

National Speed Management Review (NSMR)

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Road Safety Framework to 2030

“The Scottish Government is committed to improving road safety and our new Framework aims to halve road deaths by 2030 and achieve Vision Zero by 2050. Deaths or serious injuries on our road network are not an inevitability. Our strong belief, shared by Scotland’s road safety partners, is that even one death on our roads is one too many.”

Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity
Michael Matheson on 25th March 2021



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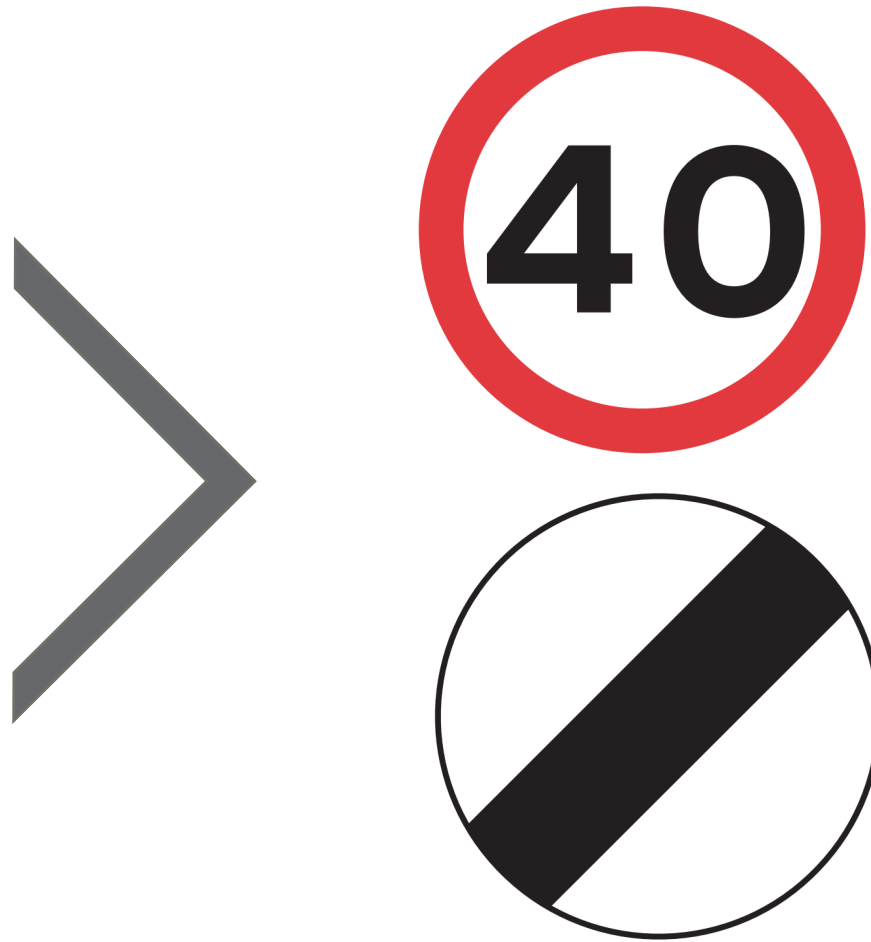


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The cover features the Transport Scotland logo at the top left, which includes a stylized blue square icon and the text "TRANSPORT SCOTLAND CONCRETE. ALSO". To the right of the logo is the title "Annual Delivery Plan 2021-2022" in large, bold, black font, with "2021-2022" in blue. Below the title is the subtitle "Scotland's Road Safety Framework to 2030" in bold black font, followed by the tagline "Together, making Scotland's roads safer" in a smaller blue font. The central graphic consists of three horizontal, wavy road sections. Each section contains various icons representing different road users and vehicles: cars, pedestrians with dogs, cyclists, motorcyclists, buses, taxis, delivery vans, ambulances, horse riders, construction vehicles like diggers and lorries, and people walking. An arrow points downwards from the bottom of the road sections towards the footer text. At the bottom, it says "Scotland to have the best road safety performance in the world" in blue italicized font, with the website "transport.gov.scot" below it.

