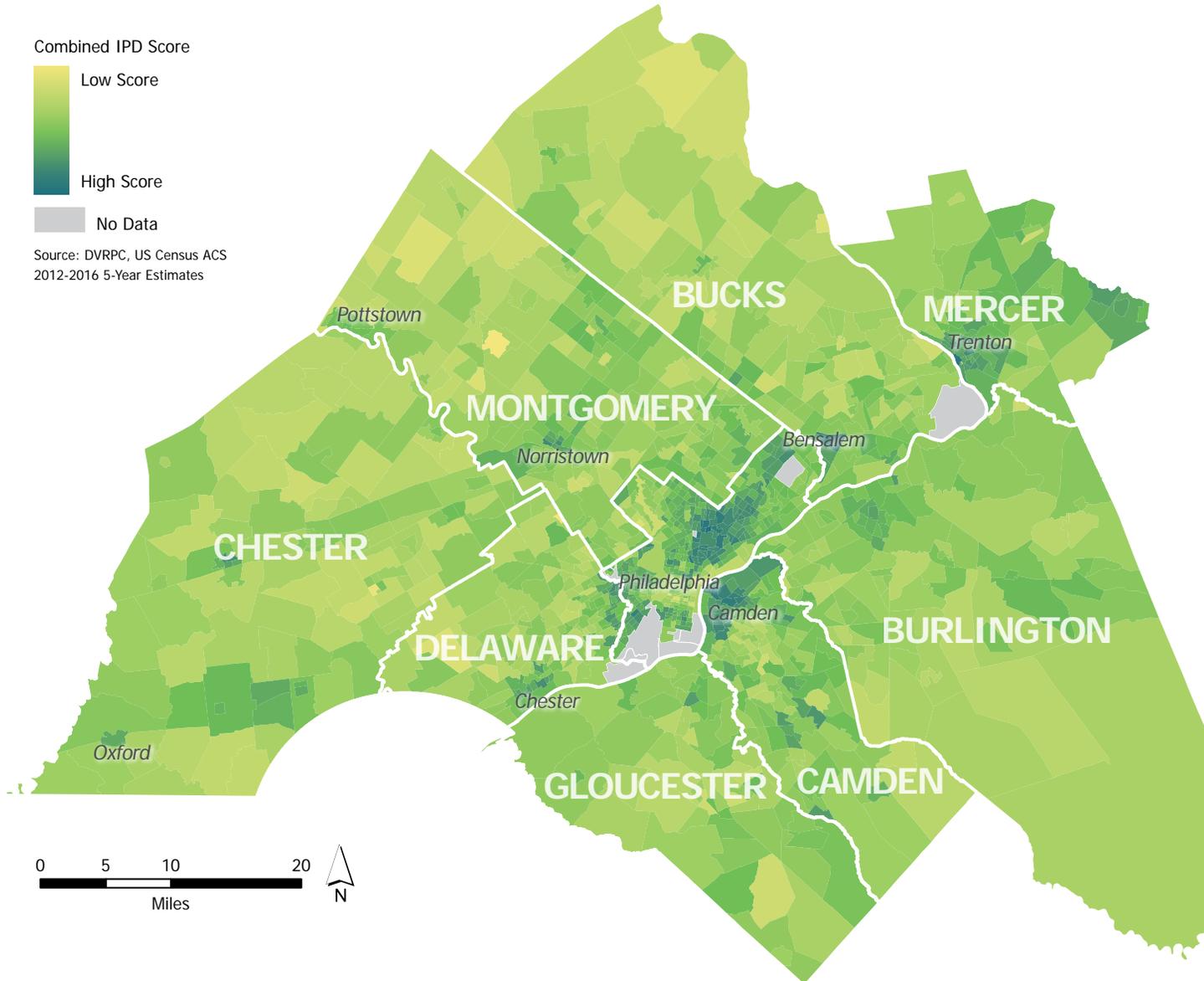
Combined IPD Score

Low Score

High Score

No Data

Source: DVRPC, US Census ACS
2012-2016 5-Year Estimates

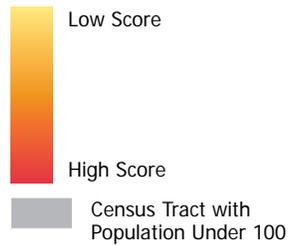


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- Ethnic Minority
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- Limited English Proficiency
- Disabled
- Low-Income

