

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Update

Chapel Hill Town Council Meeting

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Agenda

Overview of Existing Bike-Ped
Safety Initiatives

Recent Crashes

Town Response

Next Steps/Upcoming Projects

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Staff Bike-Ped Team



Watch for Me NC

- Statewide bike and pedestrian safety program
- Chapel Hill has participated for 12 years
- Tabling at special events
- Bike-ped specific training for police
- Crosswalk enforcement efforts

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Governors Highway Safety Program



- Speed and crosswalk enforcement operations
- 4x monthly
- Paired with variable message boards

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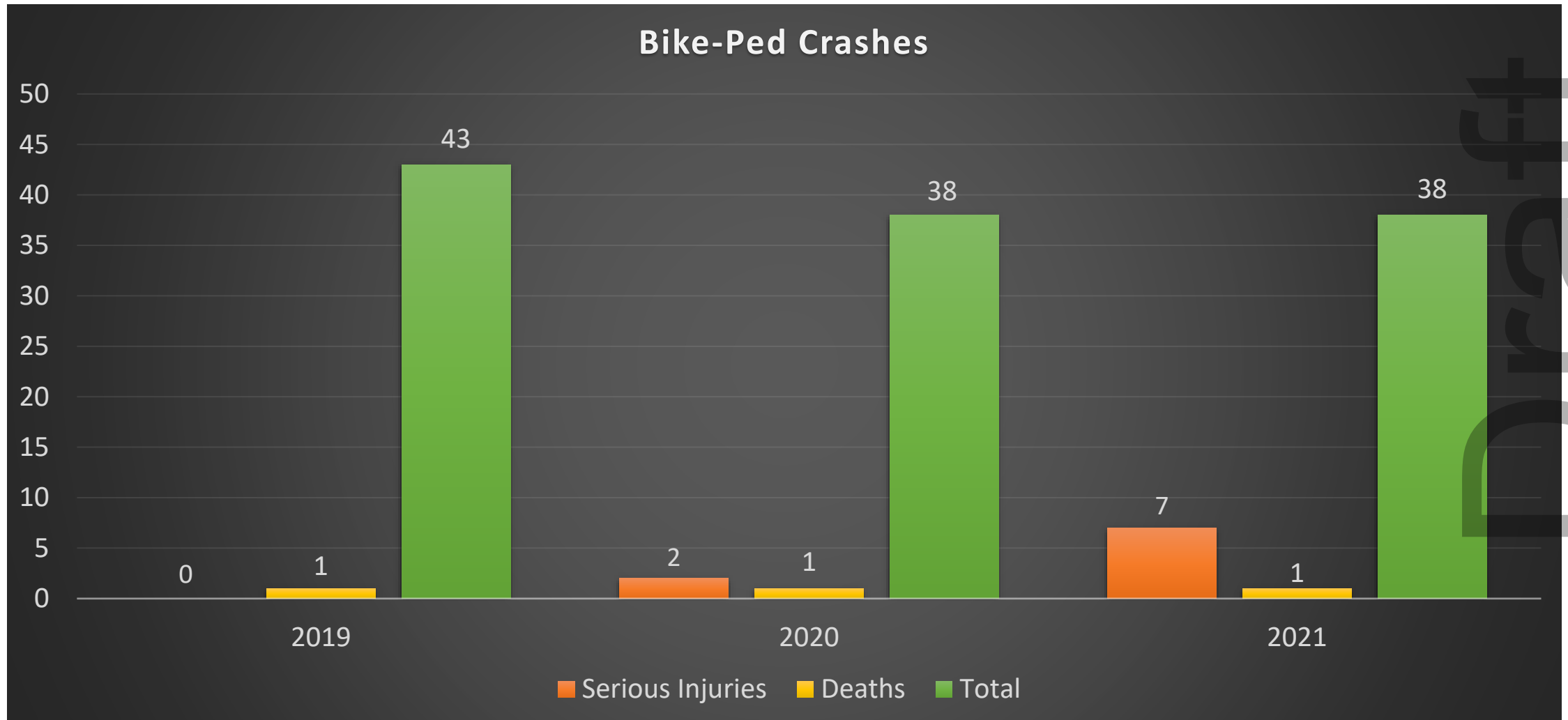
Vision Zero



- Systems approach to road safety
- Data analysis
- Small scale safety improvements
- Crosswalk enforcement
- Community-wide support and involvement



Crash History



Town Response - Enforcement

Chapel Hill Police increase pedestrian safety enforcement: 'If you fail to yield, you will be charged'



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Town Response – Safety Improvements



- RRFBs at Caswell/Estes and Somerset/Estes
- Speed display signs at edges of school zone
- Check lighting, vegetation, paint near crosswalks
- RRFB at Granville/Estes

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Next Steps

- Coordinate with NCDOT on speed safety study on Estes Drive
- NCDOT evaluate locations for Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPIs)
- Work with Highway Safety Research Center on additional safety studies, data collection, and effective crosswalk treatments
- Continue to implement small scale pedestrian improvements in Town



Upcoming Projects



- Estes Drive Connectivity Project
- W. Franklin St. bike lanes
- Homestead Rd. multiuse path and bike lanes
- Seawell School Rd. sidewalk
- Ephesus Church Rd. bike lanes
- Fordham Sidepath