Undertaking of consultation to substantiate changes to the National Speed Limits within Scotland

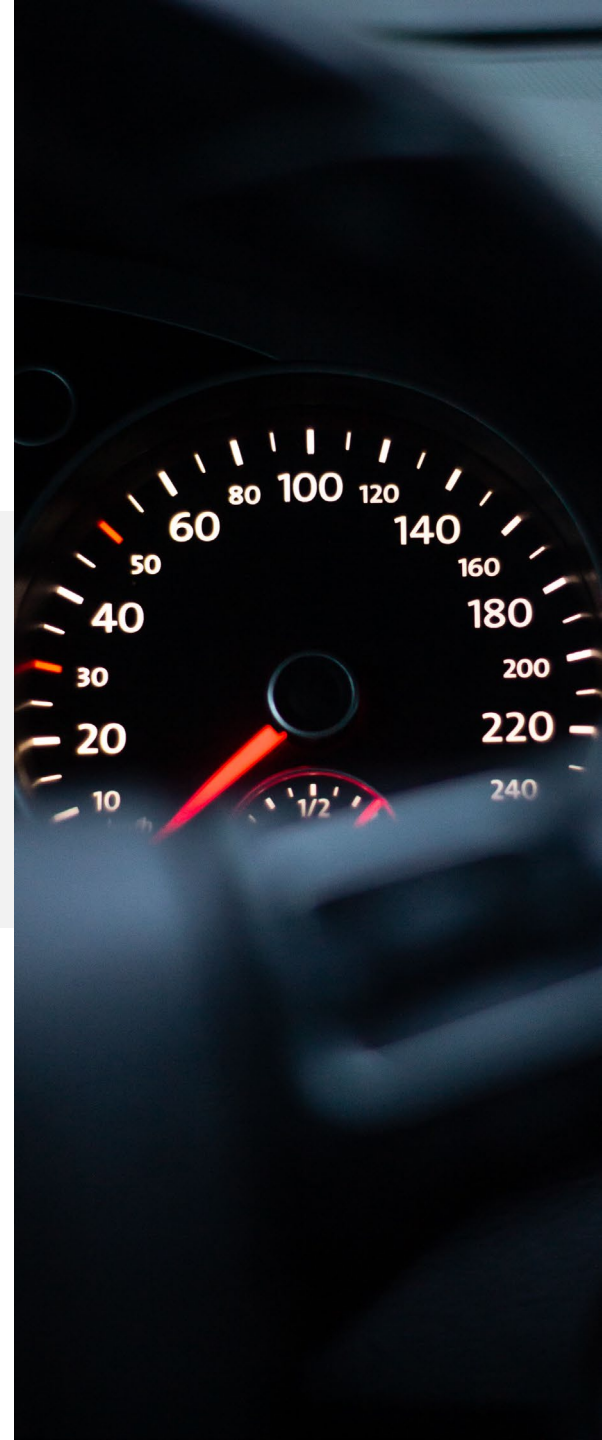
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“Speed Management is an active approach that requires (or persuades) drivers to adopt speeds that offer mobility without compromising safety.”

Citation: Global Road Safety Partnership. Speed Management: A Road Safety Manual for Decision Makers and Practitioners (page 31). Published 2008.



