



VISION ZERO
zero deaths • zero serious injuries

MONTANA DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION

House Joint Resolution #45 Bicycle & Pedestrian Paths

Stakeholder Work Session
December 10, 2019

Safety and Rules of the Road



Pedestrian Laws



State Laws

- 61-8-501: Pedestrians subject to traffic regulations.
- 61-8-502: Pedestrians' right-of-way in crosswalks – school children.
- 61-8-503: Crossing at other than crosswalks
- 61-8-509: Pedestrian's right-of-way on sidewalks



Bicycle Laws

Federal Law → State Law → Local Law

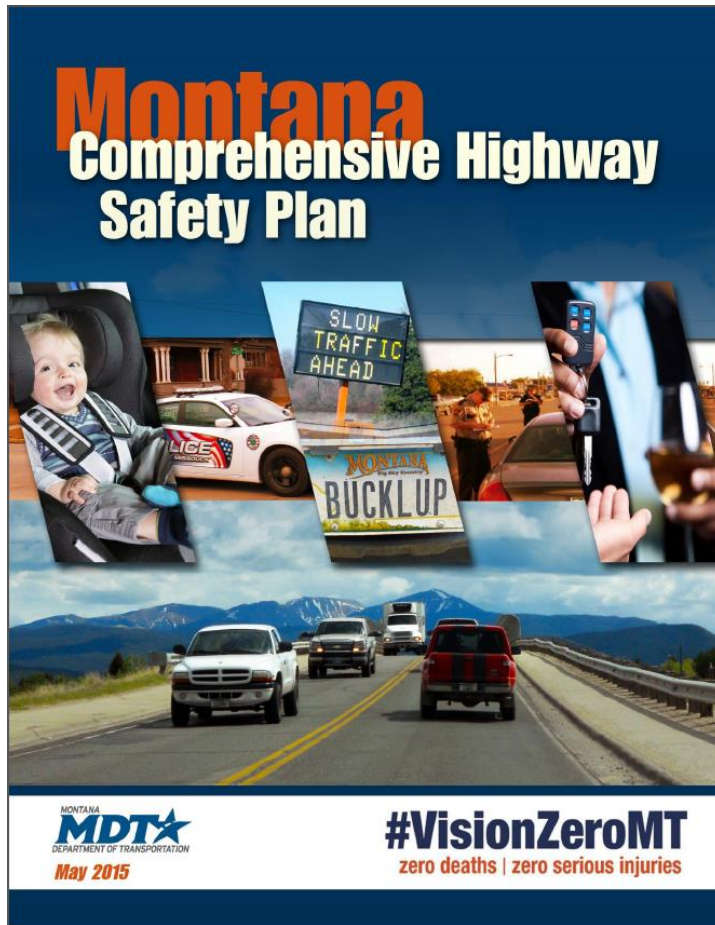
State Law

- 61-8-602: Traffic laws applicable to persons operating bicycles or mopeds.
- 61-8-605: Riding on roadways.
- 61-8-608: Bicycles or mopeds on sidewalks and bike lanes.
- 61-8-320: Right-of-way for bicycles.



