

# East Providence Safety Action Plan FACT SHEET

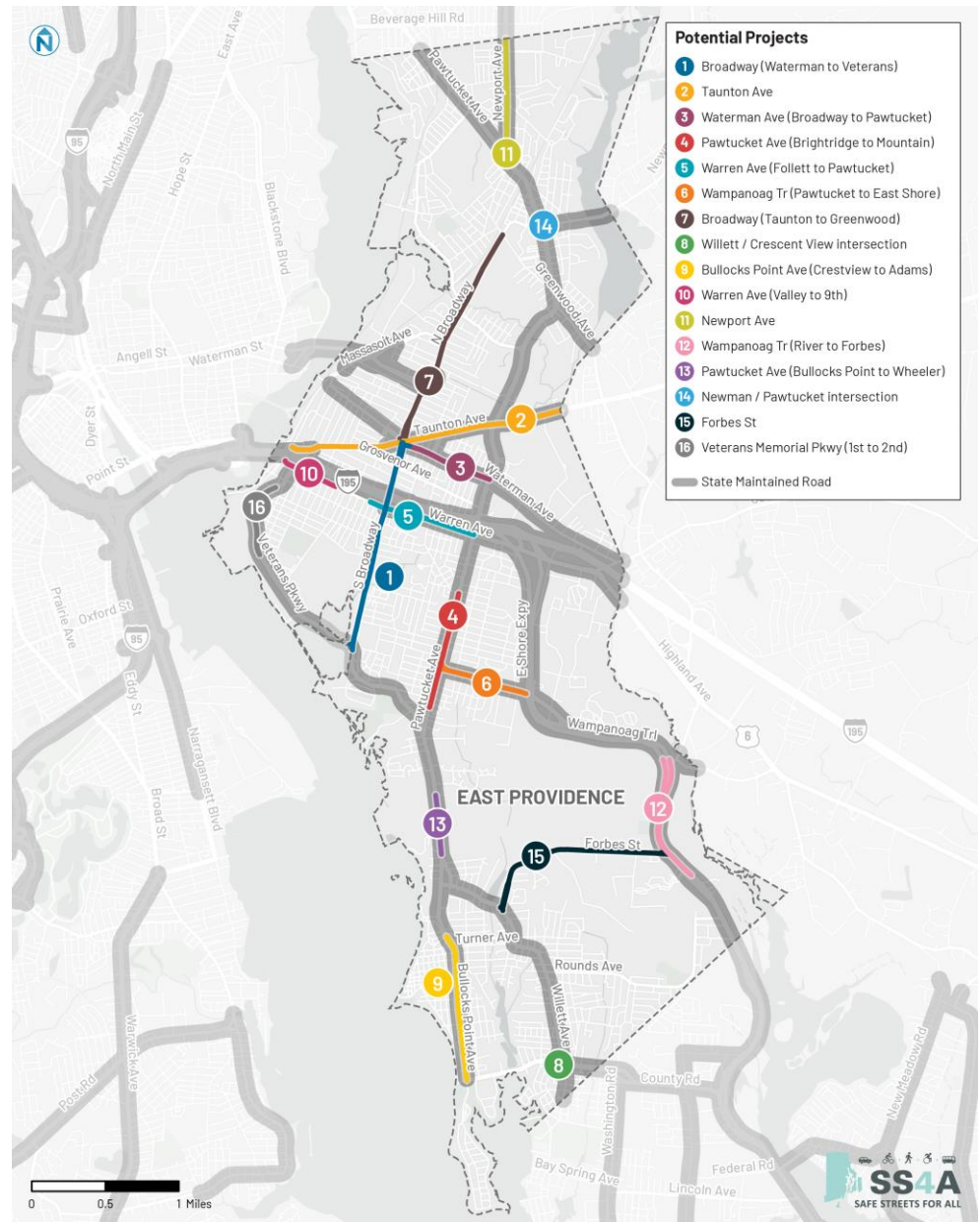


East Providence's Safety Action Plan is a roadmap to a transportation system where no one is killed or seriously injured on roadways within the community.

East Providence is committed to a goal of *zero fatal or serious injury crashes on all roads by 2045*. Recognizing the urgency of road safety and the need to *create a shared culture of safety responsibility*, Cranston also commits to a goal of a 75% reduction in fatal and serious injury crashes by 2030.

The East Providence Safety Action Plan outlines 16 projects that could *proactively address street safety trends* and position the town for *future state and federal project grant funds*.

*This map shows the top 16 project locations East Providence is prioritizing to improve safety in the locations with the most injuries and fatalities.*



The development of East Providence's Safety Action Plan was a year-long planning process involving many local stakeholders and community members.

- Over 200 East Providence community members were engaged through the public outreach process, consisting of 4 community pop-up events, 6 stakeholder meetings, and an online survey.
- Community members highlighted themes including: missing crosswalks, speed management and lack of yielding from drivers, improved lighting on state-owned roads, pavement and sidewalk maintenance, and access across barriers like Veterans Memorial Parkway and Henderson Bridge.
- The Plan identifies 6 key town-specific road safety goals that connect to broader community priorities and the Safe Systems Approach; these goals will guide safe streets policy, program, and planning work moving forward.

This Plan was funded by a federal Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant awarded to the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) in 2022. The funding supported state and municipal efforts to plan for infrastructure, policies, and programs that will prevent injuries and save lives. RIPTA collaborated with 31 municipalities, including East Providence, to develop Safety Action Plans

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Why does East Providence need a Safety Action Plan?

East Providence has resolved that **even one death or serious injury is unacceptable.**

# 7,893

Crashes were reported in East Providence from 2019 to 2023.



# 1,427

Crashes involved at least one injury, including **63 resulting in serious injury or death.**



While state-owned roads make up a small portion of East Providence's roadway (18%), they account for

# 48%

of East Providence's crashes resulting in serious or fatal injury.



Human behavioral factors - including drivers operating under the influence or unrestrained - were factors commonly involved in serious injury crashes



Despite being involved in less than 1% of all crashes,

**people walking were involved in 27%** of crashes that resulted in death or serious injury.



When normalized for population, East Providence has the **3rd highest fatal and serious injury crash rate** involving people walking among all municipalities in Rhode Island.

The Safety Action Plan is rooted in a Safe System Approach, which *prioritizes human safety*. Anticipating mistakes and acknowledging human vulnerability, the Safety Action Plan offers five strategies to *reduce crash likelihood and minimize severity when crashes do occur*.

### 01

Deaths and serious injuries on our roads are unacceptable

**SAFE SYSTEMS APPROACH**

### 02

Humans make mistakes



### 03

Humans are vulnerable



Post-crash Care

### 04

Responsibility is shared



Safer Roads

### 05

Safety is proactive



Safer People



Safer Speeds

### 06

Redundancy is crucial



Safer Vehicles