Safe System approach to road safety

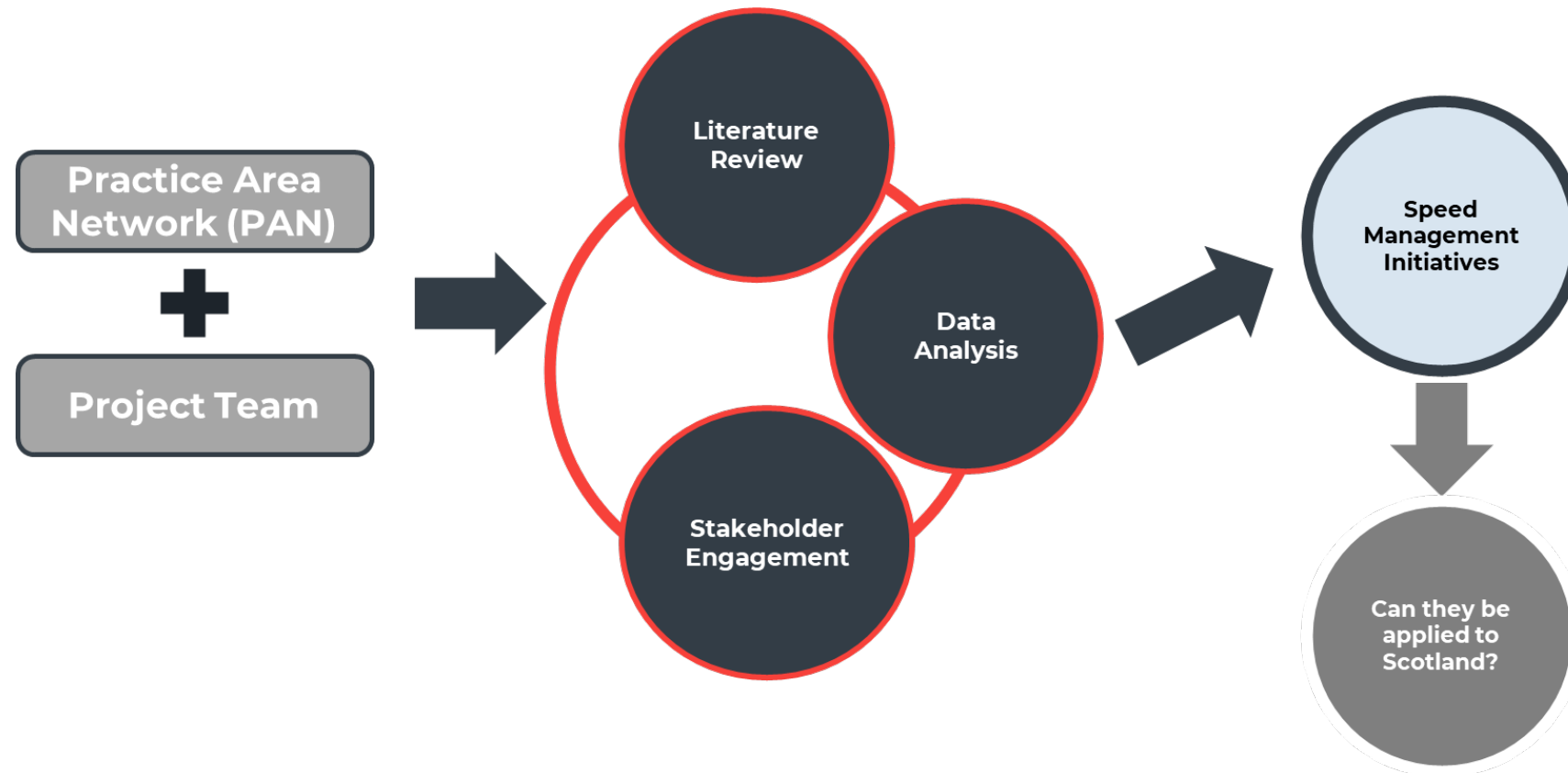
Integral to the Road Safety Framework and the National Speed Management review is to reflect on the Safe System approach, of which, **three** are considered to be significantly linked to the successful delivery of national speed management:

- **Safe Speeds**
- **Safe Road Use**
- Safe Roads and Roadsides
- Post-Crash Response
- **Safe Vehicles**



WSP's research methodology

To undertake the review, WSP undertook a range of research activities aimed at understanding the current status of speed management in Scotland and global approaches being taken to speed management.



NSMR research key themes

Speed limits on different road types (urban areas, rural single carriageways & motorways)

