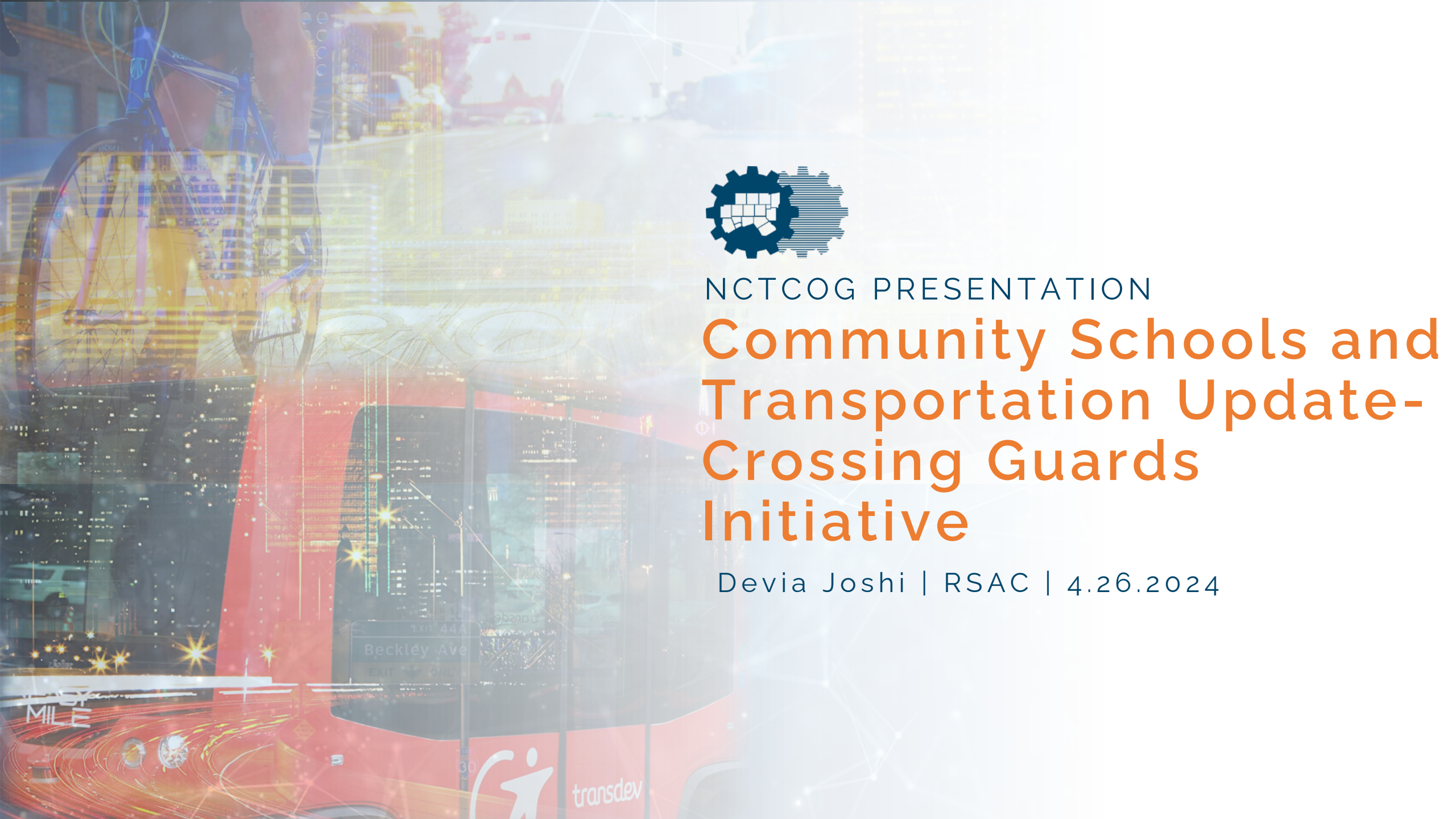




NCTCOG PRESENTATION

Community Schools and Transportation Update- Crossing Guards Initiative

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School Crossing Guards Initiative

