



**PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA**

**May 18, 2021
4:30 P.M.**

**Oconee County Administrative Offices
Council Chambers
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC**

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes

- March 16, 2021

3. 2010 – 2020 Collision and Injury Report Presentation – Oconee County Planning Commission

[to include Vote and/or Action on matter brought up for discussion, if required]

4. Discussion Items *[to include Vote and/or Action on matters brought up for discussion, if required]*

- Discussion regarding litter clean-up and education programs, including incentivized initiatives, and intergovernmental and public-private solutions
- Discussion regarding Bailey Bill recommendations
- Discussion regarding Quarter 1 & Quarter 2 Economic Activity Update

5. Adjourn

Oconee County Council & Committee meeting schedules and agendas are posted at the Oconee County Administration Building and are available on the County Council Website www.oconeesc.com/council.html [All upcoming meetings will be held in Council Chambers unless otherwise noted]

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Cain, Chair, District III
Mr. Elliott, District I
Mr. Davis, III, District IV

OCONEE CODE OF ORDINANCES

Sec. 2-61. - Access to and conduct at county meetings, facilities and property.

(a) *Purpose.* The county council has determined that it is necessary to regulate access to county facilities, grounds and property in order to ensure the safety and security of the public who visit these areas or the county employees who serve them. The conduct of persons who visit county facilities and/or who have contact with county employees must also be regulated to preserve public order, peace and safety. The regulation of access and conduct must be balanced with the right of the public to have reasonable access to public facilities and to receive friendly, professional service from county employees. These regulations apply to all county facilities and meetings, as defined below, for and over which county council exercises control and regulation, and to the extent, only, not preempted by state or federal law.

(b) *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Facility means any building, structure, or real property owned, leased, rented, operated or occupied by the county or one of its departments, offices or agencies.

Meeting means any assemblage of persons for the purpose of conducting county governmental business, operations or functions or any assemblage of persons within a county governmental facility. The term "meeting" includes, but is not limited to, county council meetings, county board and committee and staff meetings, trials, hearings and other proceedings conducted in the courts of general sessions and common pleas, family court, master-in-equity, probate court and magistrate's court; and other meetings by entities duly authorized by the county council.

(c) *Prohibited acts.* It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- (1) Utter loud, obscene, profane, threatening, disruptive or abusive language or to engage in any disorderly or disruptive conduct that impedes, disrupts or disturbs the orderly proceedings of any meeting, or operations of any department or function of the county government, including, without limitation, speaking when not explicitly recognized and authorized to do so by the presiding official in such meeting.
- (2) Bring, carry, or otherwise introduce any firearm, knife with blade longer than two inches or other dangerous weapon, concealed or not concealed, into any facility or meeting. This prohibition does not apply to law enforcement personnel or any other person whose official, governmental duties require them to carry such firearm, knife, or other weapon.
- (3) Engage in partisan political activity, including speech, in any meeting not authorized and called for the purpose of partisan political activity and explicitly authorized for such purpose in the facility in which such activity is to be conducted, or refusing to cease such activity when the presiding official of the meeting in question has ruled that the activity in question is partisan political activity and has directed that such activity stop.
- (4) Interfere with, impede, hinder or obstruct any county governmental official or employee in the performance of his duties, whether or not on county government property.
- (5) Enter any area of a county government facility, grounds or property when such entry is prohibited by signs, or obstructed or enclosed by gates, fencing or other physical barriers. Such areas include rooms if clearly marked with signs to prohibit unauthorized entry.
- (6) Enter by vehicle any area of a county governmental facility, grounds or property when such area is prohibited by signs or markings or are obstructed by physical barriers; or park a vehicle in such restricted areas; or park in a manner to block, partially block or impede the passage of traffic in driveways; or park within 15 feet of a fire hydrant or in a fire zone; or park in any area not designated as a parking space; or park in a handicapped parking space without proper placarding or license plate; or park in a reserved parking space without authorization.