Speed limits for environmental improvements

Use of camera technology to promote speed management

Penalties for speed violations

Educational programmes

Credible speed limits

Driver segmentation

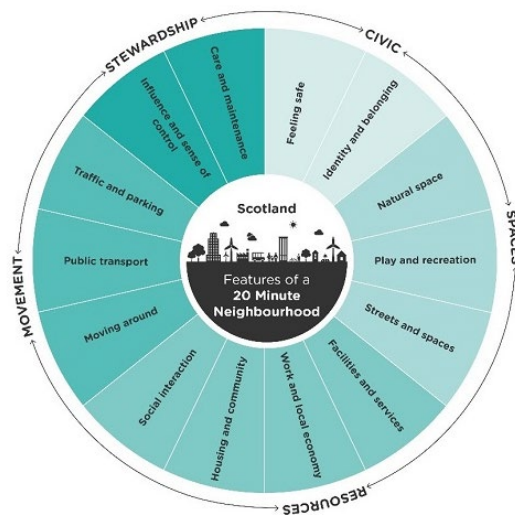
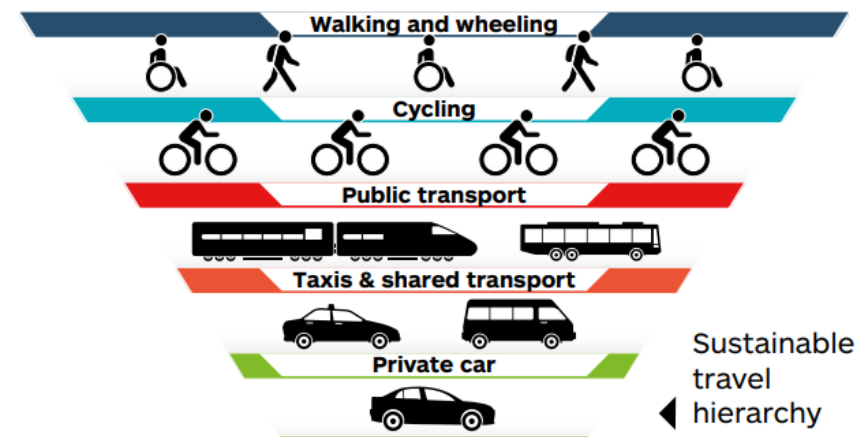
Biomechanical tolerances of the human body

Internationally proven link between speed and collision rates & casualty severity














Consideration of wider Scottish Government policy

Speed management is linked to these areas:

- Active travel
- Climate change emergency
- 20 minute neighbourhoods
- Bus priority fund
- Road space allocation
- Emissions assessment
- Child poverty



Proposals being consulted until 5th March 2025

	Existing Speed Limit (mph)	Proposed Speed Limit (mph)
 Cars and Motorcycles (Including car derived vans up to 2 tonnes maximum laden weight)	Single Carriageway  	Single Carriageway  
 Goods Vehicles (Exceeding 7.5 tonnes maximum laden weight)		
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Road Safety Performance in 2023



In 2023, the number of people **killed** on Scotland's roads was **155**.



This was the **fourth lowest annual figure**, and the second lowest recorded in a non-pandemic year.



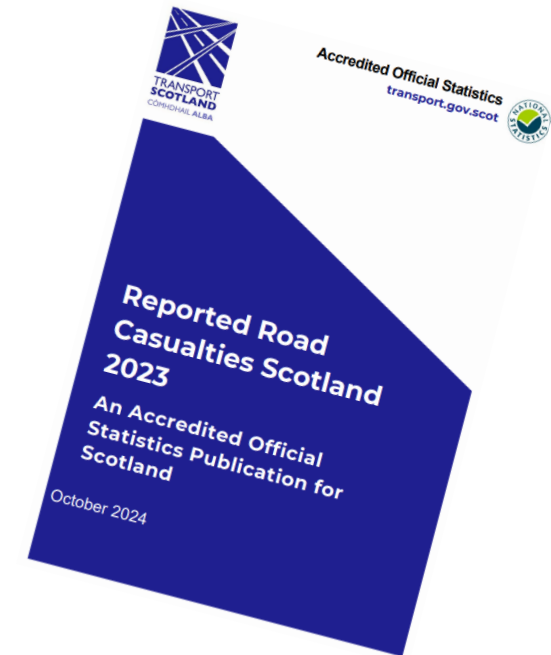
However, casualties of all other severities increased, and **total casualties rose by 3%** (from 5,643 to 5,829).



