



Building momentum for complete streets in Bozeman, MT

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Grappling with growth

- Fastest growing “micropolitan” area in the country (US Census Bureau 2016, 2017, 2018)
- Growing MSU enrollment
- How can residents help steer growth?



A brief history...



Tracy & Tamarack, August 2017

- WTI, City of Bozeman Streets Dept, Bozeman Senior Center, neighbors, Streamline/Galavan Transit, Gallatin Cty Fairgrounds
- 6.5% decrease in speeding vehicles



“It shows what can be done to slow traffic and improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists.”

“Loved that it slowed folks down, provided a splash of color and was something different in our city.”

Process:
walk audits



Process: post walk audit

- Goal setting, selecting interventions, drafting designs
- Data collection plan
- Permitting
- Installation day
- Carrying results forward

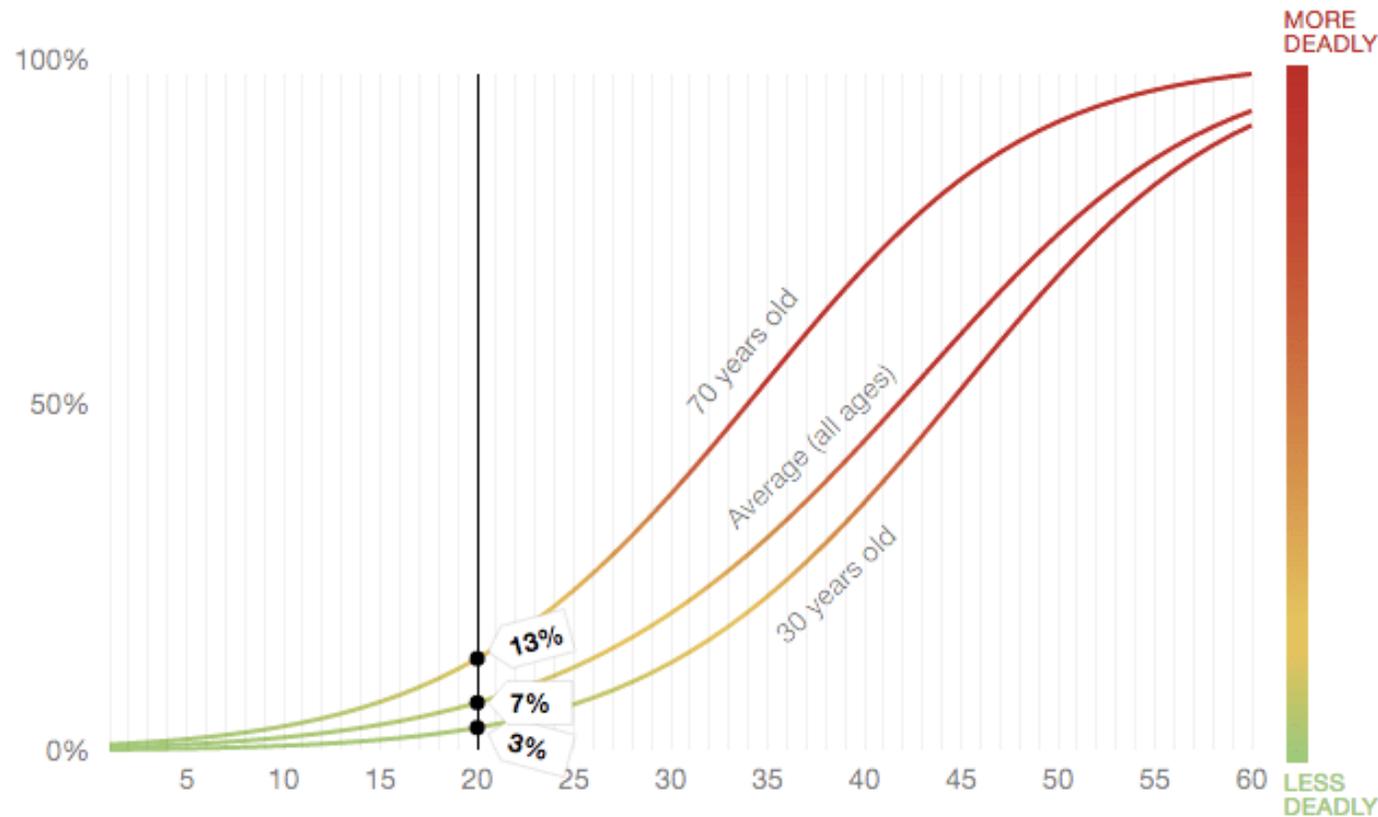


Process: Re-evaluating evaluation

- From traffic counts;
85%; avg speed
- Towards using bike/ped
casualty rates given
vehicle speed
- Towards understanding
changes in peoples'
perception of safety