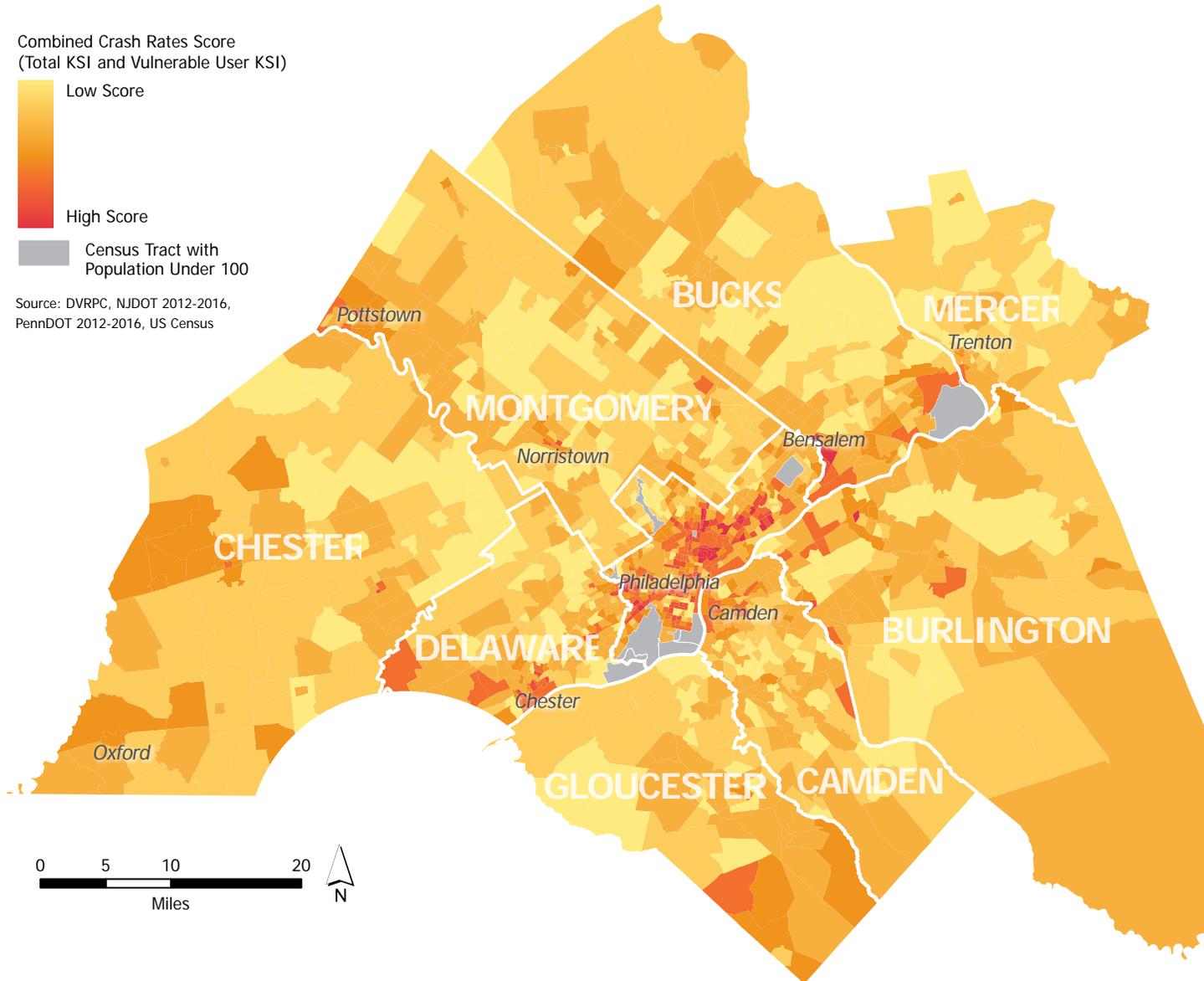


CRASH RATES

Combined Crash Rates Score
(Total KSI and Vulnerable User KSI)