Montana is one of 5 states that allows bicycles on ALL public roads

MDT's Commitment to Safety

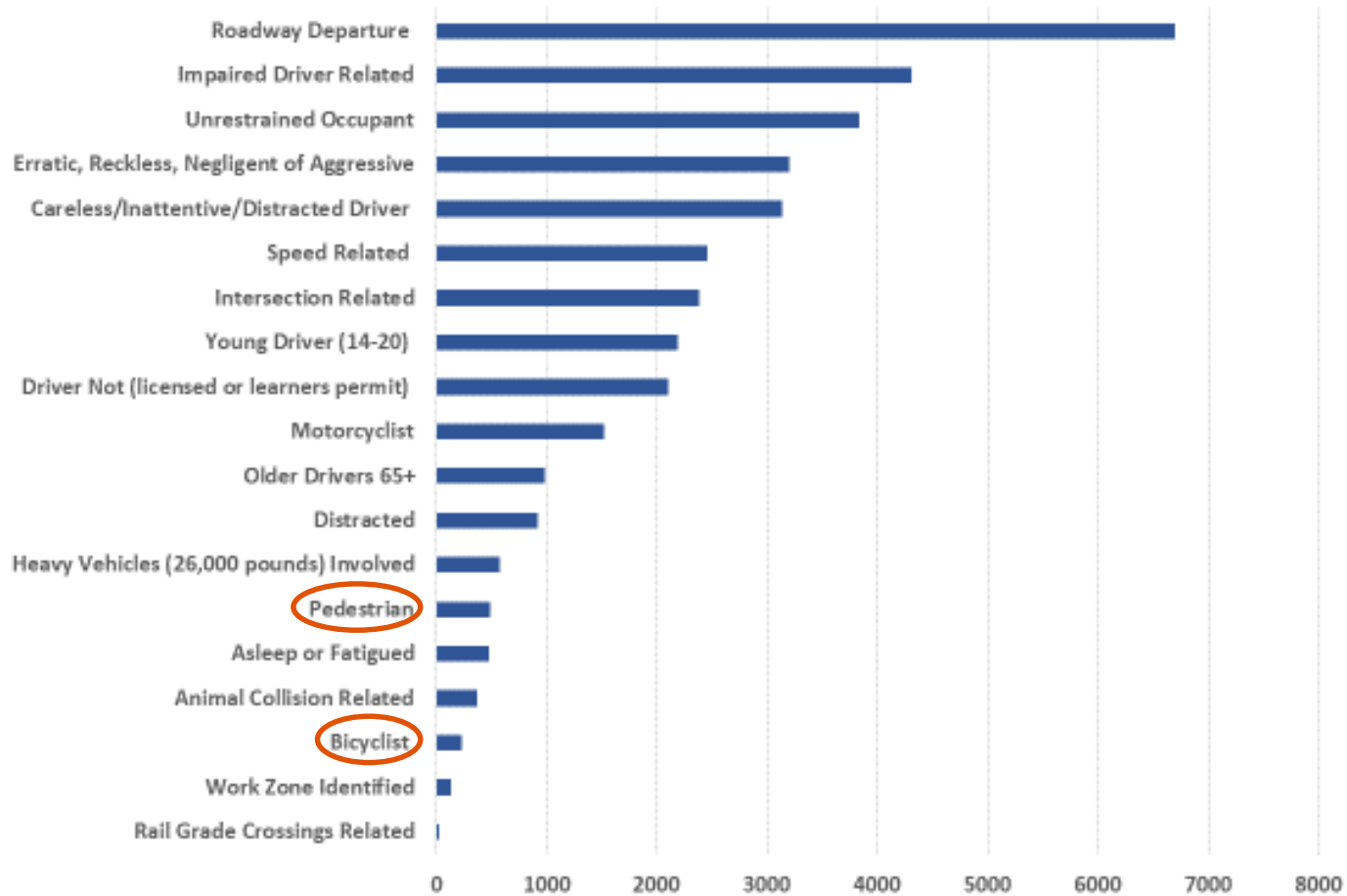


Montana Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan

- Federal mandate for all states
- A collaborative, data-driven approach to achieve VisionZero
- Multiple state, local, and tribal agencies and various stakeholder partnership

MDT's Commitment to Safety

Key Factors, Average Fatalities and Suspected Serious Injuries,
2009-2018



Montana Statistics

On average, non-motorized users make up 7% of all Fatal/Serious Injuries in Montana Crashes

2018	Fatalities	Serious Injuries
Montana	182	770
Pedestrians	15	42
Bicyclists	2	17

Montana Statistics

5-Year Average (2014-2018)

Pedestrian Fatalities and SI crashes have an upward trend.

- 60% were in an urban area
- 29% occurred at intersections
- 52% occurred at night

Bicyclist Fatalities and SI crashes have a downward trend

- 79% were in an urban area
- 61% occurred at intersections
- 19% occurred at night

Safety

- Safe Motorized and Non-Motorized Interactions Rely on:
 - Visibility
 - Staying Alert
 - Obeying Traffic Signals
 - Looking for Traffic in ALL Directions

Same Roads.
Same Rules.
Same Rights.



MDT's Commitment to Safety

- TranPlanMT
 - Safety is considered in EVERY project
- CHSP
- Training
- Education and Resources
- Collaboration
- Community outreach and technical support
- Bike and Pedestrian Coordinator Position



Conclusion

- Commitment to VisionZero
- Education of all users is critical to changing behavior and improving safety
- Focused Approach allows for Montana to make the greatest difference.