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Put this language on the docket for this item:

Fact Sheet from Valerie Reishuk, Organizer, Providence Streets Coalition, relative to Pedestrian Safety in America.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
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READ  
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.

*Jana L. Martini* CLERK

# New Projection: U.S. Pedestrian Fatalities Reach Highest Level in 40 Years



"Non-freeway arterial roads, which typically carry large volumes of traffic at high speeds, are the most dangerous for people on foot, accounting for 60% of all fatalities in 2020."

Union Ave PVD—shown here—is one such arterial road, with dangerous slip lanes that enter Route 10. This road is the site of a 2022 pedestrian fatality.

Full article here:

<https://www.ghsa.org/resources/news-releases/GHSA/Ped-Spotlight-Full-Report22>

All traffic deaths	2010 to 2020	13%
Pedestrian traffic deaths	2010 to 2020	54%

"We must address the root causes of the pedestrian safety crisis –

- speeding and other dangerous driving behaviors
- inadequate infrastructure
- and roads designed for vehicle speed instead of safety

– to reverse this trend and ensure people can walk safely."

– Jonathan Adkins, Executive Director, Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA)

PVD Streets Coalition would also cite the increased height of vehicles as a factor in pedestrian injury and death. The US Congress may examine vehicle safety this year.