Source: DVRPC, NJDOT 2012-2016,
PennDOT 2012-2016, US Census



Total KSI
normalized by
non-interstate VMT

Vulnerable User KSI
normalized by road miles



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IPD	Total KSI Rate	Vulnerable User KSI Rate
LOW-INCOME	0.44	0.49
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91% of census tracts where crash rates are above average are also above average for at least one correlated IPD



FAIRHILL

Collision Type

- Hit Fixed Object
- Angle
- Hit Pedestrian

Functional Classification

- ▬ Principal Arterial
- ▬ Minor Arterial
- ▬ Collector
- ▬ Local

Land Use Category

- Commercial
- Industrial
- Institutional
- Recreation
- Residential
- Undeveloped

 SEPTA Station

Sources: PennDOT; DVRPC, 2015

Potter-Thomas Elementary School

W Indiana Ave

N 5th St

Pan American Academy Charter School

W Cambria St

Fairhill Community High School

N 2nd St

Tissac A Sheppard Elementary School

W Somerset St

Julia De Burgos Elementary School

N Front St

Fairhill Square

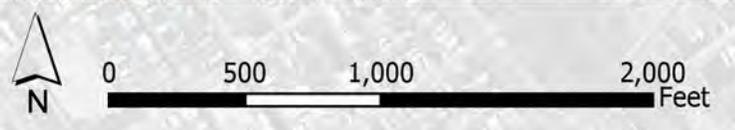
W Lehigh Ave

Temple University Hospital

Visitation BVM Catholic School

Huntingdon Station

Somerset Station



Aerial imagery: DVRPC, 2015







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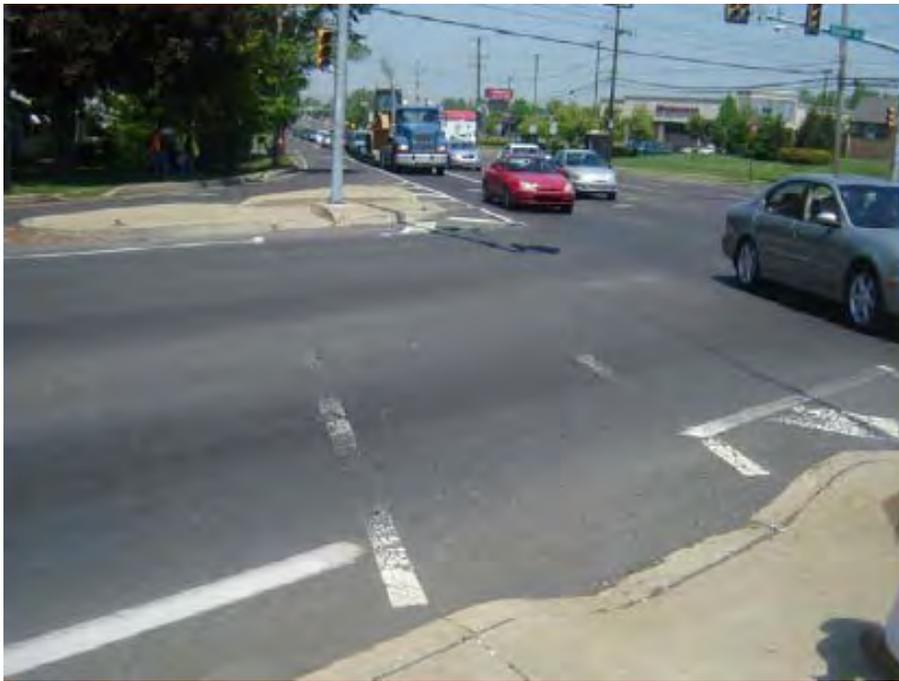
Recommendations:

- Consider **systemic safety measures** to slow traffic in communities of concern
- **Prioritize safety investments** that benefit communities of concern with traffic safety challenges



SYSTEMIC SAFETY MEASURES

Knights Road and Street Road Intersection, Before and After



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Chestnut Street Protected Bike Lane, Philadelphia, PA

Left Turning Vehicle Traffic Calming, Boston, MA



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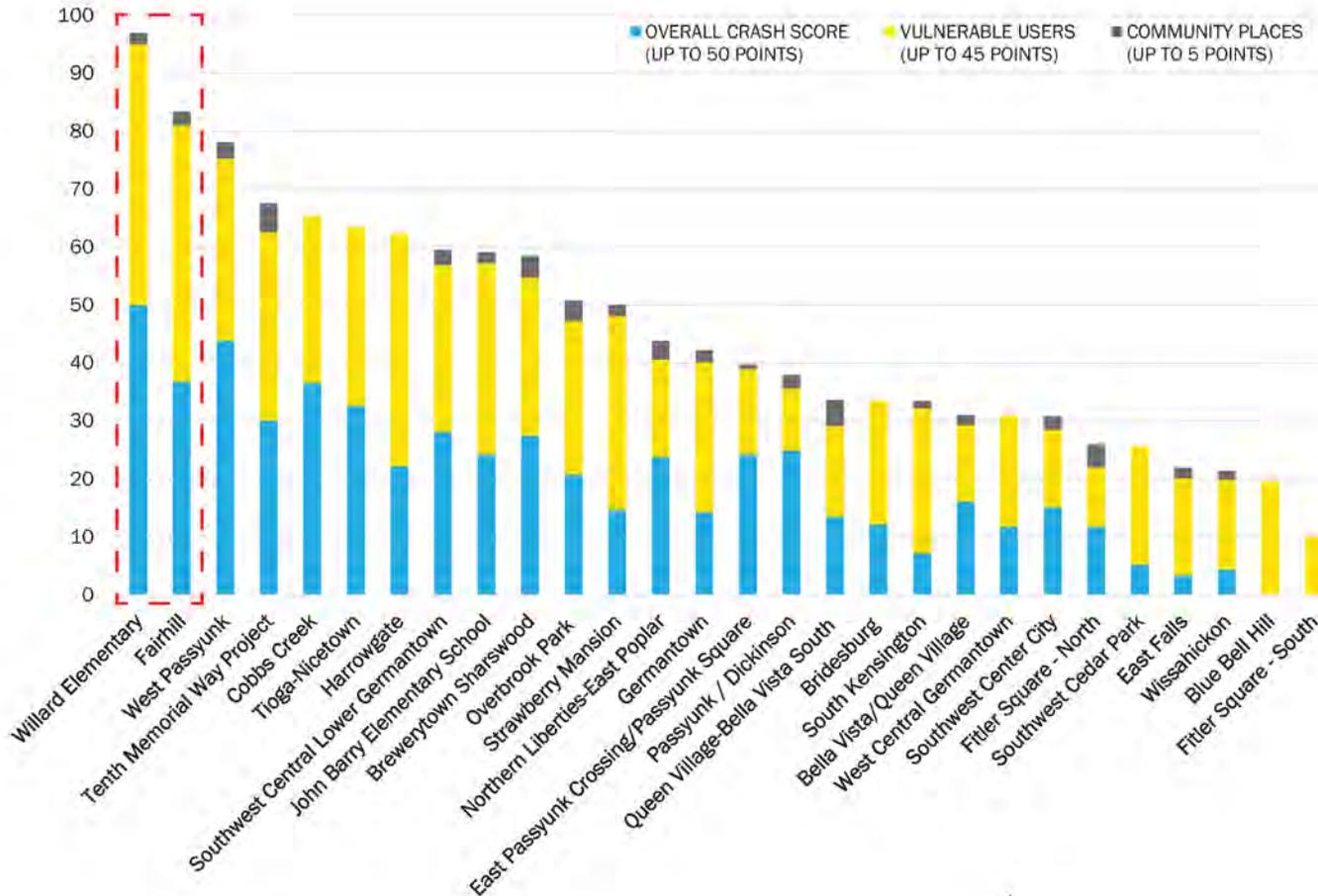
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 - » **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**



