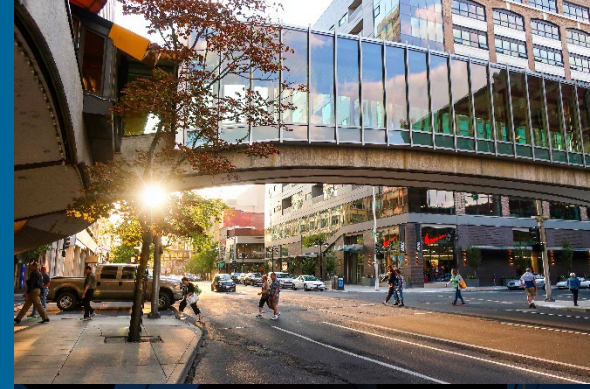




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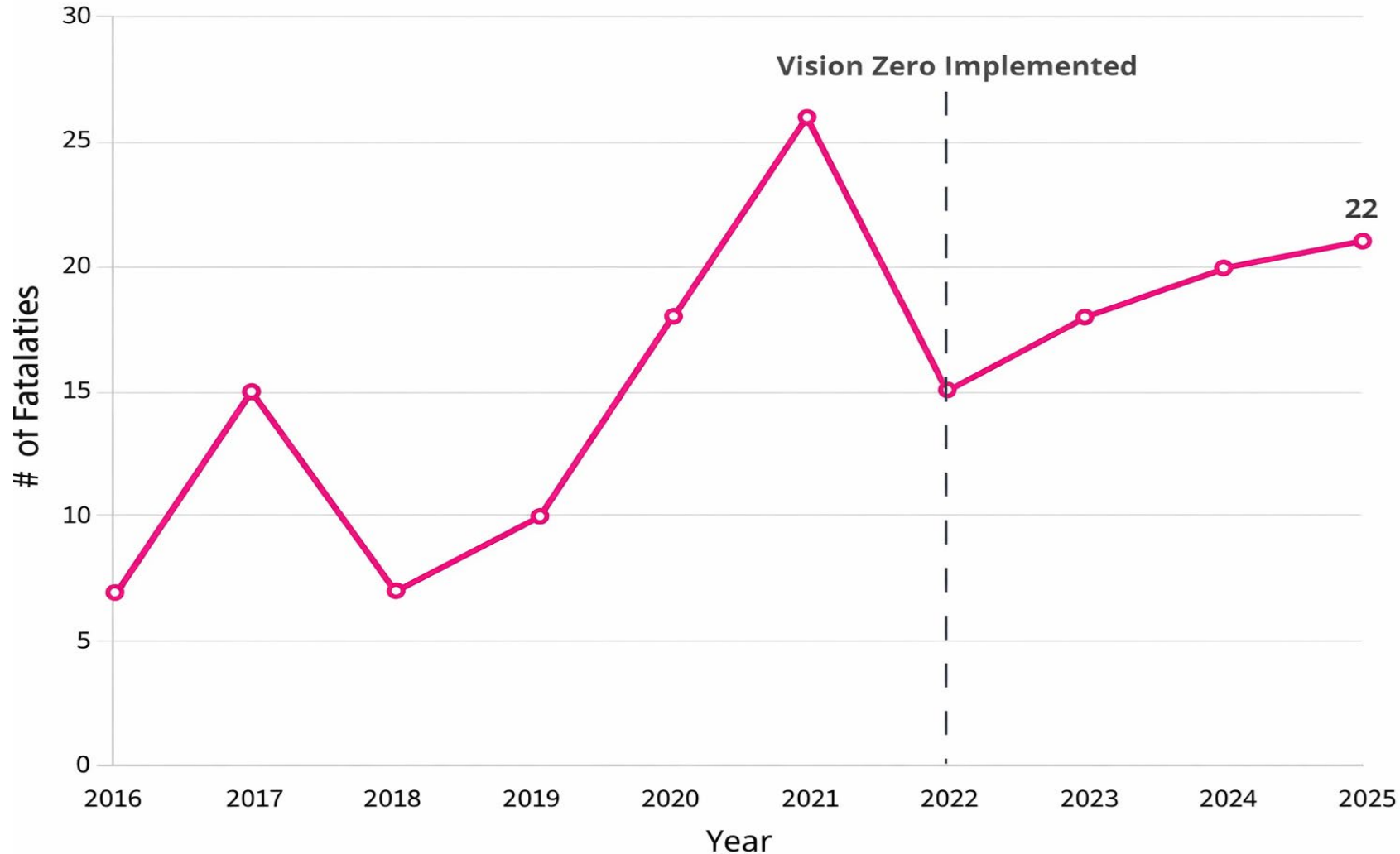
Emergency Streets Spokane Pilot Program

