

# SS4ALL Grant Program

*Safe Streets 4 - Newtown, CT*



# About the Grant Program - Summary

## SS4A is aimed at

- Reducing roadway deaths and serious physical injury accidents
- Supported by crash data

## Administered by

U.S. Department of Transportation

## 2 Types of Grants

- Planning and Demonstration
- Implementation

# Safe Streets For All (SS4A) Grant Types:



## Action Plan Grant:

- Assists communities without Vision Zero Plan
- Lays foundation for comprehensive planning



## Implementation Grant:

- Provides funding to implement developed strategies
- Executes on systemwide community projects

# Qualifying

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## Challenge 1

### Eligibility

- Local governments (cities, towns, counties)
- Regional entities like Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)
- Federally recognized Tribal governments
- Multi-jurisdictional groups of the above entities

## Challenge 2

### Funding Scope

- 80/20 match  
80k grant  
20k Newtown Funds

## Challenge 3

### Significant Roadway Issues and the DATA to support it?

Focus on reducing fatalities and serious injury accidents.

(pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, transit users, etc.)

# Overall Process



# The team

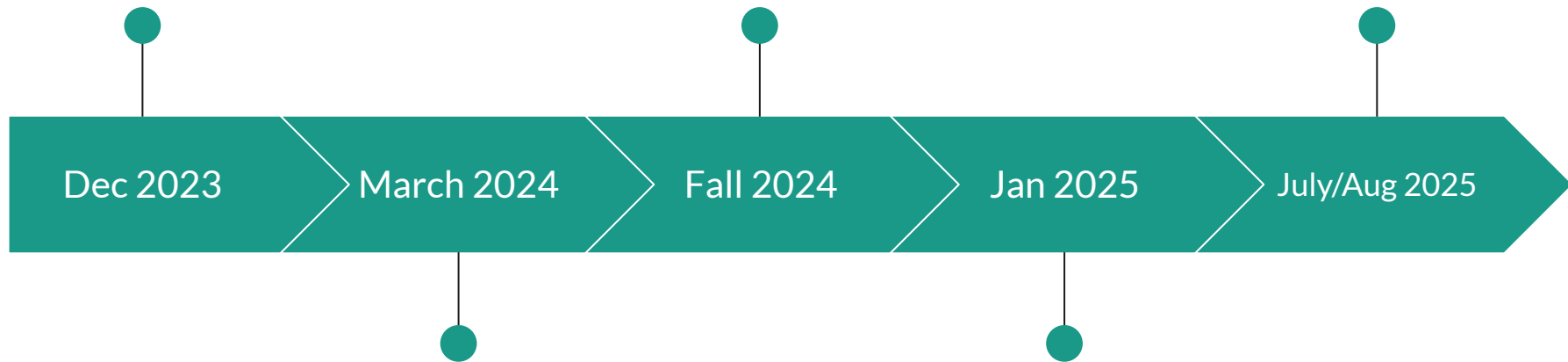




Grant application and  
planning

Engage the  
stakeholders

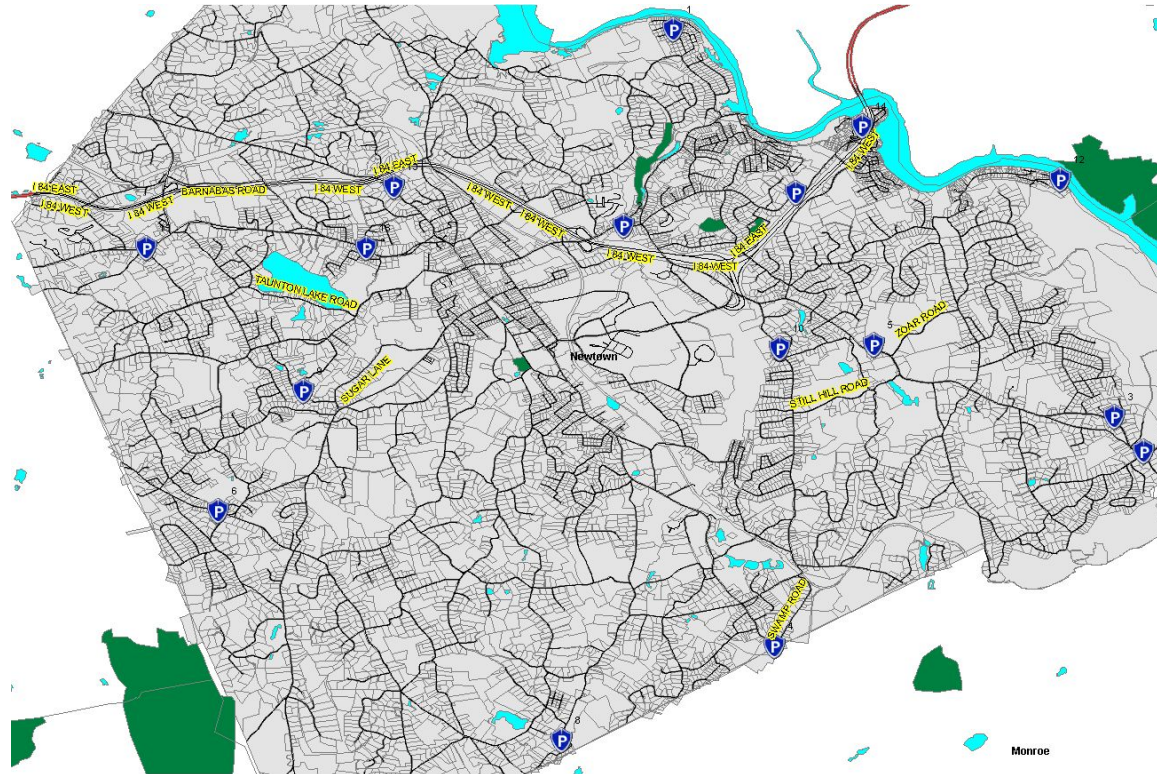
Analyze the results



Identify roadway issues &  
supporting crash data

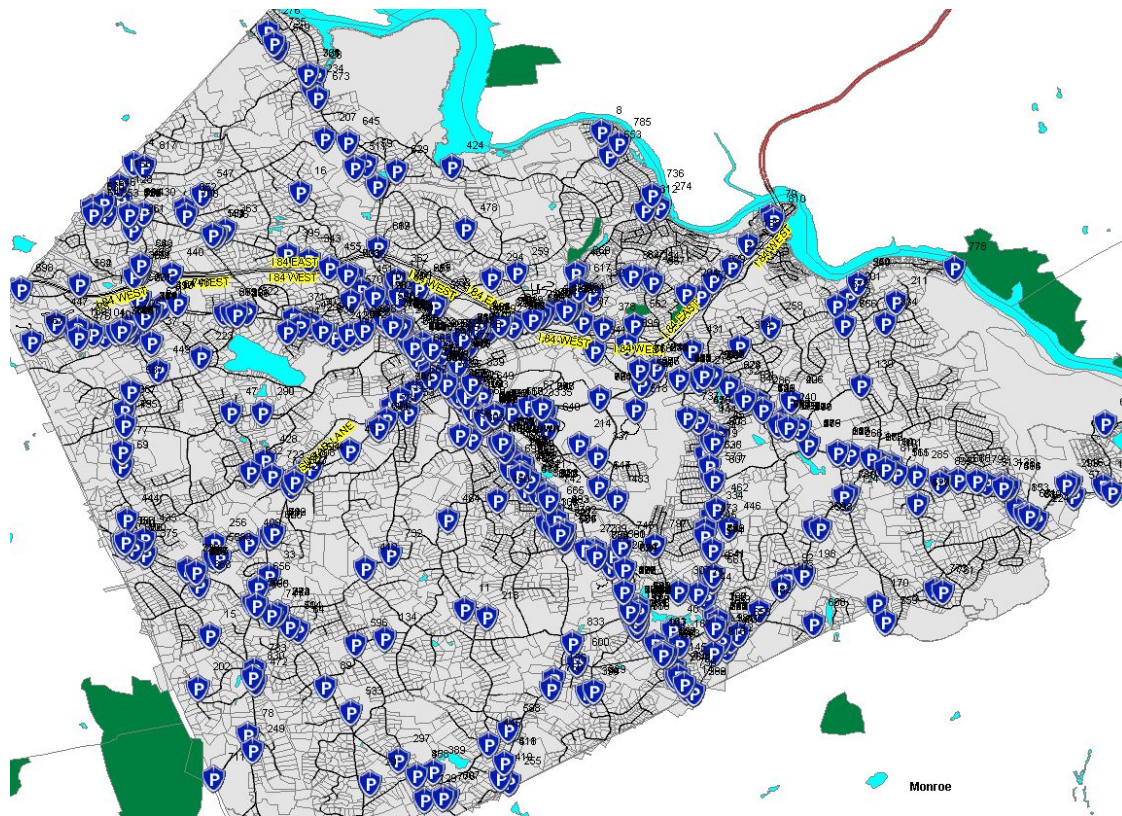
Hire a traffic engineer

# MVA - Fatal





# MVA - Combined





# Engage Stakeholders

## Town Wide Survey

- Online Survey - over 400 submissions
- Community handwritten survey - 15 submissions
- All will be supplied to the Traffic Engineer

544A Community Surveys - Hand Written Submissions & Condensed Responses

Question 1	Question 2	Question 3
