



Quick-Builds in Indian Country: A Community-Engaged Strategy for Addressing Tribal Pedestrian Safety

Wild Horse Pass Resort
Chandler, Arizona
September 23, 2025



Ruben “Rooch” S.



Charlotte Louise Guy



**Miss A.J.
(Mother)
&
Mrs. V.
(Tribal Elder)**

***All the other Tribal
pedestrians that have
been lost - known &
unknown.***

***And their family
members, broken by
their passing.***

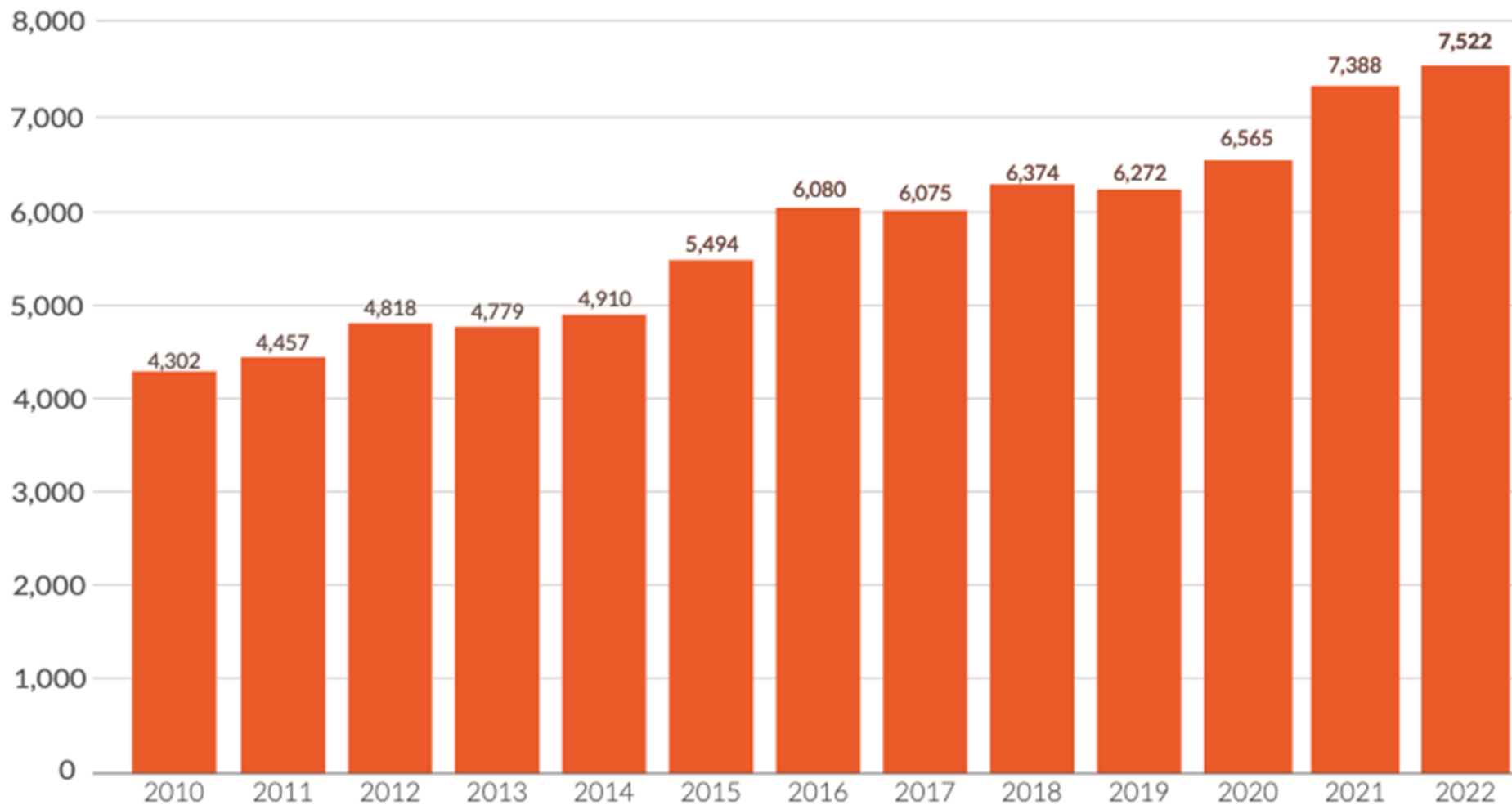


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Why Tribal Pedestrian Safety is Critical