Nicole White, Program Coordinator





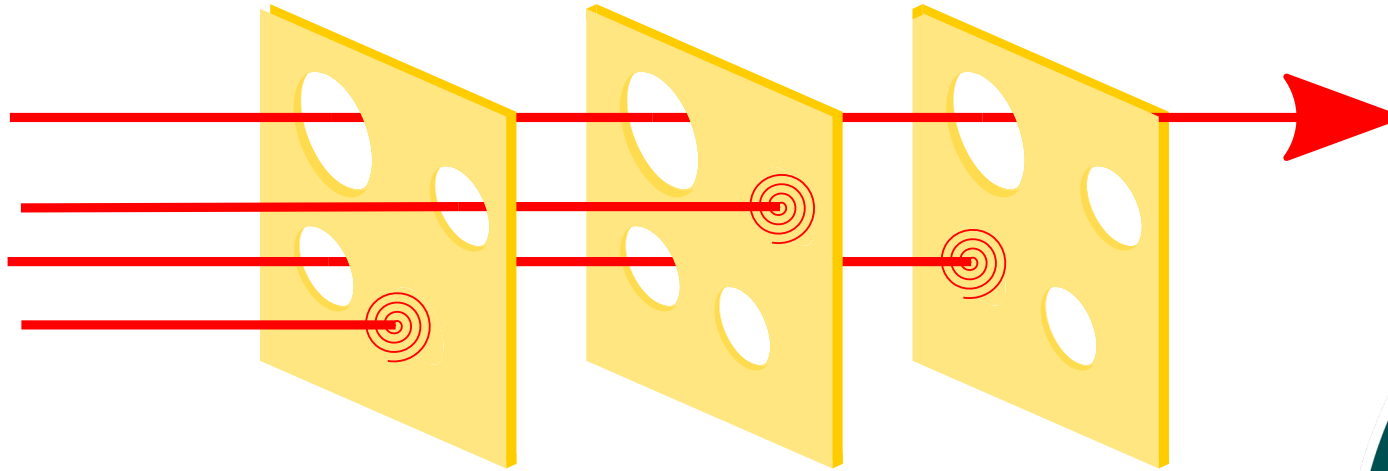
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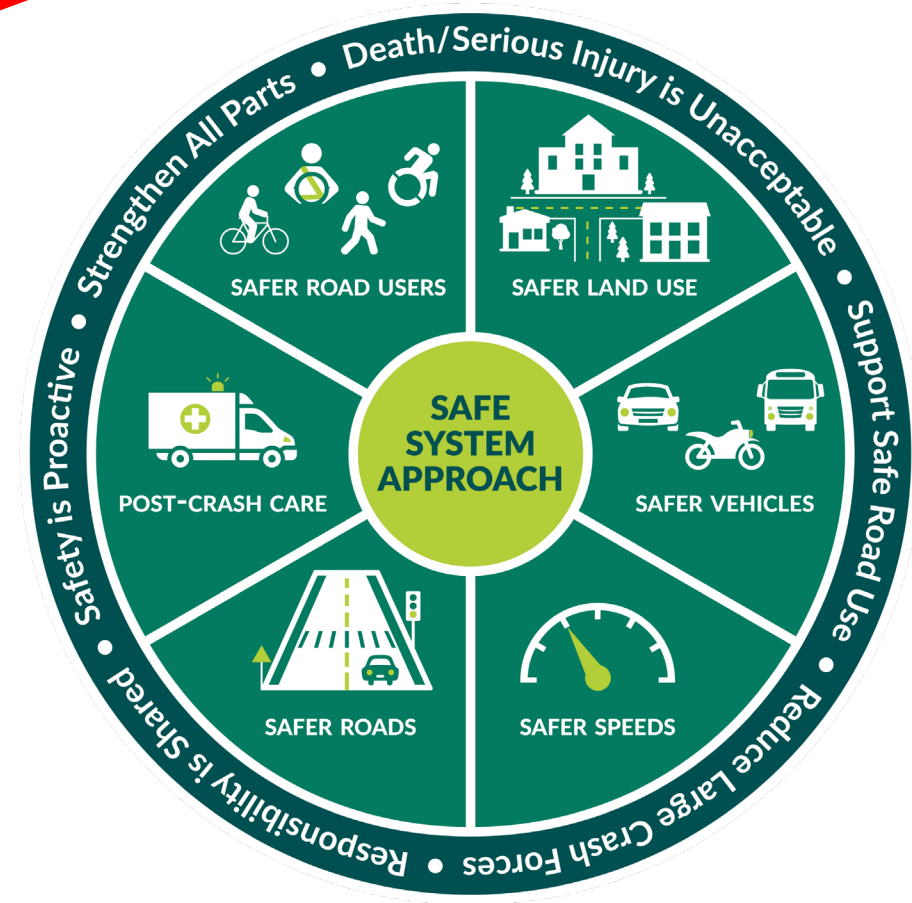
**More than 100
traffic fatalities
since 2021**