The Flagpole is an issue in Newton and will remain. Would you be open to new ideas to make driving in examples of how the area could be improved to make it safer? Please let us know if you think modifying the signs on Main Street near and around the flagpole would be beneficial to pedestrians and vehicle traffic. Let us know what you like and do not like. Yes, the flagpole is a traffic obstacle especially improve crosswalk lighting.	On a scale of 1 to 5 (with 1 being very safe and 5 not safe) how safe do you feel crossing the streets in the center of Newton? Please describe the locations that you feel safe and do not feel safe.	If you are a business owner in the town of Newton, what are your concerns about vehicle and pedestrian safety? Does traffic impact your business? Please explain what improvements you think could be made to address roads - not parking lots.
ANY CHANGES SURROUNDING THE FLAGPOLE INTERSECTION WOULD BE AN IMPROVEMENT. I LIKE THE CURB EXTENSION AS WELL AS THE HIGH VISIBILITY CROSSWALKS. I am definitely open to some new ideas. Safety is paramount. I very much like the attached concept especially the village islands. 2010 Main Street Scope. Raised walkways perhaps in cobblestone pattern should also be considered.	3- streets in the center of town that have traffic lights are more secure and safe than the streets that only have crosswalks. 3- REASON BEING NOT ALL VEHICLES PAY ATTENTION AND MANY OF THEM ARE TRAVELING TOO FAST TO SLOW DOWN/STOP IN TIME. I would rate it a 3. Main Street is a challenge especially during busy times. As is Church Hill Road. Queen Street just by virtue of there being less traffic is not as challenging but when you factor in that mostly kids are using those sidewalks it can be dangerous. I've seen close calls at the Main Street crosswalk by the flagpole. But implementing some measures as described on the attachment could make that location safer.	The cars do not yield to pedestrians. Additionally, passing on shoulder. Flashing lights indicating helpful. N/A
