Addressing Pedestrian Fatalities in Indian Country

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• Total Population
  • 464,014
• Living within CN
  • Reservation 140,798
• Living within Oklahoma
  • 282,394
• Tribal Lands
  • 72,923 +/- acres spanning across 14 counties
Cherokee Nation Pedestrian Safety

• January 1, 2017-January 1, 2022
  • Fatality: 55
  • Injury: 260
  • Property Damage: 35
  • Total: 350

• Safe Streets for All
  • Planning
    • $500,000
Safe Routes to School Project
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New signage to provide visibility of new school zone and pedestrian crossing at Stilwell High School.
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Looking Ahead

• What resources would be beneficial to tribal communities?
  • Sample polices and/or procedures
  • Assessments
  • Quick build guidebook

• Are current resources meeting the needs of tribal communities?
  • Walkability assessments
Resource Library

- Walkability and observational assessments
  - No speed limit signs
  - No Pedestrian Crossing signs
  - No School Zone signs
  - No crosswalks

- Speed Radar checks
  - Conducted during the morning
    - Average Speeds- 26.4 mph
    - Top Speed- 40 mph
    - 26 pedestrians crossing
Resource Library

- Presentation to Stilwell City Council
  - Data and assessment
  - Discussion on collaboration
  - Previous work on SRTS initiatives
  - Discussion of safety concerns
Workshop Guidebook

• Listening to students, families, teachers, and school leaders and working with existing community organizations, and build intentional, ongoing engagement opportunities into the program structure.
Quick Build Opportunities

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