- (7) Use any county governmental facility, grounds or other property for any purpose not authorized by law or expressly permitted by officials responsible for the premises.
 - (8) Enter without authorization or permission or refuse to leave any county governmental facility, grounds or other property after hours of operation.
 - (9) Obstruct or impede passage within a building, grounds or other property of any county governmental facility.
 - (10) Enter, without legal cause or good excuse, a county governmental facility, grounds or property after having been warned not to do so; or, having entered such property, fail and refuse without legal cause or good excuse to leave immediately upon being ordered or requested to do so by an official, employee, agent or representative responsible for premises.
 - (11) Damage, deface, injure or attempt to damage, deface or injure a county governmental property, whether real property or otherwise.
 - (12) Enter or attempt to enter any restricted or nonpublic ingress point or any restricted access area, or bypass or attempt to bypass the designated public entrance or security checkpoint of a facility without authorization or permission.
 - (13) Perform any act which circumvents, disables or interferes with or attempts to circumvent, disable or interfere with a facility's security system, alarm system, camera system, door lock or other intrusion prevention or detection device. This includes, without limitation, opening, blocking open, or otherwise disabling an alarmed or locked door or other opening that would allow the entry of an unauthorized person into a facility or restricted access area of the facility.
 - (14) Exit or attempt to exit a facility through an unauthorized egress point or alarmed door.
- (d) *Penalty for violation of section.* Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished in accordance with section 1-7. In addition, vehicles that are improperly parked on any county property, facility, or other premises may be towed at the owner's expense.

(Ord. No. 2003-04, §§ 1—4, 4-15-2003; Ord. No. 2012-06, § 1, 4-3-2012)



Roadway collisions, injuries, and fatalities in Oconee County 2010-2020

Data source : S.C. Department of Public Safety

Maps : Oconee County G.I.S.

Primary contributing factors for collisions



2010-2020

5,733 collisions with injuries

Primary contributing factor by percent

Driving too fast for conditions	34%
Failure to yield right of way	22%
Driving under the influence	9%

144 fatal collisions

Primary contributing factor by percent

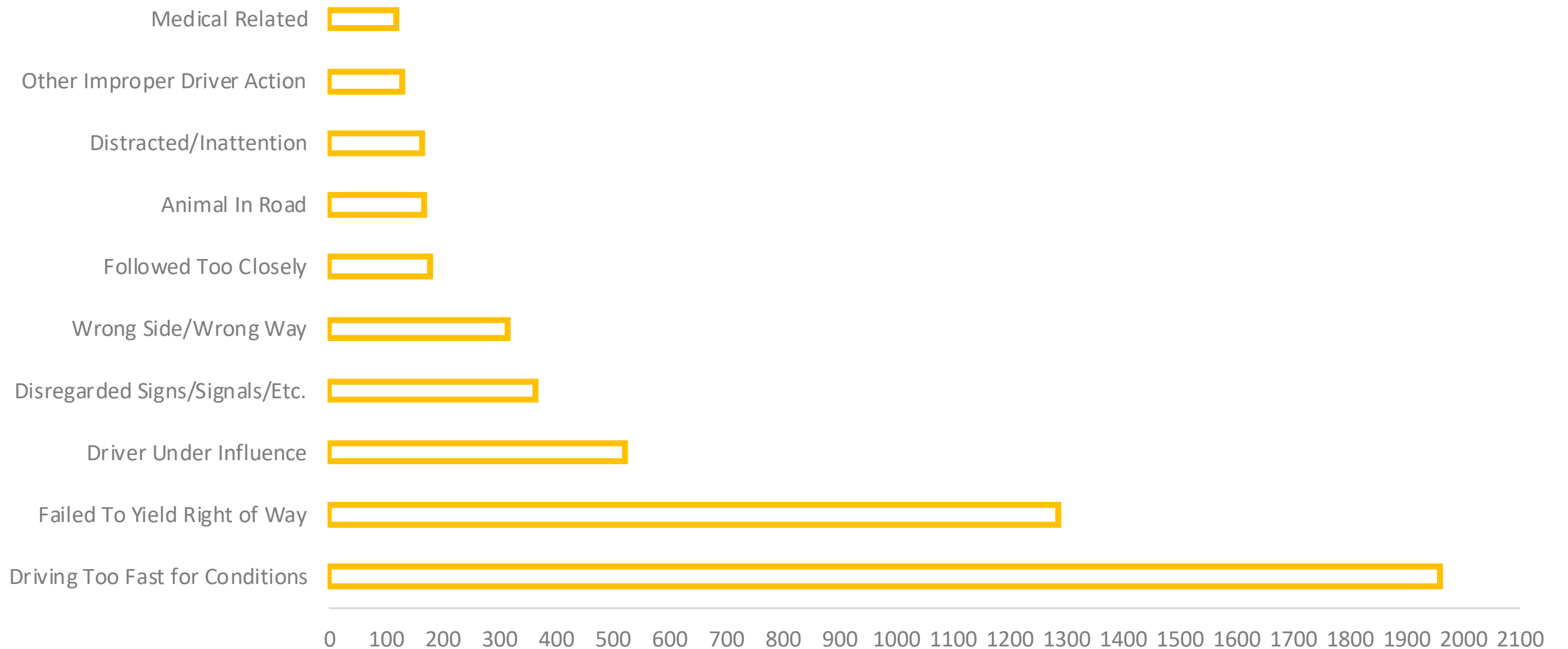
Driving under the influence	27%
Driving too fast for conditions	23%
Wrong side/ Wrong way	11%