Absolutely not. Leave it alone. I don't support the curb extensions or island. No on the it up walkways. I like all three of the curb extension proposals, passing on the right which next to speeding is the most dangerous driving activity that I observe. Better speed control on Main St. Unsafe for pedestrians, school buses and vehicles pulling into the roadway. Line of sight issues with larger vehicles parked along the roadway. ??? Left Turn Only??? But seriously.	I have not had any problem living on Main Street for 33 years in crossing the street. #5. It is not safe to cross streets in the center of Newton. I am familiar with how many people do not yield to pedestrians in cross walks Edmund Town Hall crosswalk, lack of line of sight.	I never had a single client indicate there was a problem. N/A
Allow passing on the shoulder on Main st would improve traffic flow. The proposed center island blocks the entrances of the library and General Store. Yes, modifying the areas would be beneficial. Better speed control (i.e. speed bumps) and improved visibility for cars. Improved crosswalk signaling, passing on shoulder creates a pedestrian safety issue.	The only places I might cross are at the General Store and the library. Both places are sketchy unless you have infinite patience. 6- every crosswalk as drivers do not stop for signals (even if marked no turn on red), stop signs or pedestrians in the crosswalk. Flagpole: 5. ETH: 2. Trinity crosswalk: 5. Glover: 2. Crosswalk by Glover is the safest since it is driven by traffic lights. I do not propose adding additional traffic lights to Main Street.	N/A it heavily impacts as business at rush hours. The crosswalk at ETH needs proper lighting and we need traffic to slow down. I like the options listed below (2010 Main Street Scope)
Roundabouts About a third of participants have experience of traveling through Roundabouts. The vast general agreement that they reduce congestion, but there is a warning curve. Intersections - Currituck - Hawleyville - Mt Pleasant - Hawleyville - Ochose - Currituck - Main Street - Queen Street - Glover		