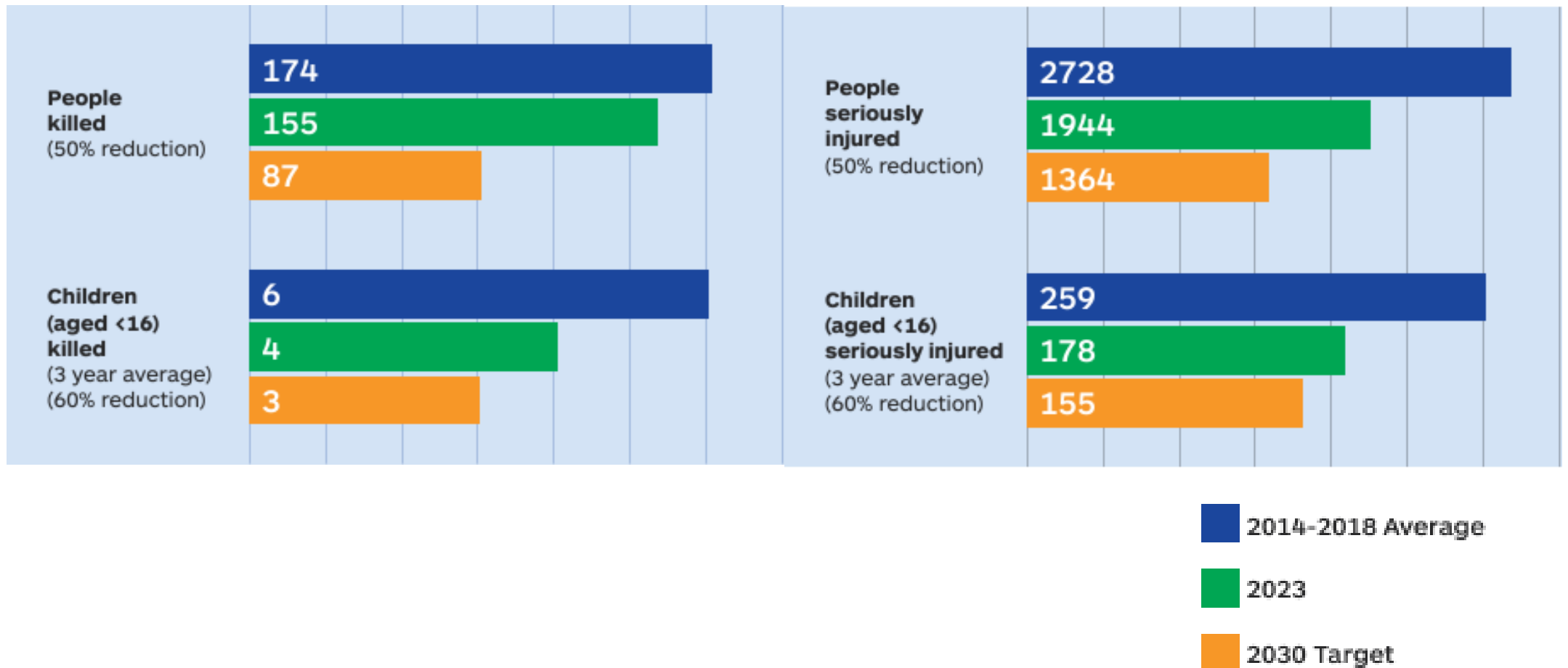
Serious casualties rose by 9% (from 1,783 to 1,944).

In 2023, on Scottish single carriageway roads with a national speed limit there were 77 fatalities and 677 serious injuries.