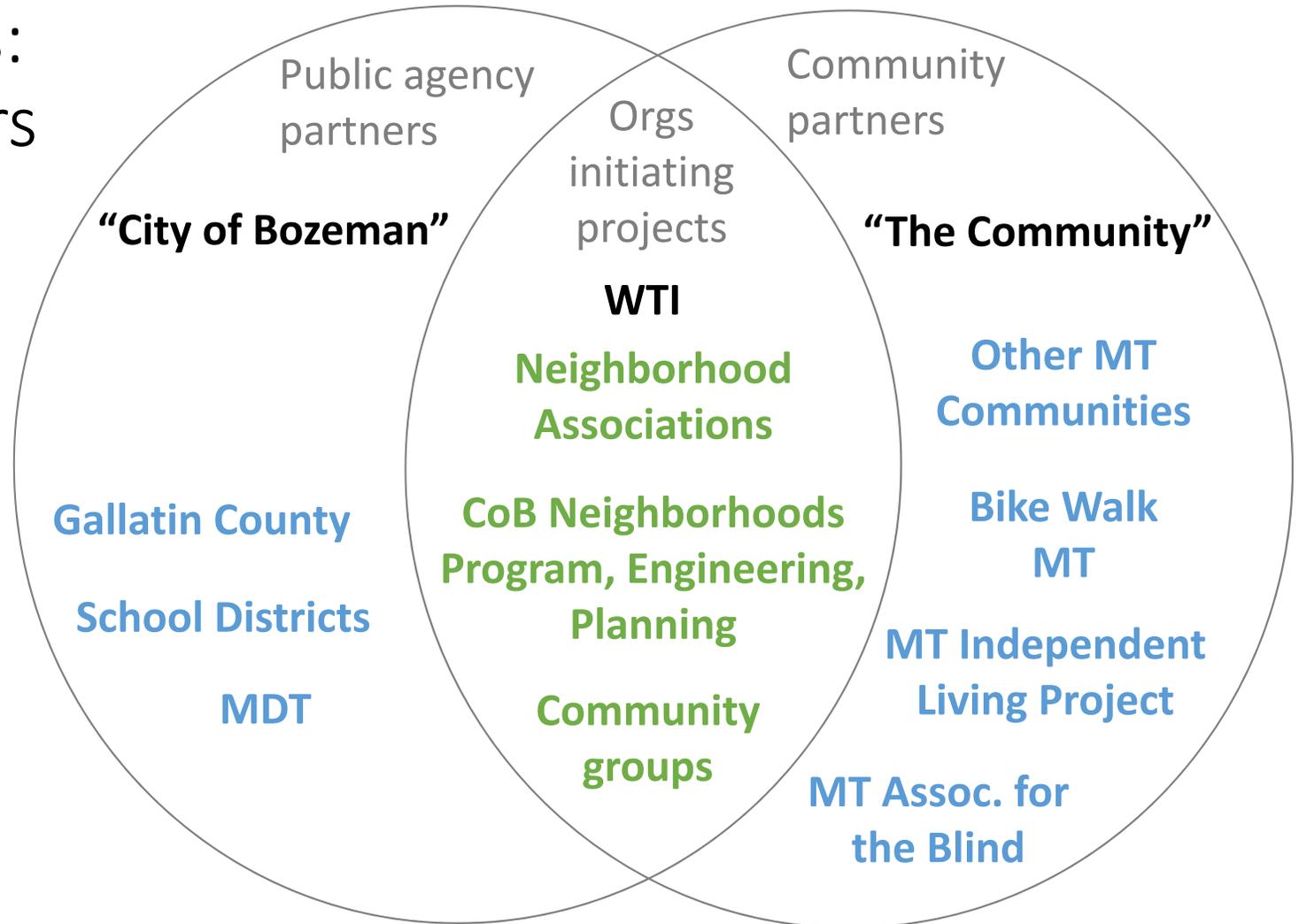
The Chance of Being Killed by a Car Going 20 mph