14,784 Total collisions

Primary contributing factor by percent

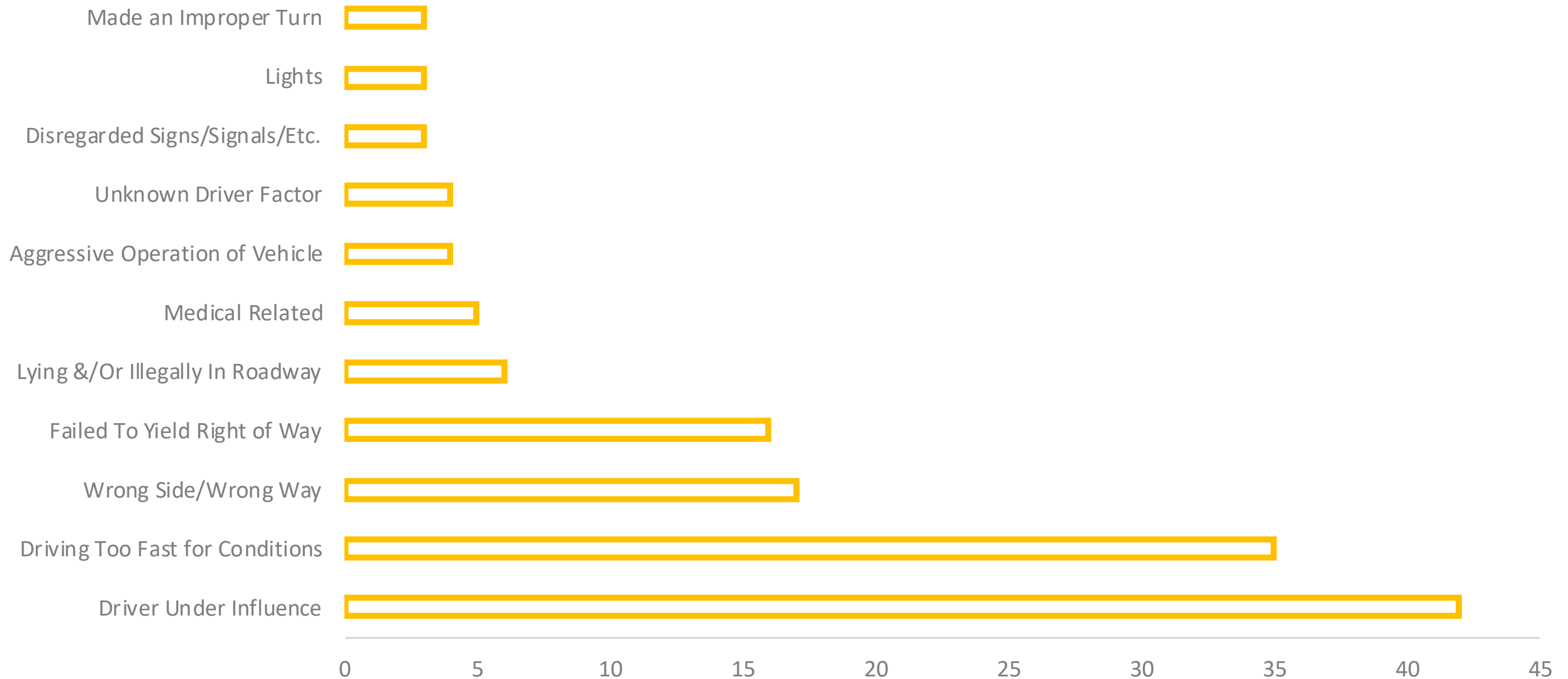
Driving too fast for conditions	36%
Failure to yield right of way	19%
Driving under the influence	6%