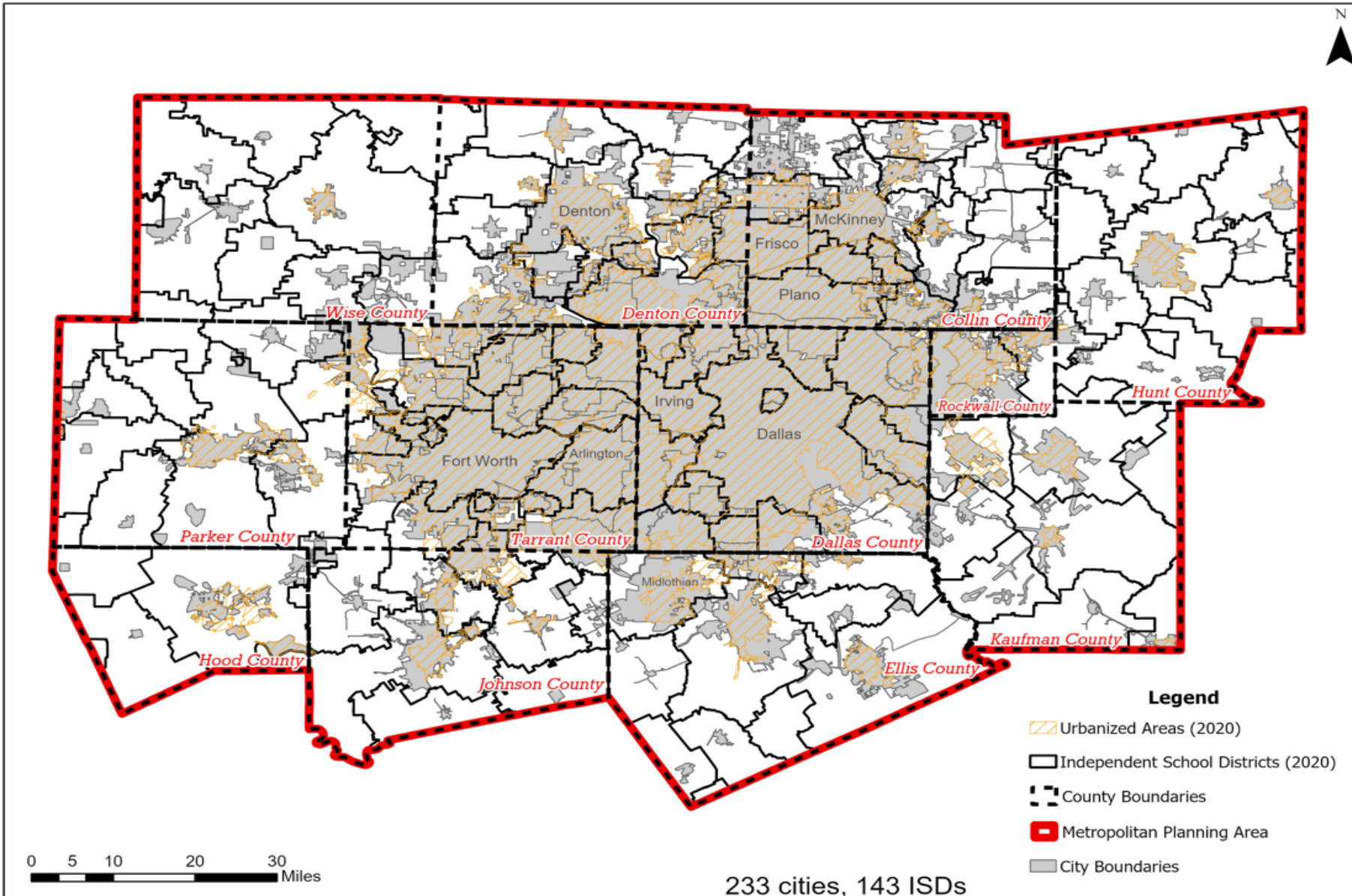
Request and Problem

- Received request for assistance with methods for determining placement of crossing guards
- Address lack of state/federal guidance on crossing guard placement
- Explore possibility of developing regionally-consistent implementation method
- Goal to improve student and guard safety