**11 fatalities to
date in 2026**

Layers of Prevention and Protection



- Spokane Safe Streets for All – Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program
- Quick-Build Program
- Safe Routes to Schools
- 27x2027 Bicycle and Pedestrian Network
- Automated Traffic Enforcement
- Spokane Police Department Traffic Unit
- Traffic Fatality Review Program
- Shared Streets, Festival Streets & Play Streets
- Lane Reallocations
- Multimodal Investment



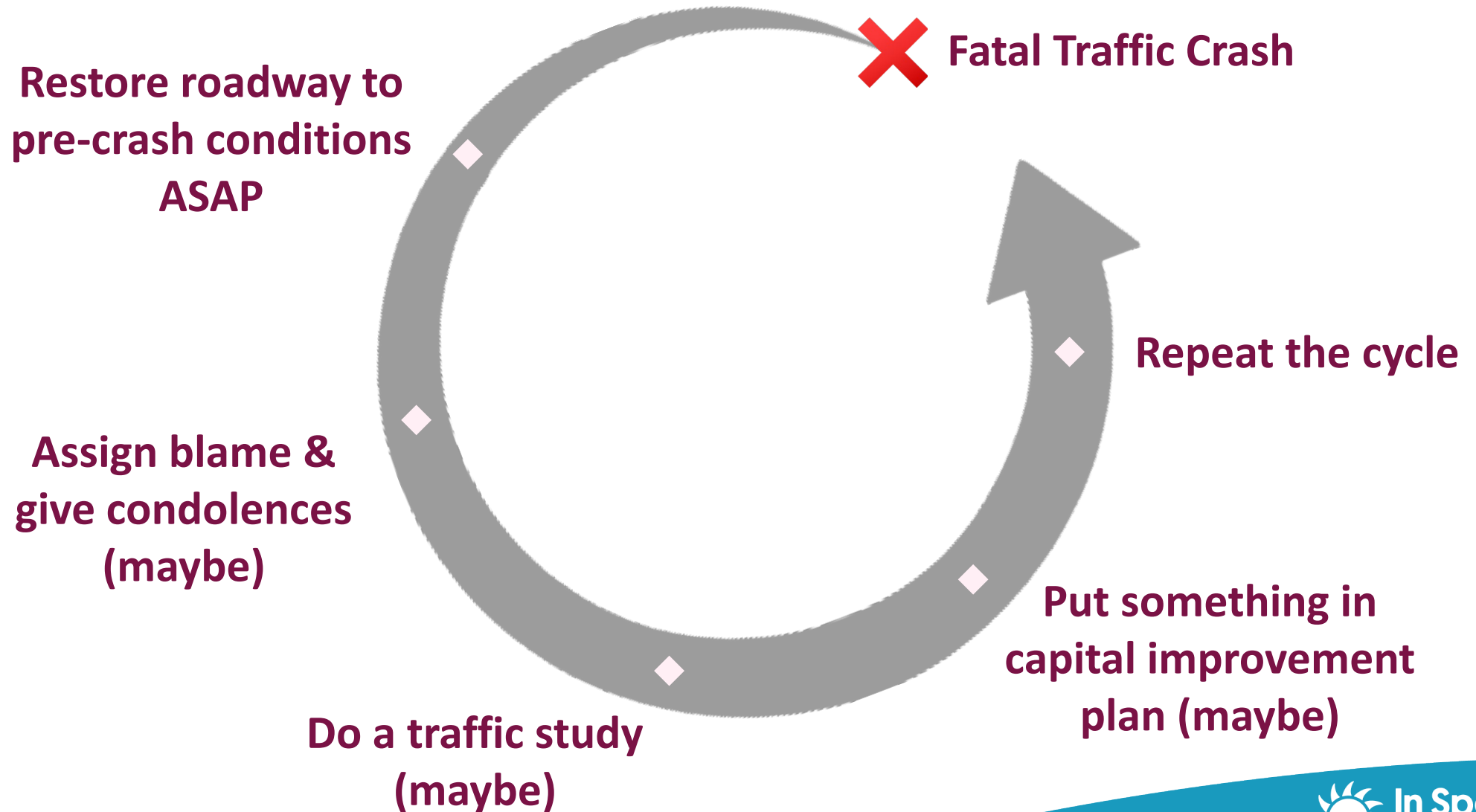
What is Emergency Streets?