10 most frequent primary contributing factors for non-fatal injury collisions in Oconee County 2010-2020



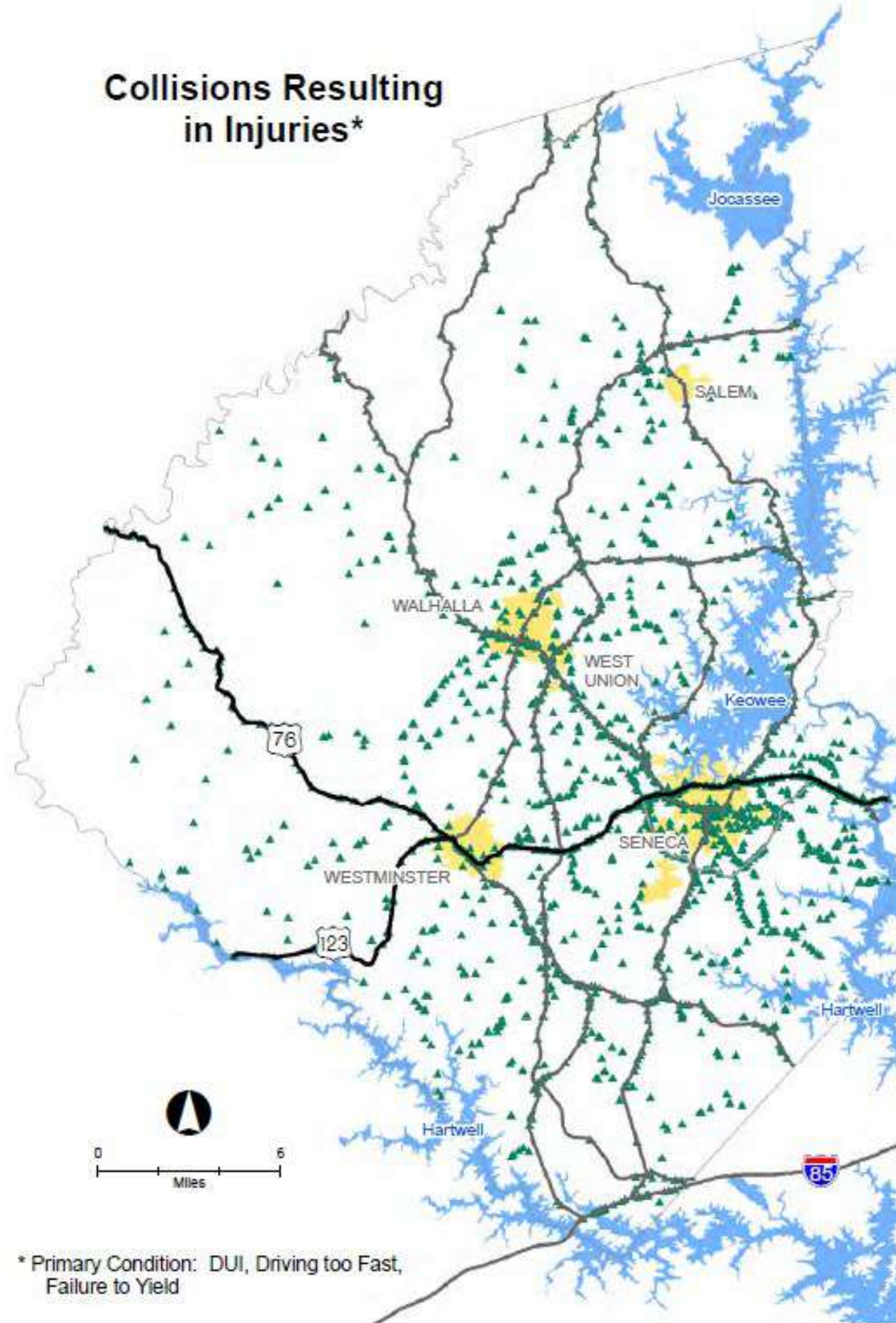


10 most frequent primary contributing factors for fatal collisions in Oconee County 2010-2020