What We Have Done

- Surveyed stakeholders
- Reviewed state, federal, other guidance
- Compared examples of city crossing guard guidance in the region
- Hosted a regional coordination meeting to update and receive feedback
- Distributed and analyzed an updated survey
- Began development of Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant application

Metropolitan Planning Area, Urbanized Areas, Cities and ISDs



1,869 public schools in the MPO boundary and 569 charter/private schools

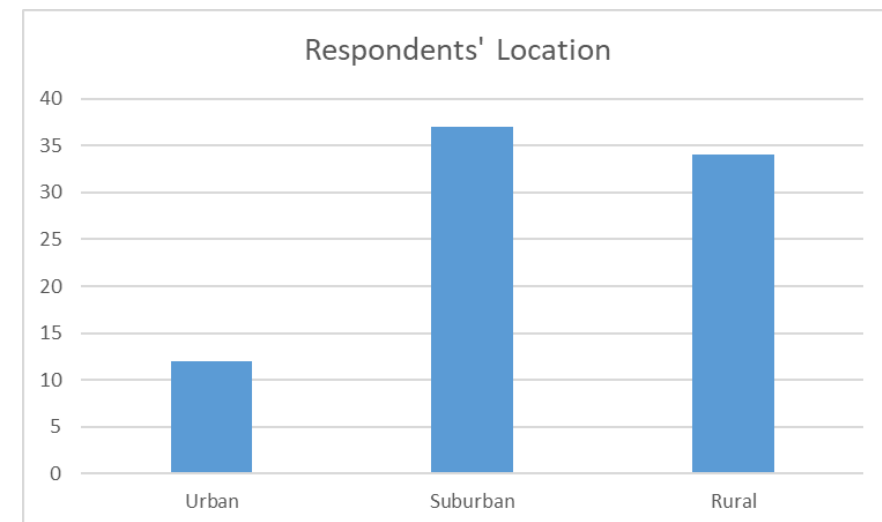
- 1,207 Elementary Schools
- 361 Middle Schools
- 301 High Schools

Updated Survey

- Purpose:

- Explore more in-depth topics based on input from stakeholder meeting
- Target a more diverse range and larger number of respondents
- Gain a better picture of the challenges and current practices around crossing guards
- Inform recommendations for crossing guard implementation process

- Sent to ISD admin. assistants, NCTCOG governments/representatives
- Received over 90 responses
- Rural, urban, and suburban respondents



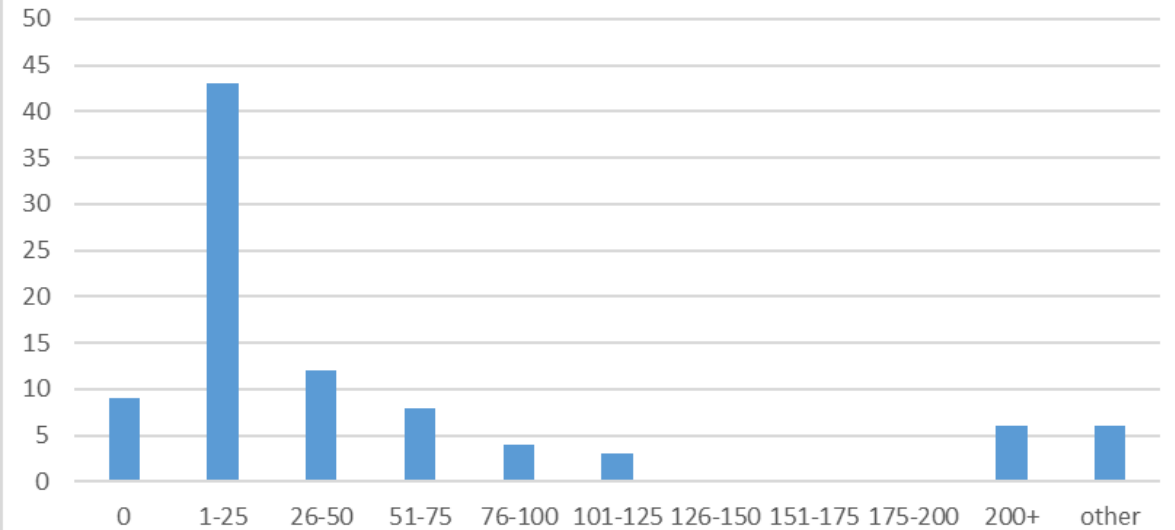
Survey Results

Is your jurisdiction required by law to provide crossing guards?



