

09-09-2020 Town Council Meeting
Responses to Council Questions #1

ITEM #7: Adopt a Resolution Supporting a Grant Application to the Governor's Highway Safety Program

Council Question:

It's great to see this grant application and the thorough analysis of the safety issues in our community. In the grant on page 10, figure 2 shows that the number of ped-involved crashes more than doubled between 2014 and 2016 and has remained higher ever since. Do we know what happened in that time period to cause such a significant increase?

Staff Response:

This is actually a typo in the Plan; thank you for bringing it to our attention! The number for 2014 should be 24, including both Chapel Hill and UNC pedestrian crashes. While there is still an increase in crashes between 2014/2015 and 2016/2017, the jump isn't as significant and is within the expected variance for that time period. The Town pedestrian crashes in 2019 were back down to 2014/2015 levels (17); we do not have the UNC crash data handy.