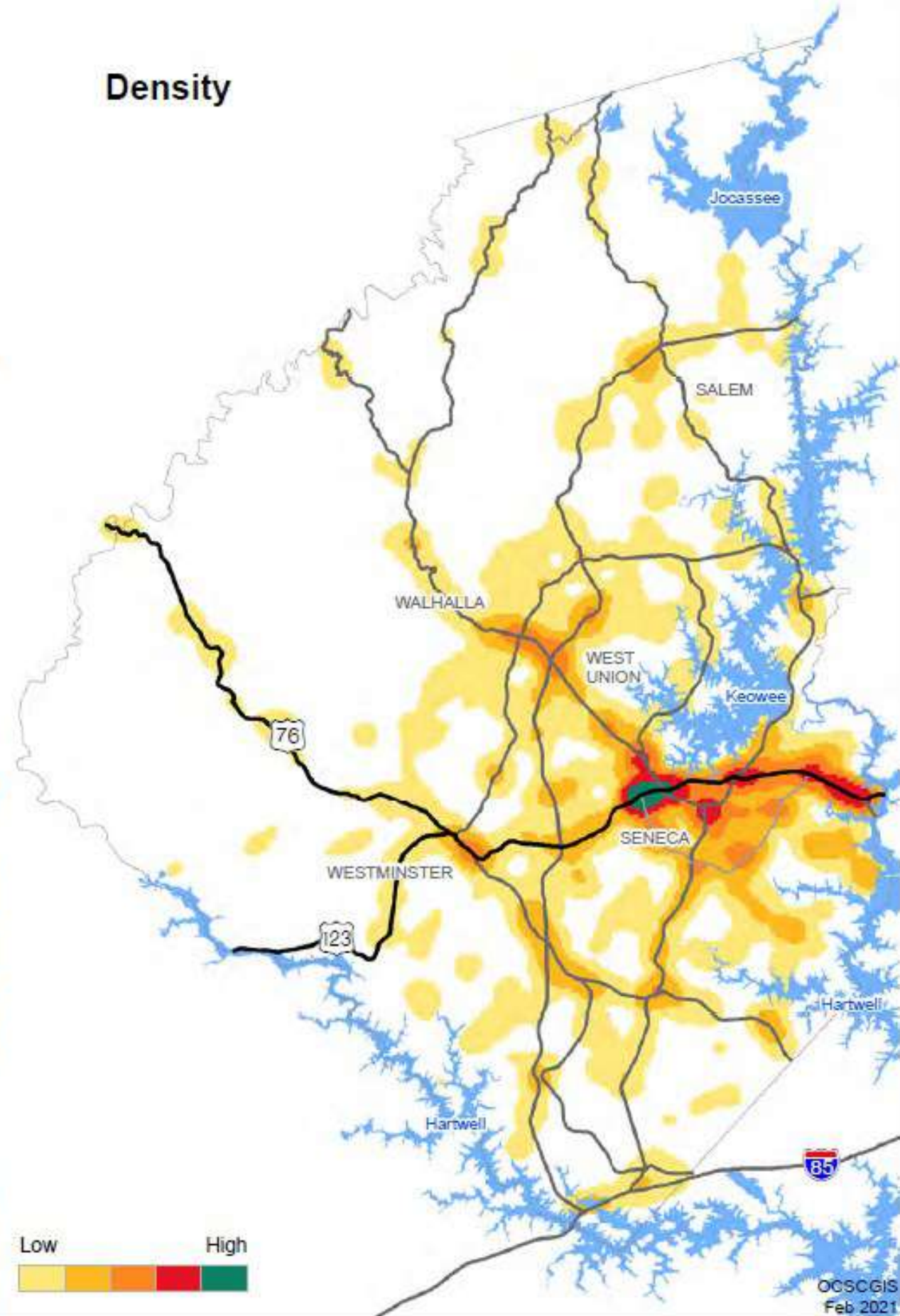


Collisions Resulting in Injuries*



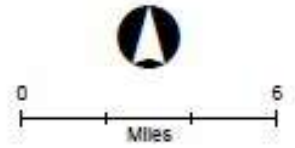