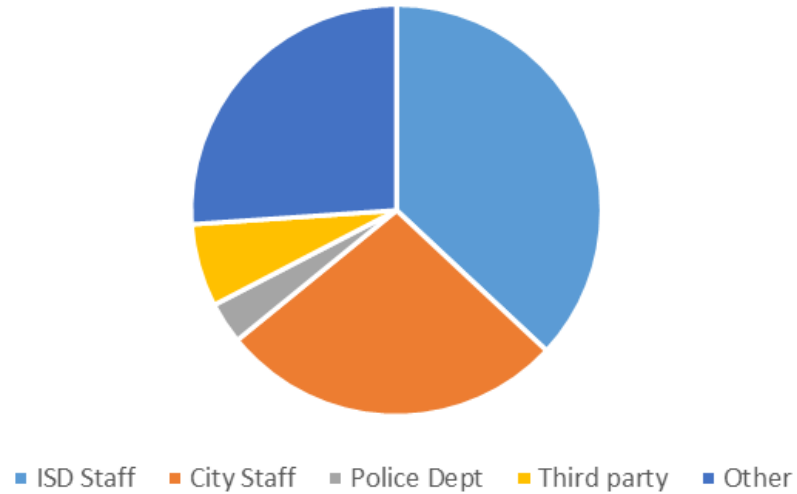
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How many crossing guards operate in your municipality or ISD?

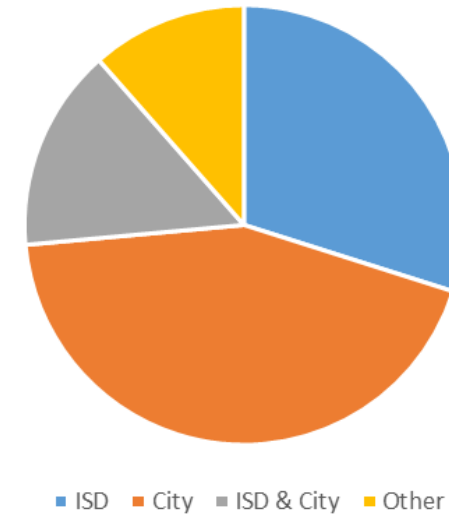


Survey Results

Which organization is responsible for managing crossing guard operations?

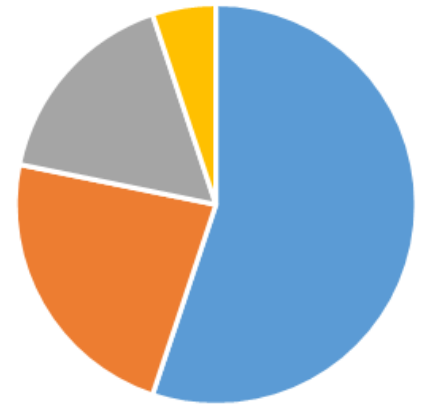


Which organization is responsible for funding crossing guard pay?