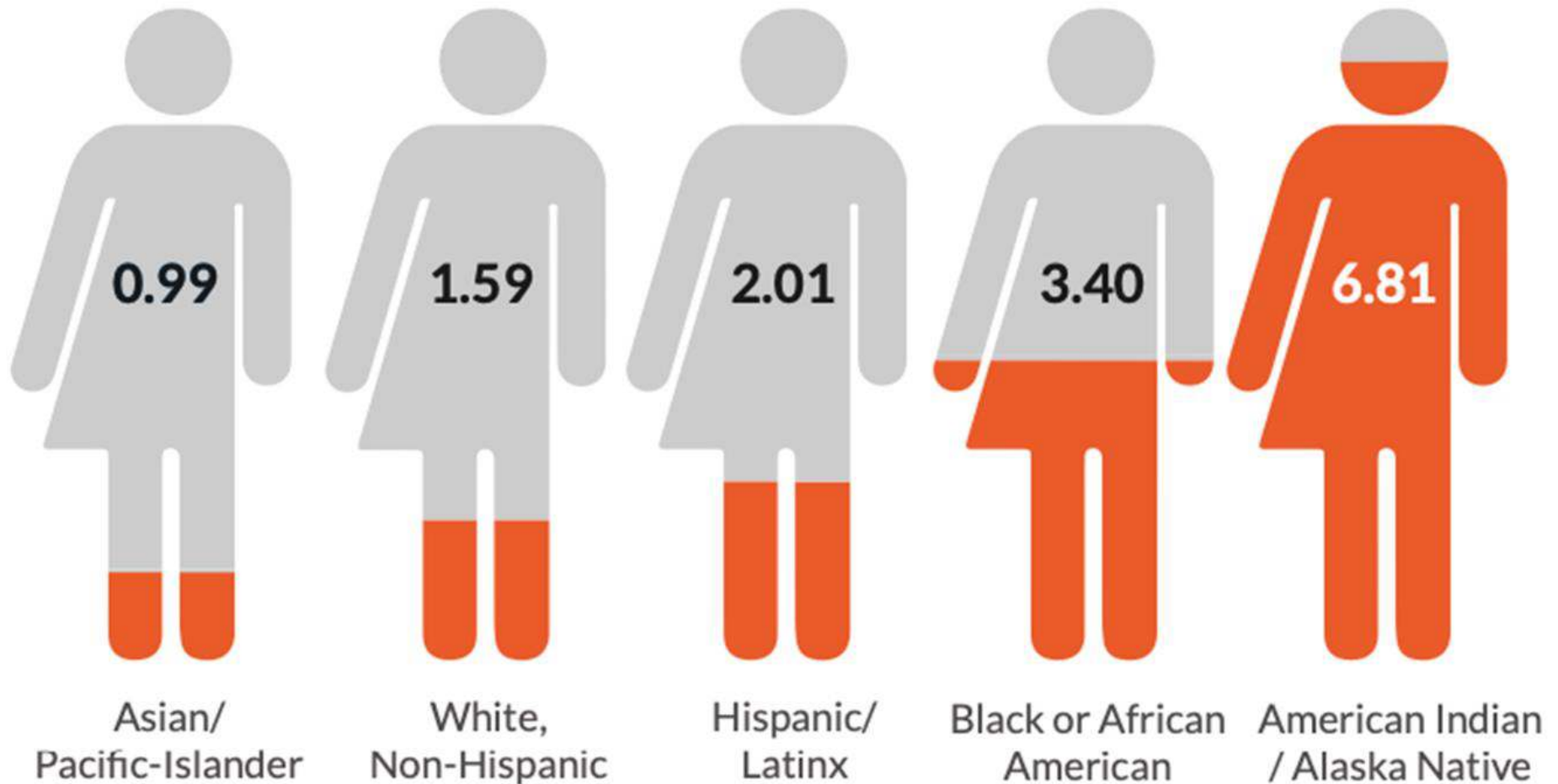


U.S. pedestrian deaths (2010-2022)



Source:
Smart Growth America

Pedestrian Fatalities by Race/Ethnicity (2018-2022)



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PEDESTRIAN INJURIES AT IMPACT SPEEDS

MPH

40



85% death

15% injured

30



45% death

50% injured

5% uninjured

20



5% death

65% injured

30% uninjured



Source:

Killing Speed and Saving Lives by the UK Department of Transportation



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**Ian Thomas, PhD,
Technical Assistance Lead, America Walks**



**Hillary Mead, MS
Primary Prevention Program Supervisor
Cherokee Nation Public Health**

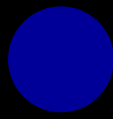
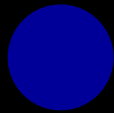


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**Sheri Bozic, Director
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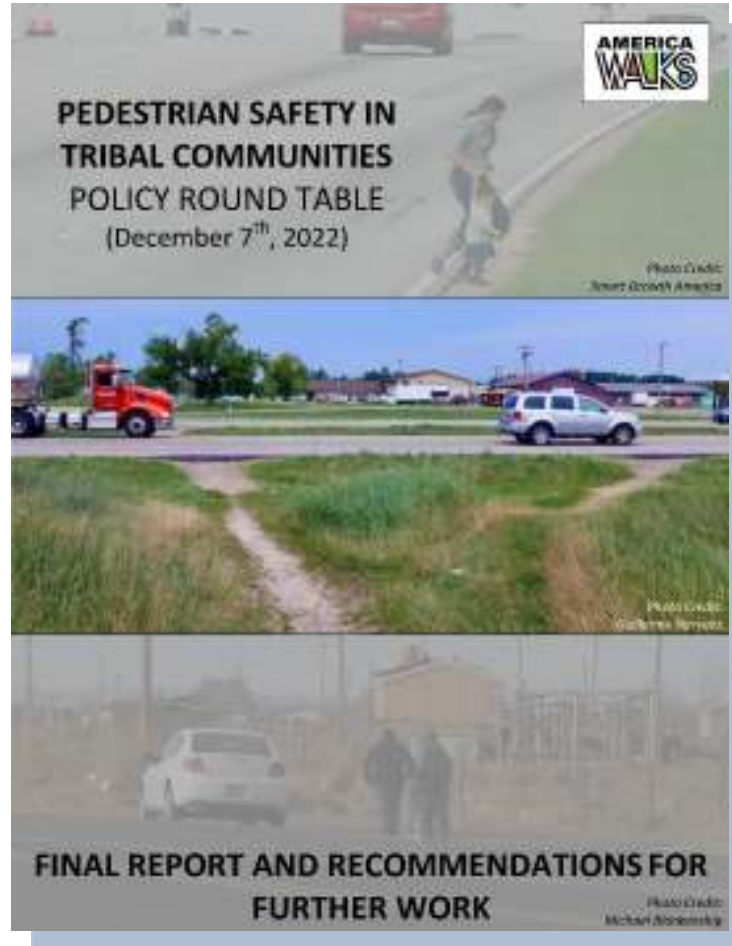




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Final Report and Recommendations for Further Work

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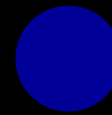
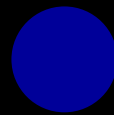
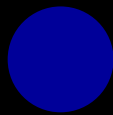
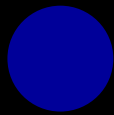
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Next Steps



An Indigenous Pathway to Health Equity: Community-Based Participatory Transportation Planning

To improve health equity in Tribal communities, this project will challenge the structural racism in U.S. planning and traffic engineering systems that has excluded Native voices. Grounded in Indigenous knowledge, the methodology will support Tribes in leading grassroots, hands-on approaches to community safety through addition of pedestrian infrastructure and traffic calming. Workshops, peer learning, and creation of a resource library will build community capacity to create safe and just mobility systems that will protect future generations. By piloting community “quick-builds” and coordinating a policy-focused national network of advocates and professionals, the project will advance Tribal self-determination in transportation and health.



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Exploring Equitable Futures

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Agenda

- 11:00a Tribal Pedestrian Safety, Our Team's History, Policy Roundtables & Next Steps**
- 11:10a Cherokee Nation Safe Routes to School, 2024 Road to Zero Grant, Kenwood, OK Quick-Build & permanent project**
- 11:20a Pueblo of Jemez, NM4 Quick-Build Plans, Sheep Springs Circle Quick-Build & video introduction**
- 11:30 "Planting for the Future" video**
- 11:40a Design for safety ... or speed? St. Ignatius, MT Quick-Build & table-top activity introduction**
- 11:50a Table-Top Quick-Build Activity**
- 12:20p Wrap-Up**



**Thank you!
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