Roll over the curved lines to see the risk at any speed



Pro Publica Inc. + AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety

Partnerships: across sectors



Partnerships: within sectors

THERE'S A SCHOOL NEARBY
Take It Slow and Drive Safe

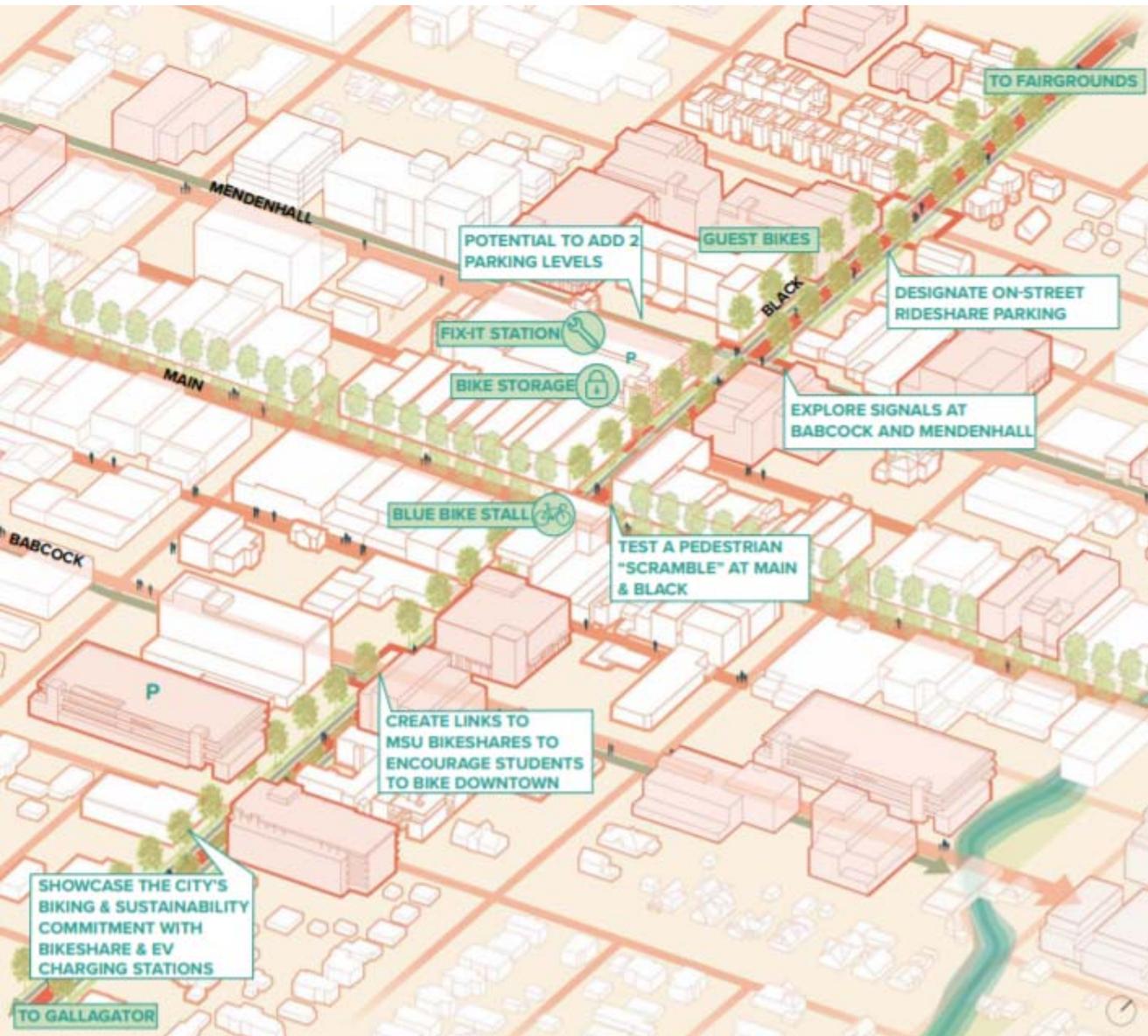


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Public engagement: pilot projects

- Introducing infrastructure changes: quicker, cheaper, more public input, more flexible
- Bike network improvements

Public engagement

- Interim and quick build projects
- Follow-through from pop-up projects



Public engagement: policy solutions

- Integration with existing traffic calming policy
- Local street reconstruction process
- Funding permanent traffic calming



What's next:

- Formalizing and streamlining the process in Bozeman
- Hitting the road with Bike Walk Montana to offer technical assistance to MT communities





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