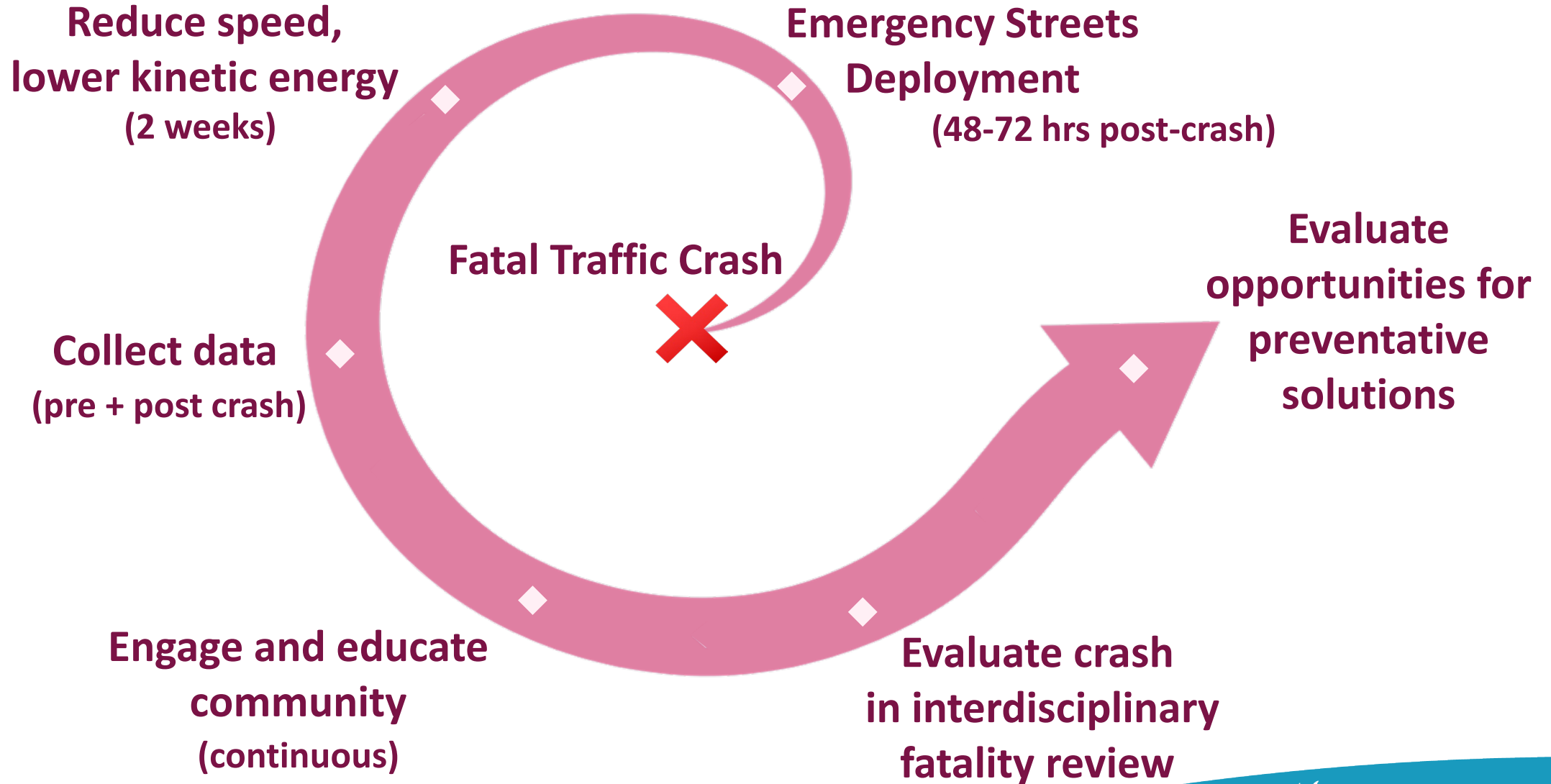
- A rapid, visible response to fatal traffic crashes
- Treats fatal crashes as a public health emergency
- Two-week deployments of temporary traffic-calming measures to immediately reduce vehicle speeds
- Community education and outreach