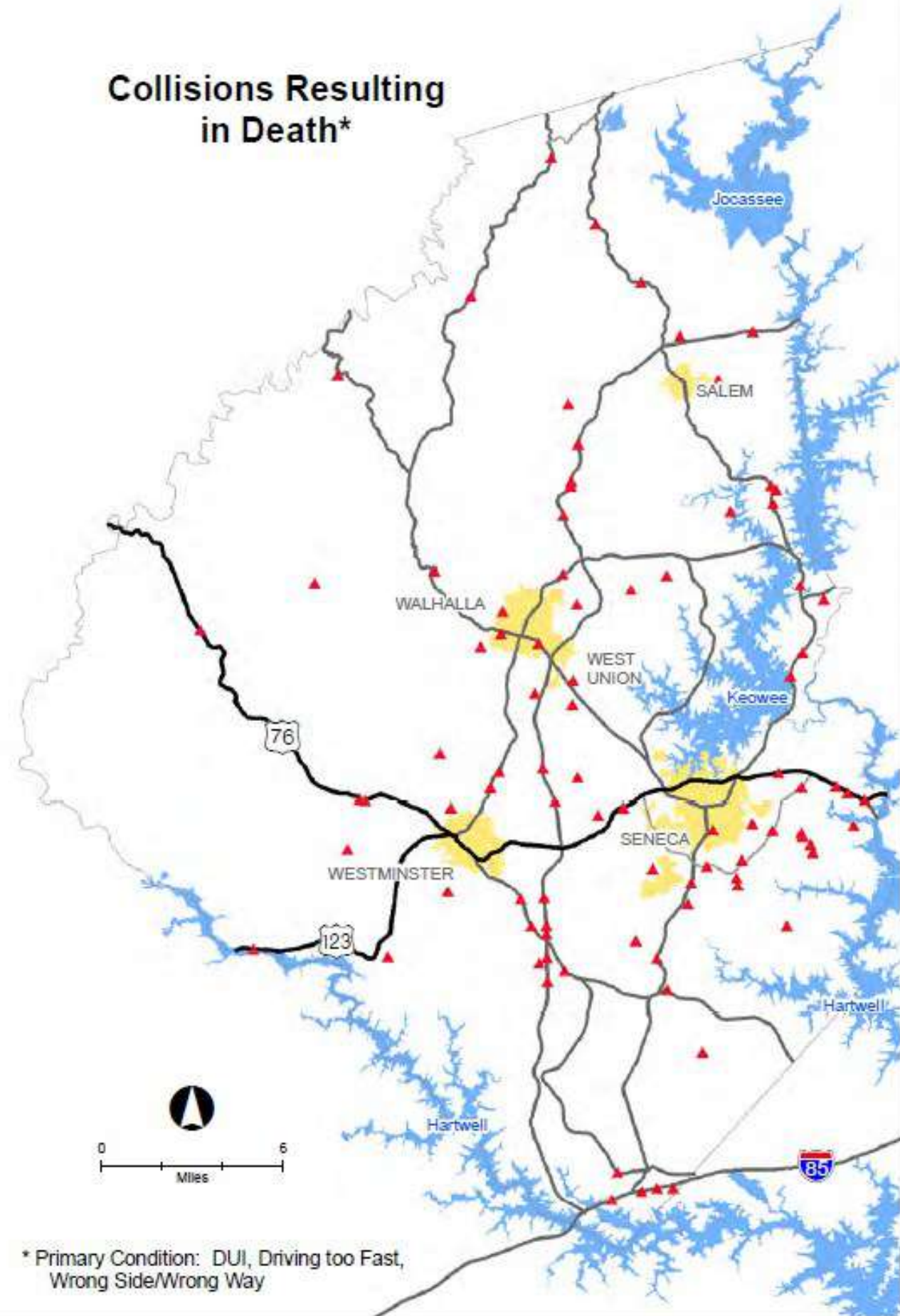
* Primary Condition: DUI, Driving too Fast, Failure to Yield