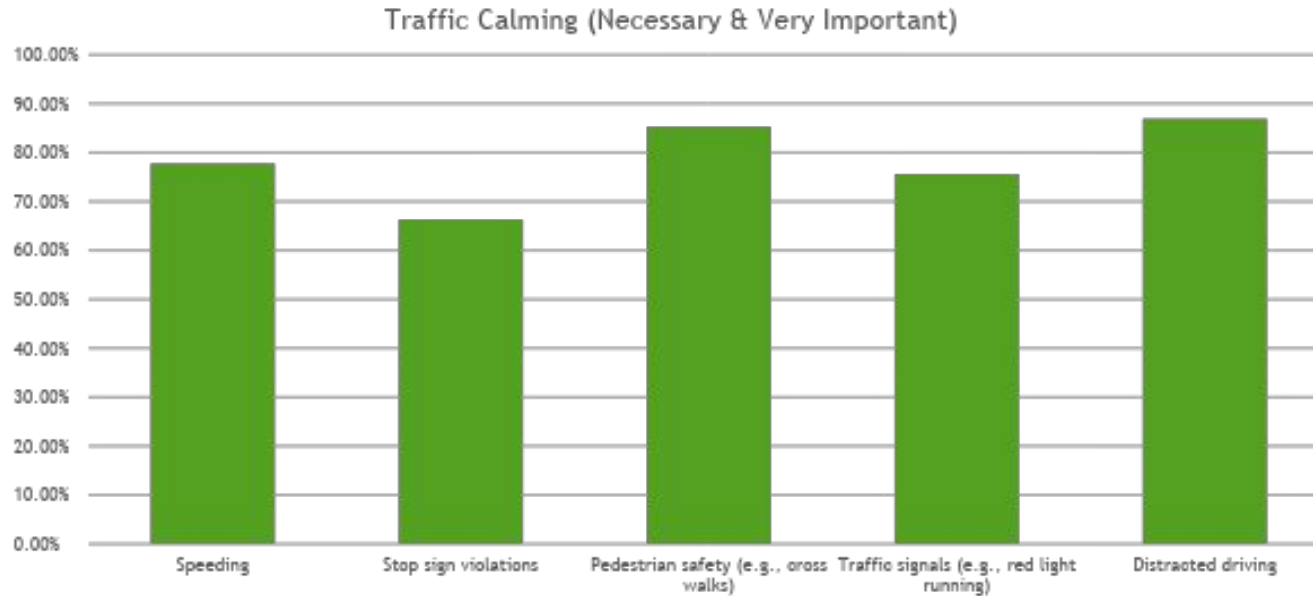
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# SS4A Newtown Survey