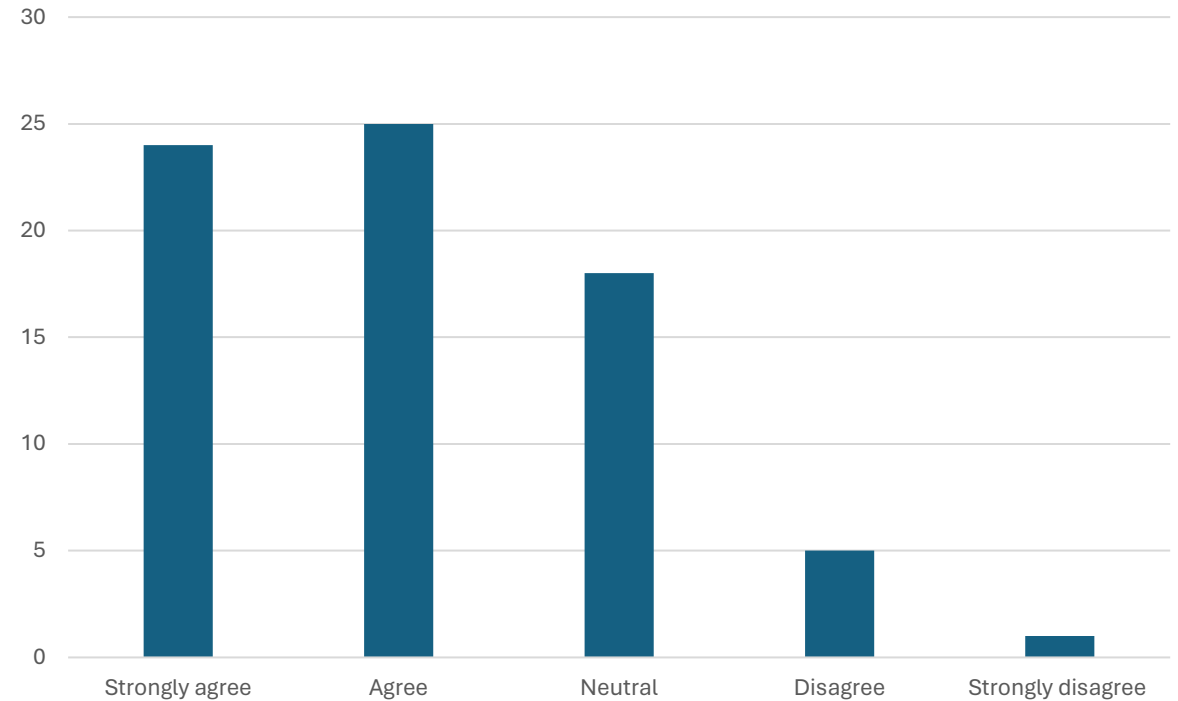
Survey Results

Does your municipality or ISD have a process for determining the need for crossing guards?



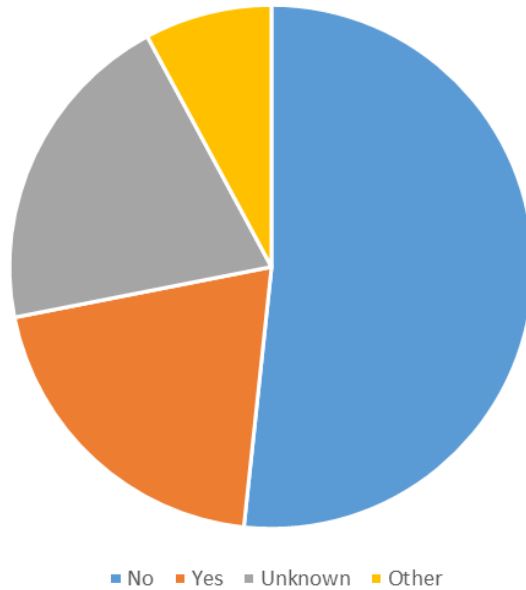
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Staffing crossing guard positions is very difficult.

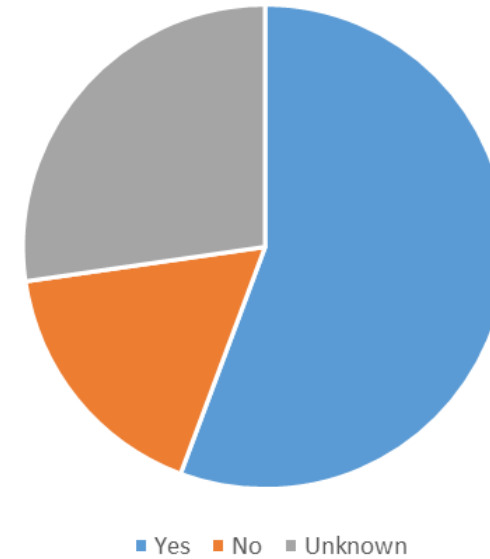


Survey Results

Do the municipality and ISD have regular joint meetings to discuss and plan crossing guard placement, pay, and effectiveness?



