

**Subject: DES - Statistics on Bike & Pedestrian Collisions**

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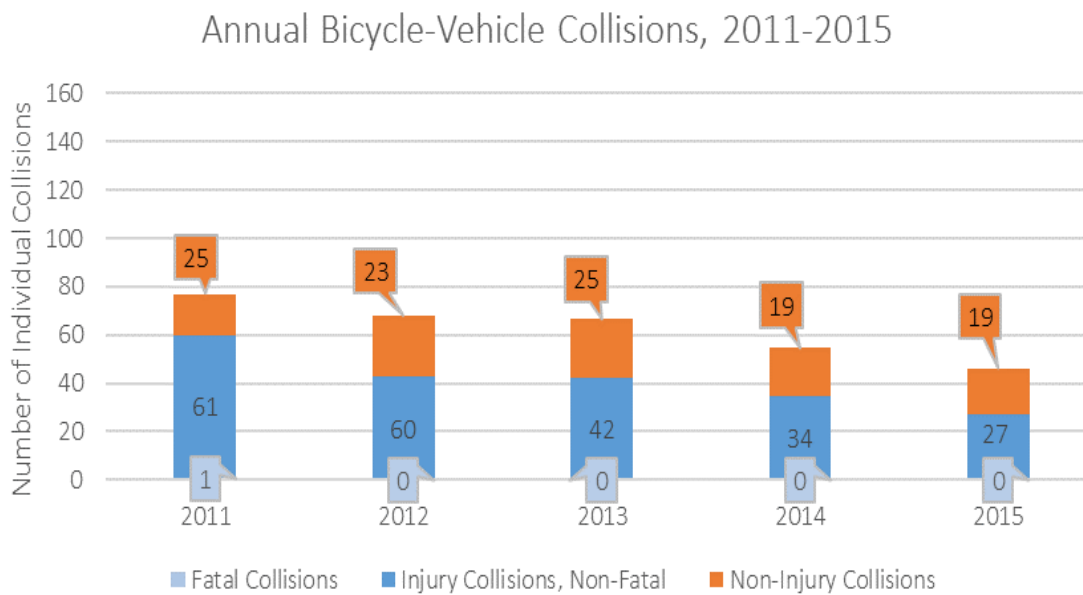
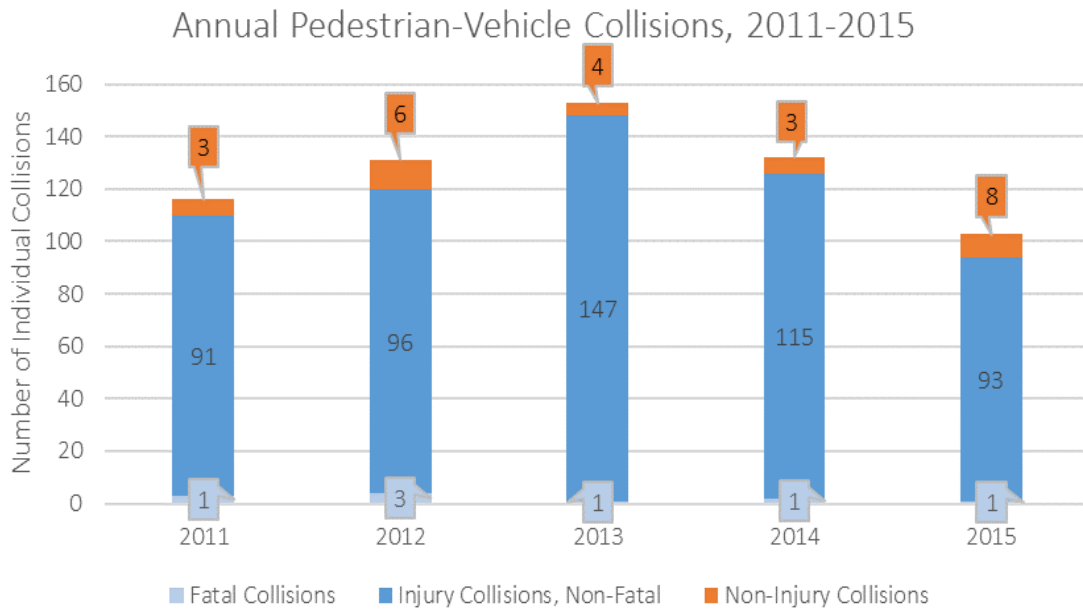
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The following information is provided in response to a request made by Mr. John Vihstadt for the work session on 3/28/2017: It is encouraging to see a steady though slowing decline of reported bike and pedestrian collisions. Please provide statistics on (a) car-bike collisions and (b) car-pedestrian collisions and how such statistics inform our transportation policy.

The County tracks all police-reported crashes involving pedestrians, cyclists and motorists on Arlington's Streets. As a benchmark, DES is now using the Department of Transportation's Annual Performance Report for tracking such incidents. The data is collected by the County's Traffic Engineering & Operations department, and consists of state (VDOT/DMV) and federal National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) sources. The state data incorporates input from the ACPD. Due to the fact that this source relies on Federal data reporting, the most current information is complete only through the end of calendar year 2015.

Reducing the number and severity of injuries on Arlington's roadways is a major focus of the County and these safety metrics are part of our annual Transportation Performance Metrics Report. Staff focuses on addressing high crash locations through targeted changes in operations (signs, markings, signal timing, lighting), enforcement, education (Predictable, Alert, Lawful campaign) and in some cases, capital infrastructure changes. The number of pedestrian and cyclist collisions was at a five-year low in 2015 even though the number of trips made by walking and bicycling continues to increase in Arlington.

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\*Source – DOT Performance Measurement and Reporting System 2015\*