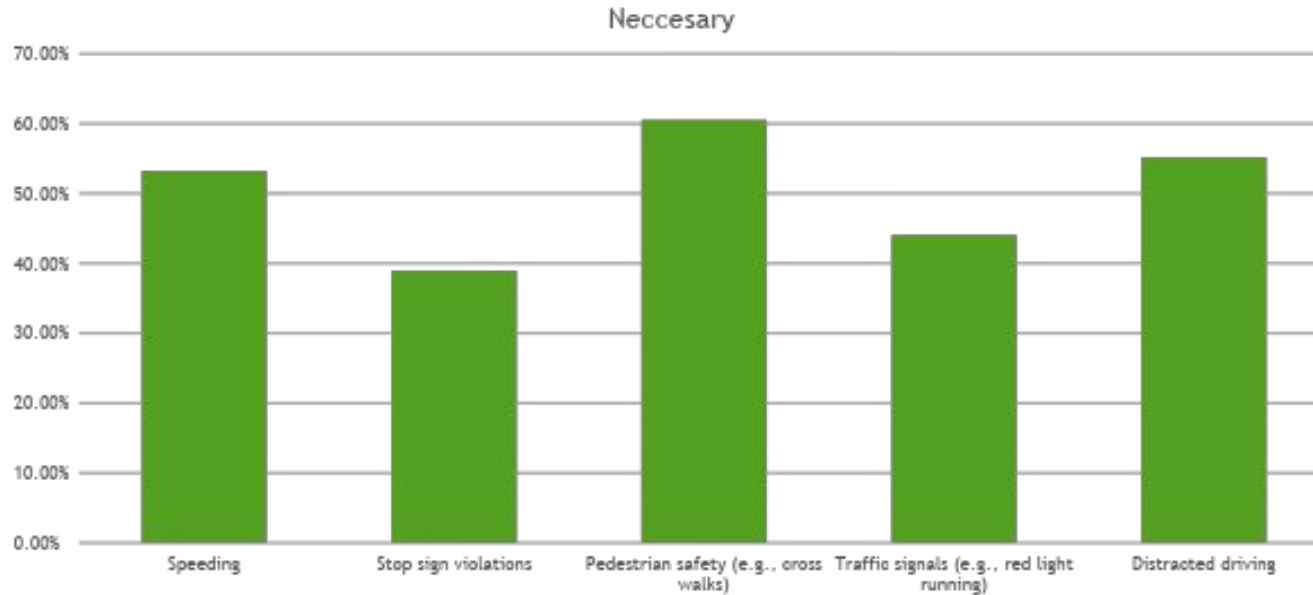
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## Engage Stakeholders

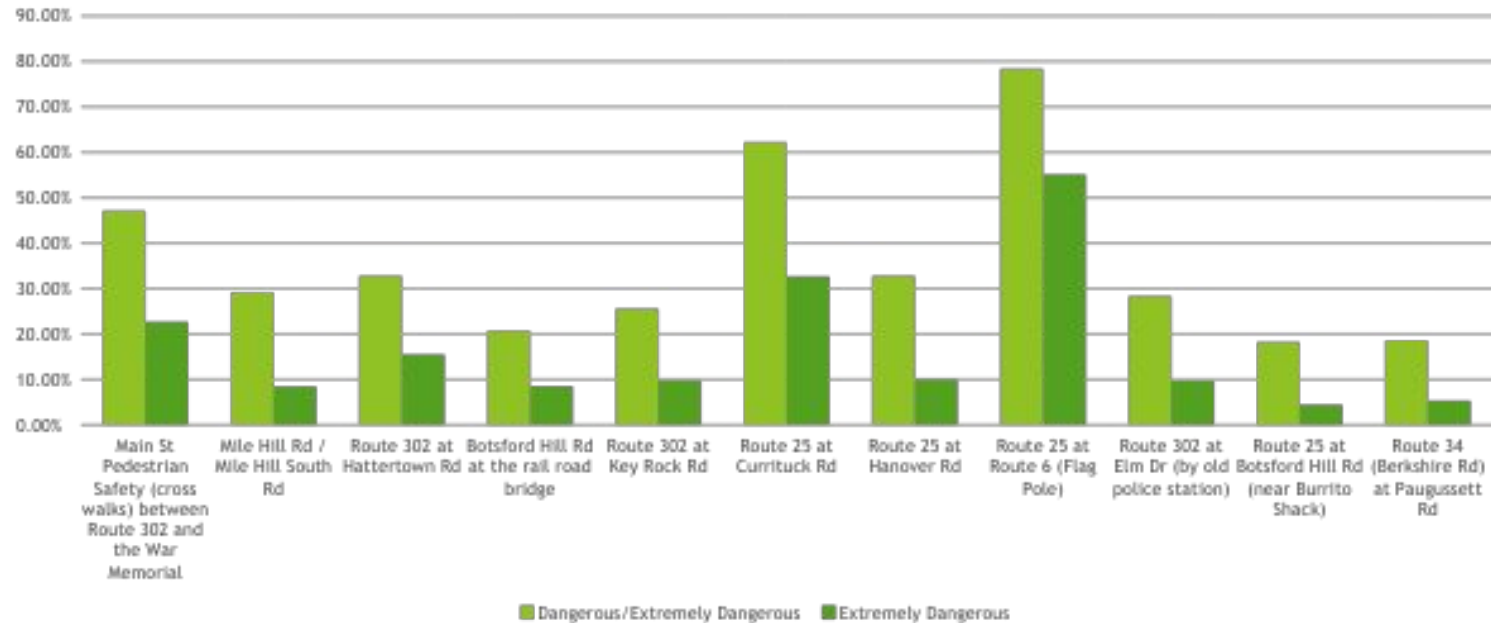
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Q2. Please rate the following intersections or roadways in terms of their level of danger to roadway users.