Do you have interest in using a regionally consistent process of determining crossing guard placement/management?



Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program

- Created through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)
- Purpose: prevent deaths and serious injuries on our roadways
 - Focus on comprehensive safety action planning and implementing projects/strategies identified in safety action plans
- \$1.26B for FY24 available
- Inclusive of all types of roadway safety interventions across the Safe Systems Approach
- One application per agency allowed

NCTCOG Regional Safe Streets Planning/Demonstration Grant Project

Crossing Students Safely in the Dallas-Fort Worth Region (CroSS-DFW)

- Conduct additional planning around schools in targeted corridors and beyond recommended by the **Regional Roadway Safety Plan** and the **Regional Pedestrian Safety Action Plan**:
- Focusing on School Crossing Safety Process
 - Review current practices in Urban, Suburban, and Rural Locations
 - Assess safety concerns and interactions with crossing guards, controlled intersections, and mid-block crossings
 - Analyze school crossing flasher's compatibility with traffic signals and technology for early warnings to motorists
 - Develop a recommended regional standard and process for evaluating and determining school guard crossings and markings within the region
 - Strong coordination with local governments and regional Independent School Districts (ISDs)

Primary Pedestrian Safety Corridors (PPSC) Urbanized Area



Figure 6: Primary Pedestrian Safety Corridors in the MPA.