Framework developed by Dr. Kevin Krizek and Tila Duhaime

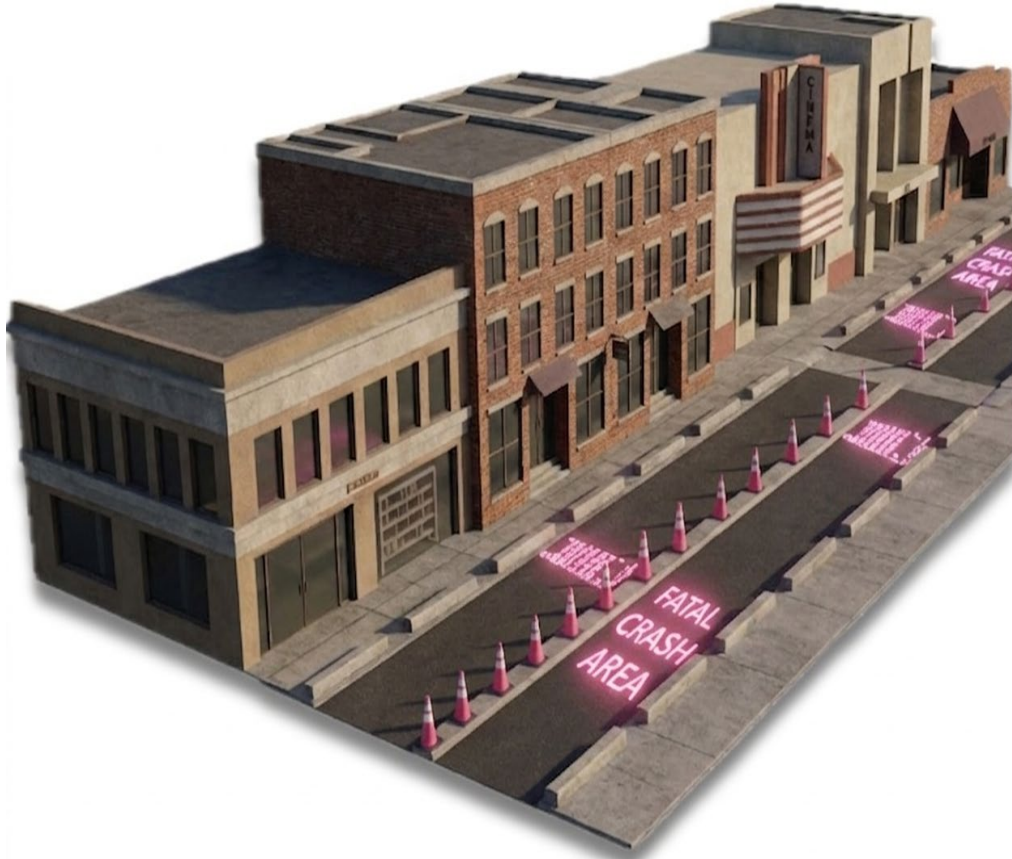
Typical Fatal Crash Response



Exiting the Cycle with Emergency Streets



Spokane Emergency Streets - Pilot Goals



- Develop Spokane-specific Emergency Streets protocol
- Complete up to 6 deployments (June 2026-June 2027)
- Conduct community outreach, education, and surveys
- Evaluate efficacy of protocol and deployments
- Develop and publish toolkit and protocol that can be adapted for use by other jurisdictions

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Overview of Deployment Elements