Q3 Please explain any of your concerns with the above roadways or indicate concerns with other roadways not listed.

vehicles Sandy Hook issue trying cross flag pole cross walks walk enforcement Main St  
lack passing sidewalks turns yield Church Hill passing right especially safety  
Church Hill Road another Currituck Newtown Rd right turn concerned  
Mile Hill coming lot also parking going worse Route traffic light  
driving exit drivers place stop signs Church Hill Rd  
need Toddy Hill traffic will dangerous red light cars  
Glover intersection someone speeding  
Hattertown road even people front flagpole  
pedestrian crossings stop problem make Rte light back  
crosswalks accidents pedestrians time lane cut signs  
Elm Drive town don't street Elm extremely dangerous often live always  
Main Street difficult many Queen Street S onto one close CROSS north use Churchill  
Rt turn left side stop pedestrians Way Button Shop turn left onto area





Q4. Please list the three most dangerous roadways/intersections in Town whether or not they are listed above (if you think multiple roadways are tied for worst disregard the ranking and list them in any order).

Can't easily analyze this.

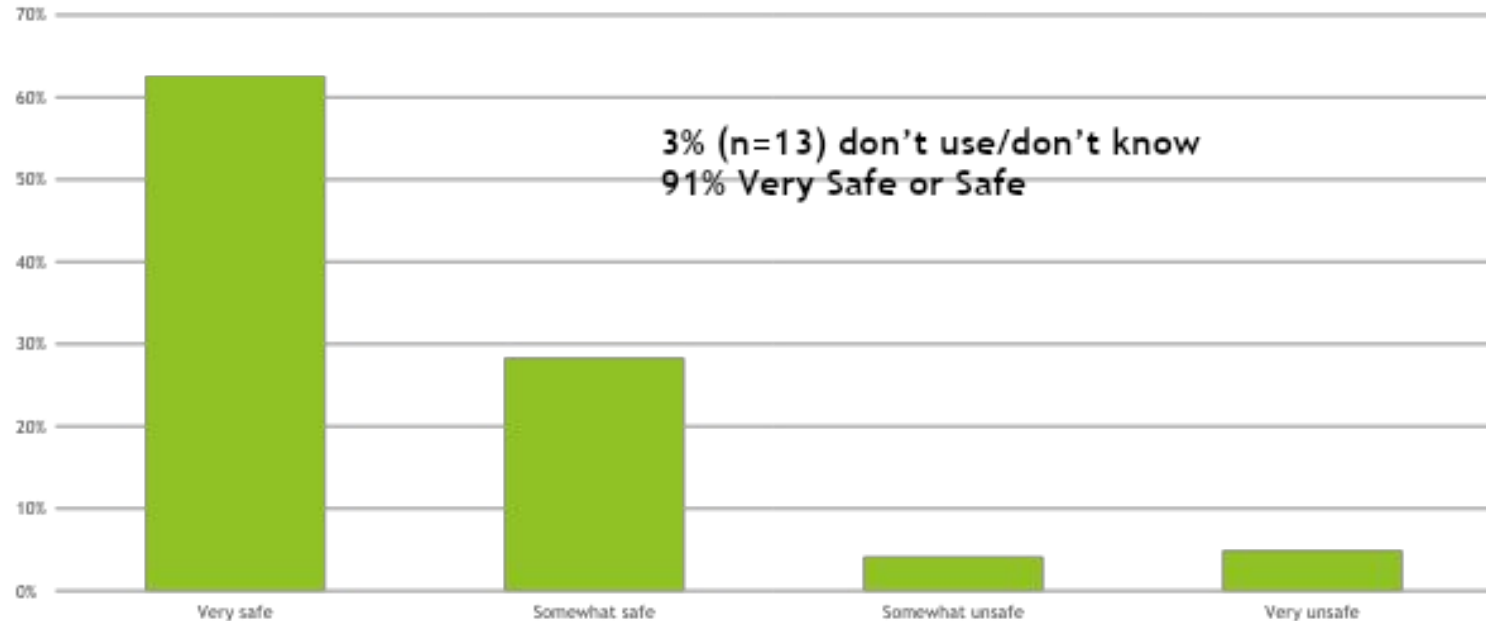




St Church Hill Toddy Hill Road Currituck Main Street Pole Bridge Hill Rd Buttonshop  
Church Hill Obtuse Flagpole intersection onto Rte Hanover Main St  
Church Hill Road intersection West St Hattertown Walnut Tree  
Currituck lane Flag pole cross Flagpole  
crosswalks Route Elm Drive Rt Key Rock Main Street  
Church Hill Rd Rd south Road currituck Toddy Hill Rt6 Street Mile Hill turn  
Currituck Main St area Sandy Hook Center Main St Church  
Sandy Hook center Route Button shop Hill Rd old police station Crosswalk  
Country Club Road onto Sandy Hook Toddy Hill Glover Hanover Turn  
Church Hill Exit Rd Berkshire Road Toddy Hill Rd Flagpole  
Currituck Main Route Botsford Hill Currituck Rte  
Flag pole Hill Road Rt Wasserman Way Hattertown Street  
Mile Hill South intersection speed Main Street area Main St  
Walnut Tree Church Hill Rd Currituck main st Queen Church Hill Road Key rock  
Currituck Main Street Mile Hill South  
Toddy Hill tractor supply Queen Street Mile Hill Road Flag Pole Glen Rd  
crosswalks Elm exit Pedestrian Main Street bridge Church Hill Rd  
Currituck Main St Mile Hill left turn Main St west intersection  
crossing Currituck Route Currituck Rt Church Hill  