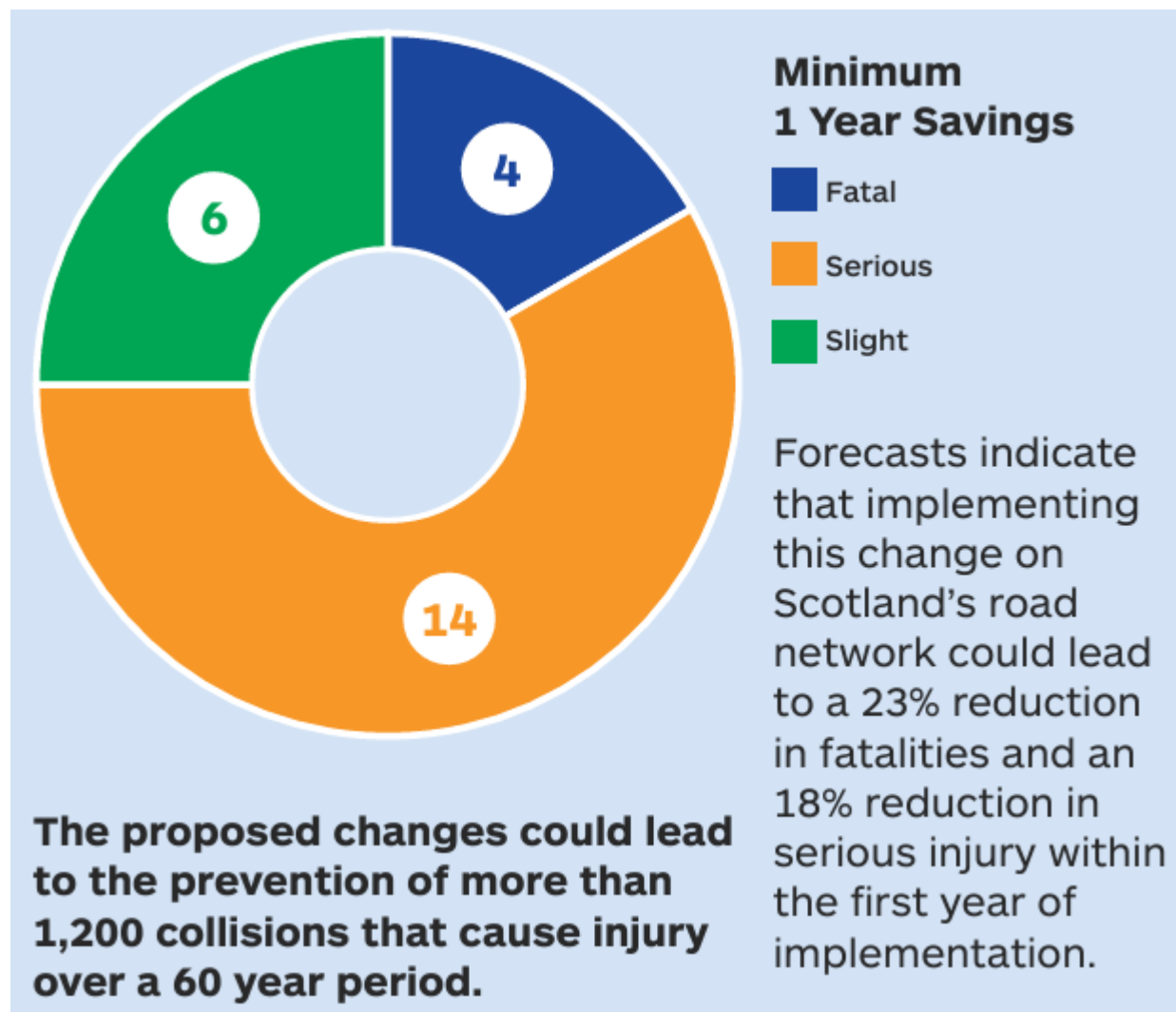
The number of fatalities in 2024 has significantly increased compared to 2023.



Road Safety Performance in 2023 v Framework Targets



Collision and casualty savings from proposals



Wider impacts of the proposals



Negligible impacts envisaged on:

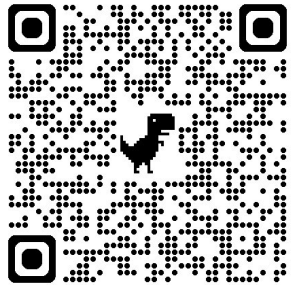
- Economic impacts
- Vehicle emissions
- Promoting active travel

Implementation of the proposals and the Safe System to achieve success?



Next Steps

- Conclusion of the consultation period. The final date to respond to the consultation is 5 March 2025.
 - Online: www.transport.gov.scot/news/national-speed-management-review/
 - By email: roadsafety@transport.gov.scot
 - By post: Road Safety Policy, Transport Scotland, 2F North, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ
- Spring 2025 - review and analyse consultation responses
- Summer 2025 – Scottish Ministers to consider next steps.



National Speed Management Review Update

Thank you

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