Density



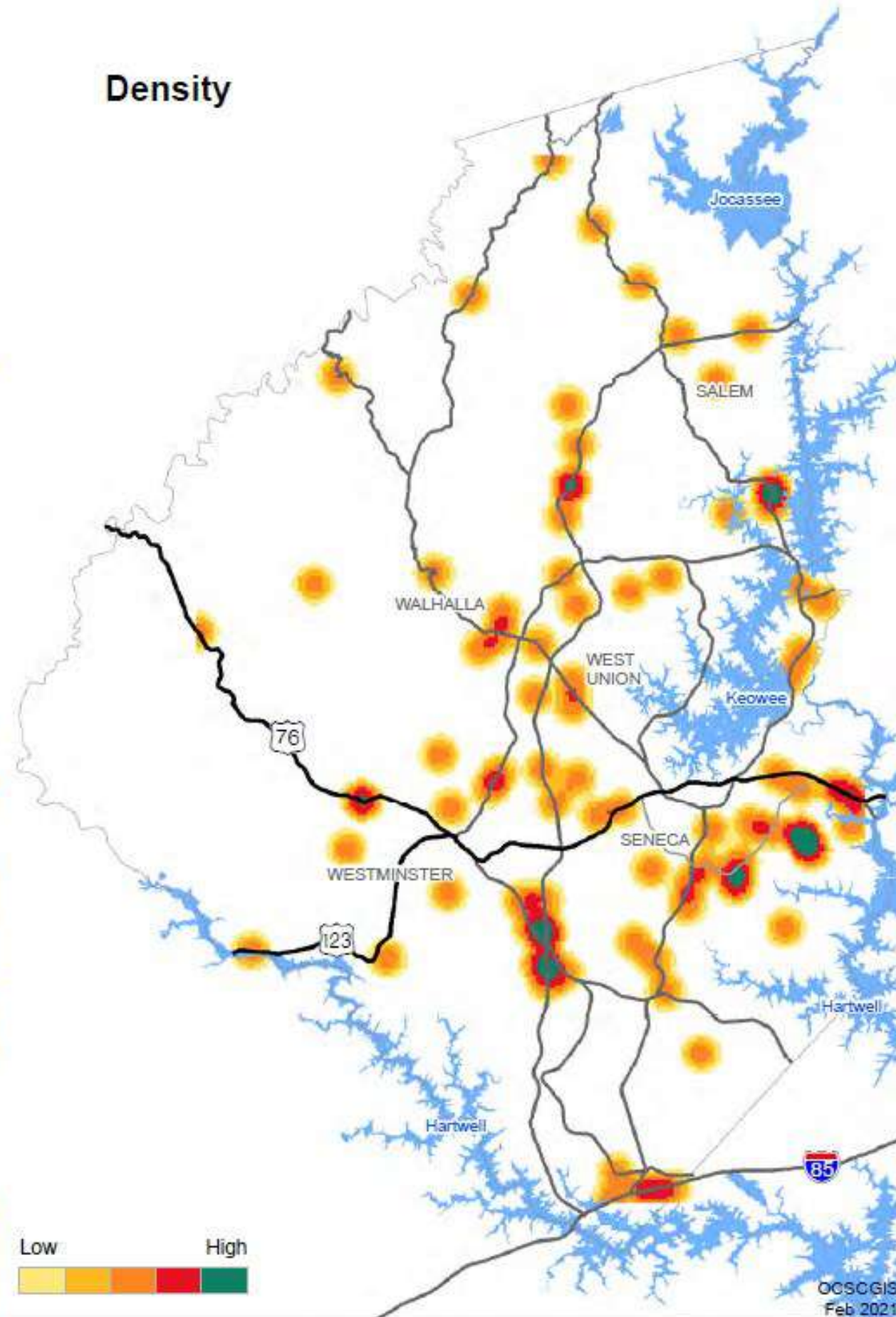


Collisions Resulting in Death*



* Primary Condition: DUI, Driving too Fast, Wrong Side/Wrong Way

Density



Within the right-of-way suggestions for addressing the top three primary contributing factors for all collisions

Strategies to Reduce Impaired Driving

- Deterrence: enact, publicize, enforce, and adjudicate laws prohibiting impaired driving so that people choose not to drive impaired
- Prevention: reduce drinking and drug use and keep impaired drivers from driving
- Communications and outreach: inform the public of the dangers of impaired driving and establish positive social norms that make driving while impaired unacceptable
- Alcohol and drug treatment: reduce alcohol dependency or addiction among drivers

Strategies to Reduce driving to fast for conditions

- Reduce speeding through enforcement activities
- Apply road design measures to obtain appropriate speeds
- Set speed limits that are safe and reasonable
- Increase public awareness of driving risks at unsafe speeds

Strategies to Reduce failure to yield right-of-way

- Identify collision prone intersections and roadways
- Identify common problems at collision prone intersections and engineer solutions
- Education on yielding right-of-way



Outside of the right-of-way suggestions for addressing collisions

- Traffic impact studies for all new development in high impact areas
- Required infrastructure upgrades (turn lane, stop signs, etc.)
- Limit curb-cuts
- Shared access
- Land-use regulations in high impact areas addressing specific usage of high traffic causing businesses, such as:
 - Student-housing
 - Gas stations
 - Drive-through dining
 - Big box stores





Broad objectives for improving road-safety

Enforcement of the current regulations and updating laws

Education of the public continually and consistently from an early age

Engineering roadways and intersections to minimize conflict points

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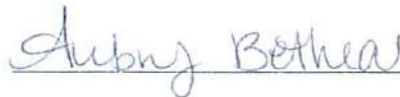
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Hal Welch
General Manager

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01/08/2021



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Subject: Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting POSTPONED

Good Afternoon All –

The Oconee County Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting scheduled for today, Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. has been POSTPONED until 5pm, Tuesday, June 1, 2021. Thank you all & have a great day.

Best Regards,
Katie

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