Flagpole Wasserman Route Berkshire road War Memorial  
Key Rock Sandy Hook Center Hattertown St Rd Jordan Churchill  
South Hanover Botsford Hill Rte Church Hill Road Queen St Walnut Tree Hill Hill Rd  
speeding

Q4. Please list the three  
most dangerous  
roadways/intersections  
in Town whether or not  
they are listed above  
(WORST)

## Q5. Do you feel safe utilizing Fairfield Hills as a visitor, pedestrian, runner, cyclist, etc.?





feel people around lighting dogs leash go weekend drive Still seen much dog lot  
drivers frequently times intersections safe trail concern way  
needs street speeding parking walk Center  
traffic hill people patrolled area multiple Fairfield Hills  
problem cars enforcement pedestrians s stop now feel safe anywhere  
around Distracted driving Crossing stop signs

Q5. Do you feel safe utilizing Fairfield Hills as a visitor, pedestrian, runner, cyclist, etc.?



Q6. Would you be willing to attend a vehicle and pedestrian safety seminar sponsored by the Town?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	43.97%	175
No	16.08%	64
Unsure	39.95%	159
	Answered	398
	Skipped	5

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# Planning Grant

## Phase 1

Once all of this data is collect, who best to review, prioritize and create comprehensive safety action plan?

To develop, complete, or supplement a **Comprehensive Safety Action Plan** (Action Plan)

- Identify significant roadway safety issues using a data-driven approach.
- Focus on reducing fatalities and serious injuries for all road users (pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, transit users, etc.).
- Incorporate a **Safe System Approach**, emphasizing safer people, roads, vehicles, speeds, and post-crash care.
- Engage a variety of public and private stakeholders.
- Consider equity, climate change, and environmental justice impacts.

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## Request for Proposal - Traffic Engineering Firm

### Process

- RFP Announced Nov 1st, 2024
- Three firms attended the walk through
- Two firms bid on the project
- RFP awarded, Feb 4th, 2025
- Anticipated recommendations, June 2025



# Potential Next Steps

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- Review of recommendations
- July/August
- Implementation grant preparation
- Apply for implementation grant
- Receive funds
- RFP contractor

# Questions

The Newtown SS4A Team

