

# TRANSPORTATION REPORT

## A Summary of the Transportation Problems and Solutions Citywide and in Your Neighborhood

### Southwest Neighbors



#### AVOIDABLE INJURIES AND DEATHS

- ◆ 378 lives have been lost and 2,662 people seriously injured (1996-2005)
- ◆ Crashes tend to be clustered around high collision areas. Less than 5% of Portland's street network accounts for 80% of the high crash corridors
- ◆ Economic cost of crashes is over \$400 million per year

#### STREETS AND BRIDGES IN POOR CONDITION

- ◆ 32% of busiest streets are in poor condition
- ◆ Causes damage to vehicles
- ◆ The 30 deficient weight-limited bridges negatively impacts businesses
- ◆ Increases the chance of injury to pedestrians and bicyclists
- ◆ Creates environmental problems with debris breaking off and getting into our streams and rivers

#### TRAFFIC SAFETY CONCERNS LIMIT WALKING, BIKING, AND TRANSIT

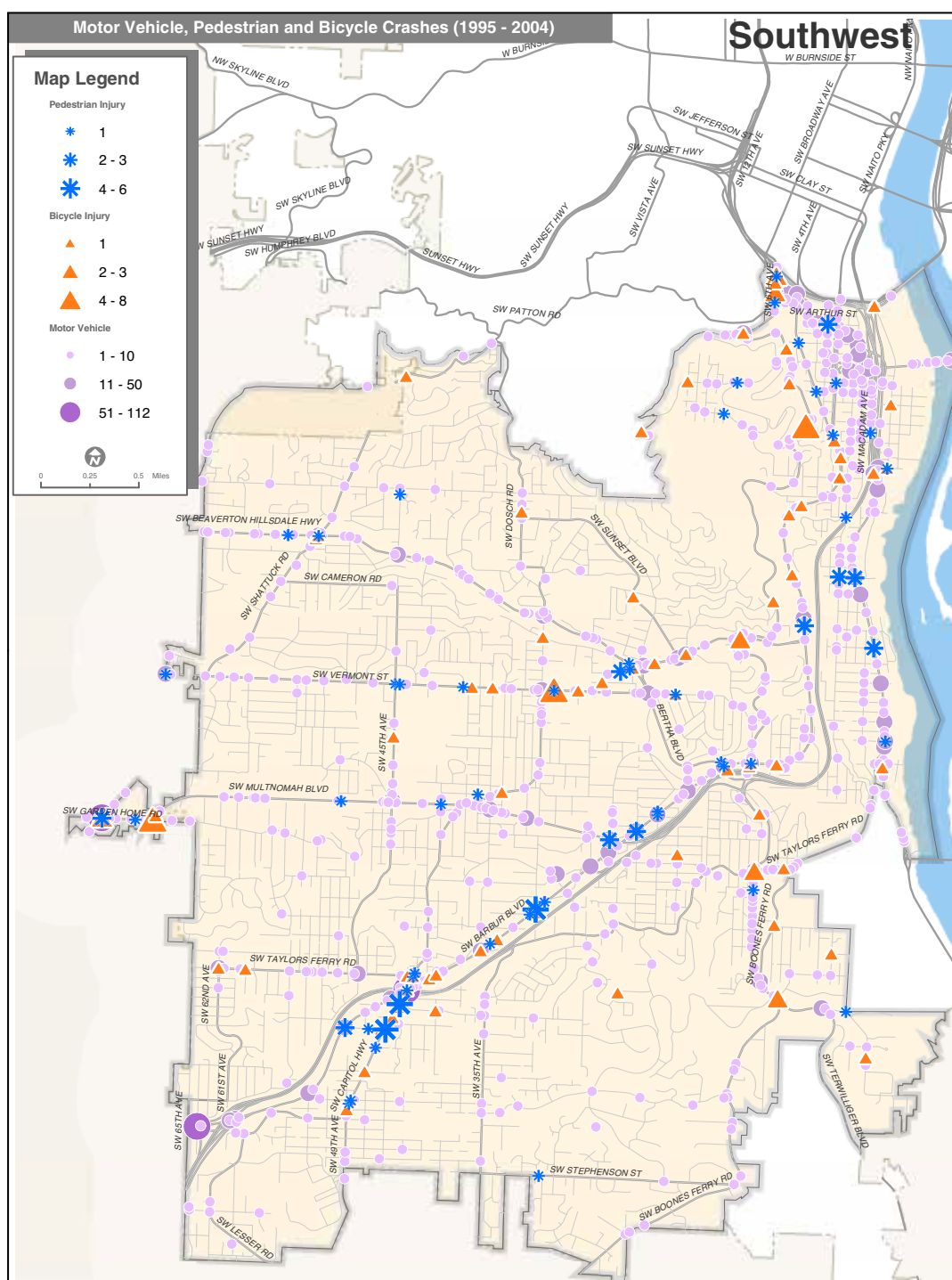
- ◆ 58% of Portland adults limit walking, biking or taking transit due to traffic safety concerns, 66% limit their children from walking or biking due to traffic safety concerns
- ◆ Decline in kids walking or biking to school from 66% in the 1960s to less than 13% today (traffic safety is the biggest concern after distance to school)

#### CONGESTION FROM AVOIDABLE CRASHES

- ◆ 40% of all congestion in the City is non-recurring and primarily caused by crashes
- ◆ Crashes cause unpredictable delays. Delays impact all users, especially businesses, which are impacted financially

#### SHOULD WE SPEND A LITTLE TO SAVE A LOT?

- ◆ Our streets are like the roof of a house. Ignoring the leaky roof means damage to the structure of the house which ultimately costs more to repair
- ◆ Every dollar spent on preventive maintenance now will save \$4-5 in future reconstruction costs
- ◆ Relatively small investments in traffic safety improvements can dramatically reduce injuries and deaths
- ◆ Failure to act will add an additional \$9 million annually for maintenance



#### Problem areas in your neighborhood

LOOK INSIDE FOR SPECIFIC SOLUTIONS TO THESE PROBLEMS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