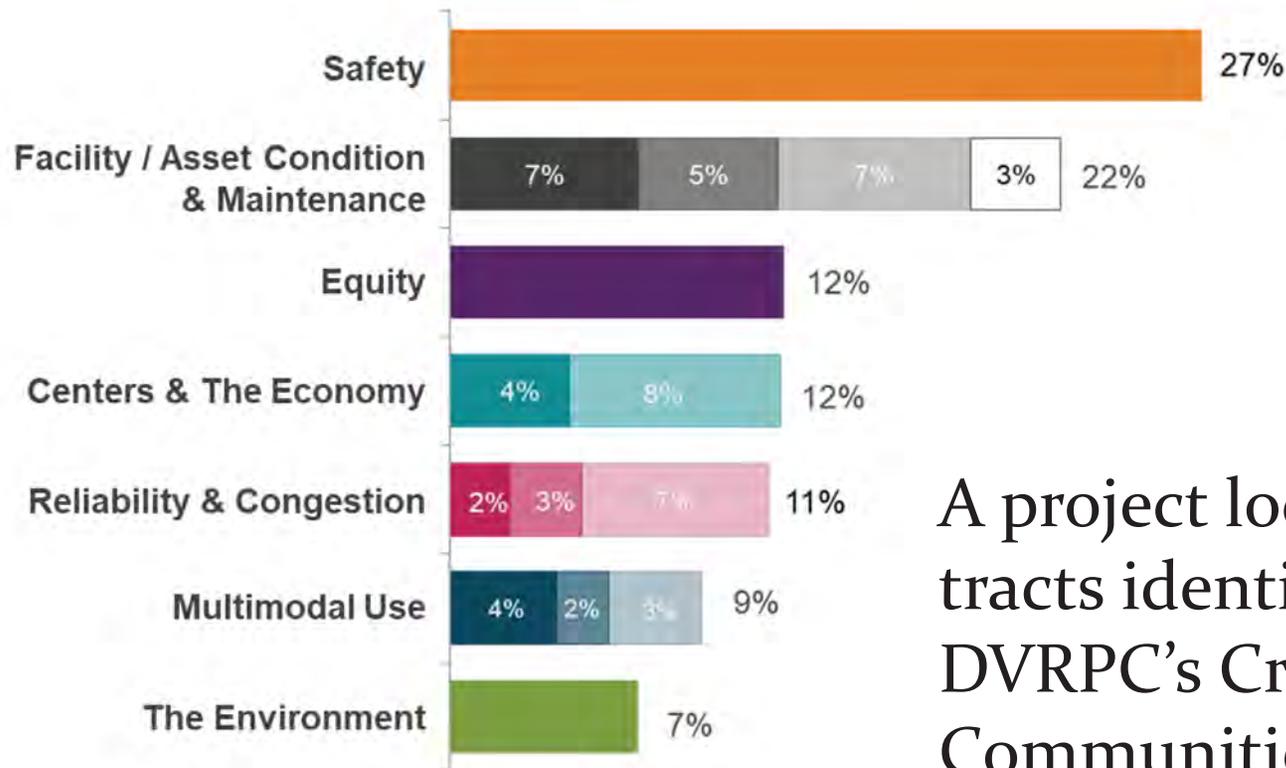
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- **Vision Zero Philadelphia Slow Zone Program** scoring criteria



TARGET SAFETY INVESTMENTS

- **TIP** Project Benefit Evaluation Criteria



A project located in a census tracts identified through DVRPC's Crashes and Communities of Concern analysis = **0.4 points**



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