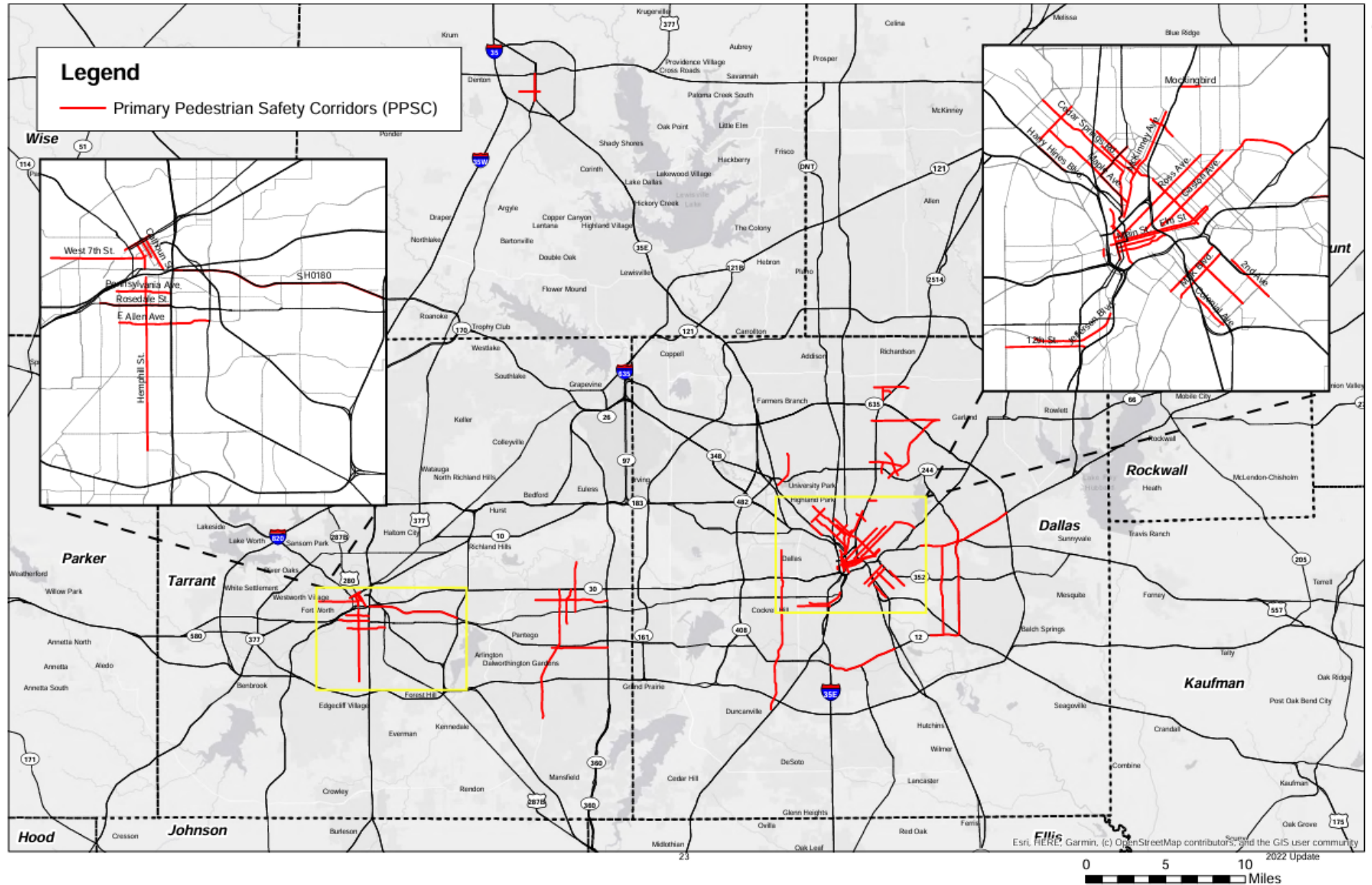
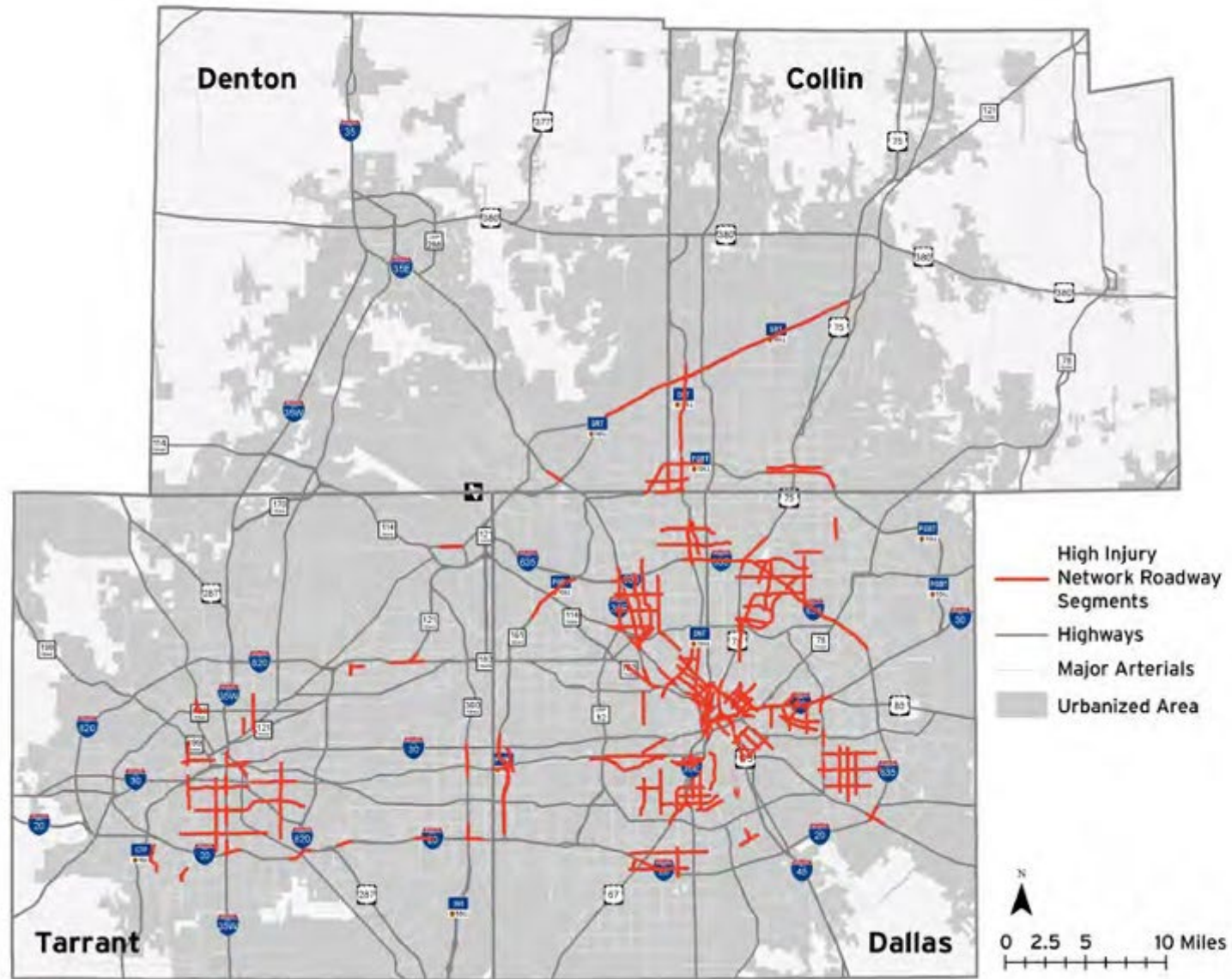
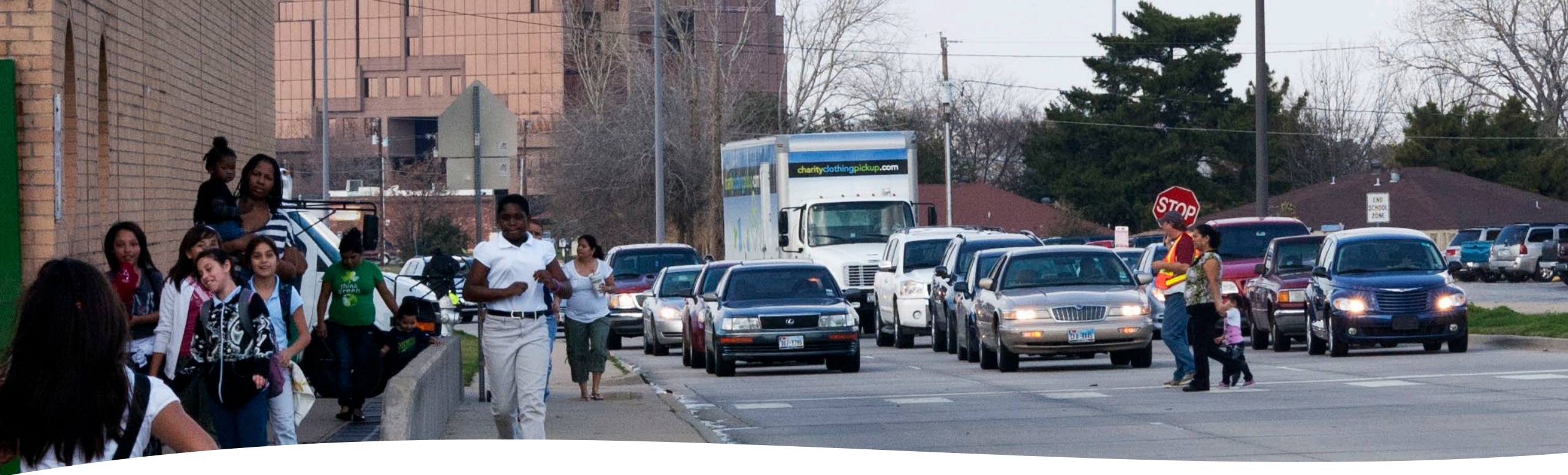


FIGURE 18: HIGH INJURY NETWORK ROADWAY SEGMENTS





Next Steps

- Submit grant application (due May 16)
 - If awarded, hire consultant for regional study
- Follow up with stakeholder group to review survey results and discuss work plan

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