Traffic Cones



Signage

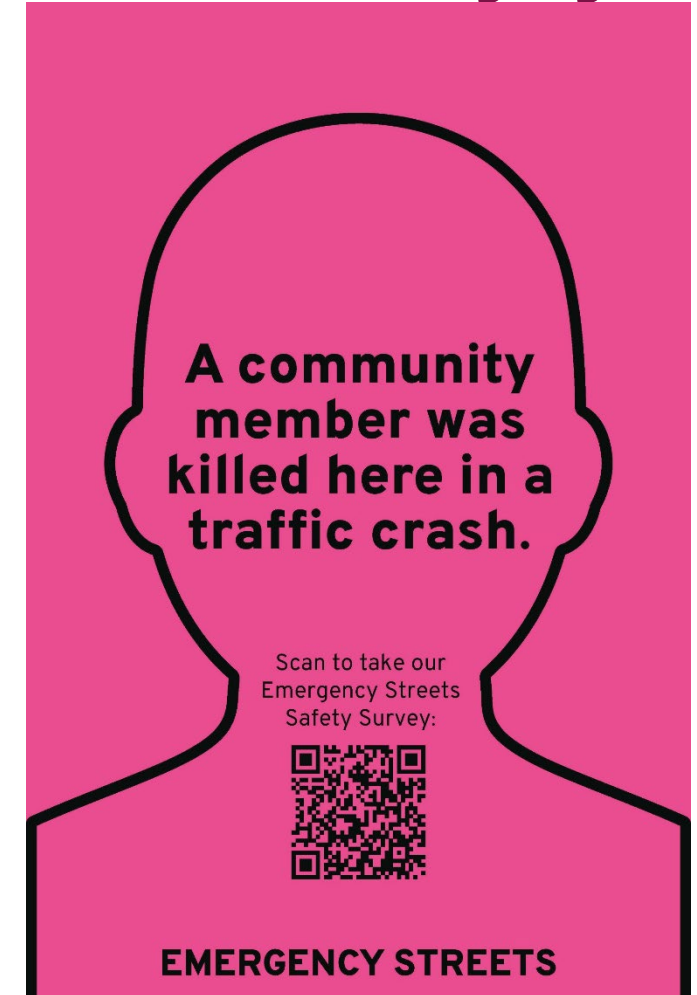
ZONE
CRASH
FATAL

Roadway Stencil

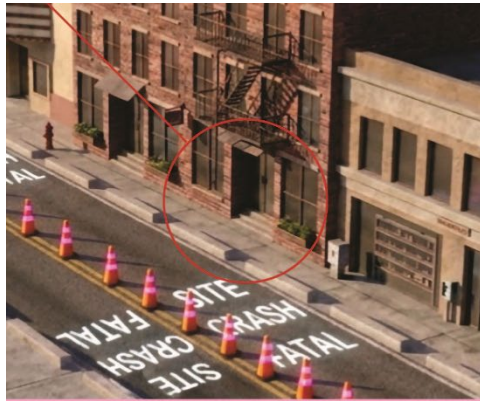


Mobile Speed
Feedback Sign

Human Scale Signage



Education & Outreach



— ATTENTION — EMERGENCY STREETS NOTICE

Emergency Streets is a rapid-response traffic calming intervention deployed after a fatal traffic crash.

Spokane has a plan.
Spokane is responding.

Here's what that means for you →

spokanecity.org/streets/emergencystreets

We lost a community member in a traffic crash.

Here's how the City of Spokane is responding:



Temporary
Traffic Calming
for 14 Days



Raising
Awareness

Help us create safe streets.
Scan to take our
Emergency Streets Safety Survey



Supported with funding from Spokane Regional Health District and the Washington Traffic Safety Commission

- Direct outreach to local community groups
- Doorhangers in the vicinity of deployments
- Utility billing mailers (81K customers)
- Community Update Newsletter (45k+ subscribers)
- Public Service Announcements, visual and audio
- Paid digital and print promotion
- Social media

Evaluating Emergency Streets Efficacy

- StreetVision - Traffic operating speeds, hard braking events, hard acceleration events, distraction
 - Validation with additional traffic data collection – Rhythm Engineering camera
- Community Traffic Safety and Pilot Program Survey

**2 Months Prior to
Deployment**

**2 Weeks During
Deployment**

**2 Months Post-
Deployment**



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