

Kansas Drive To Zero (DTZ)

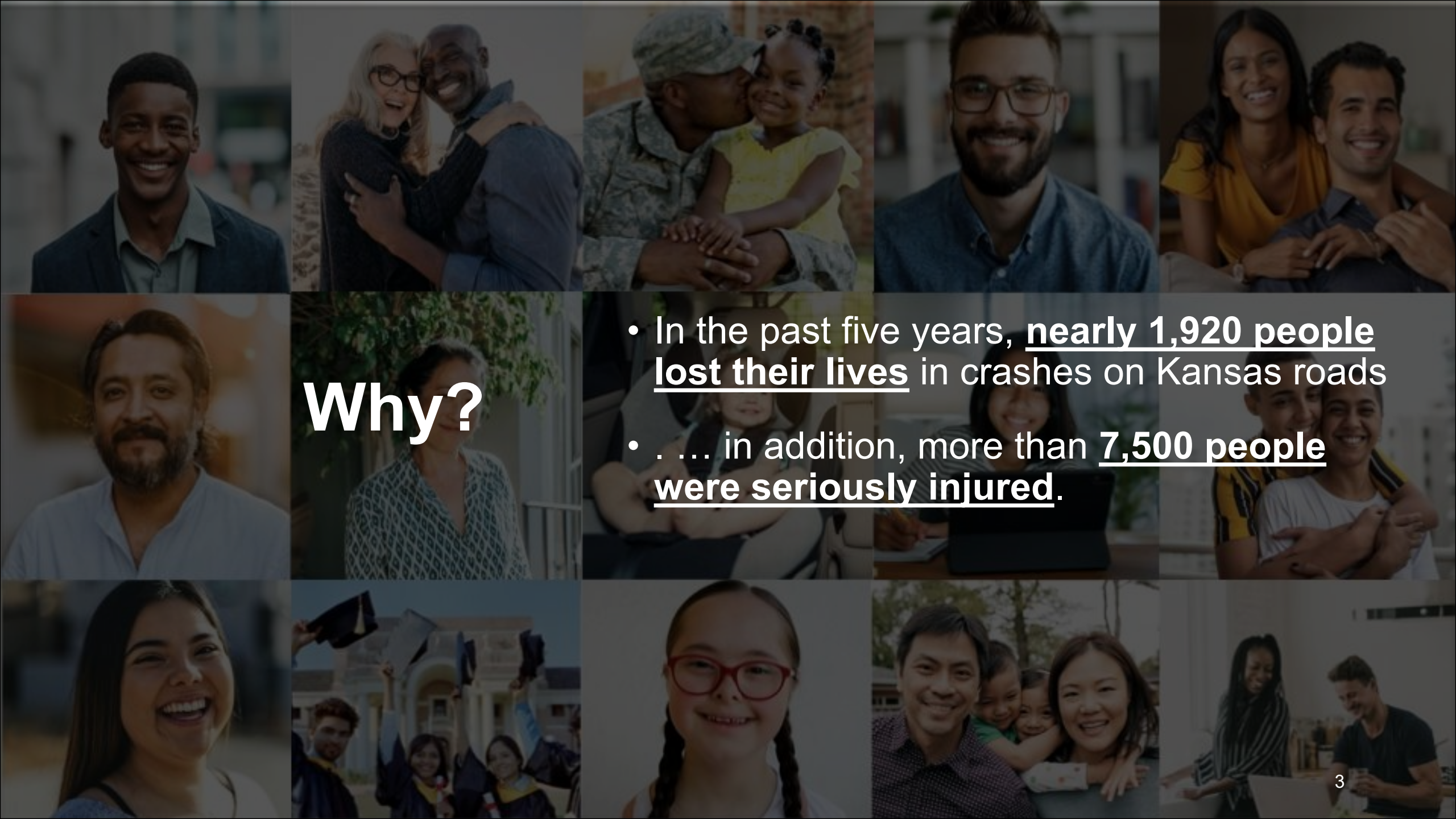
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- The Why? By the numbers
- Kansas Drive To Zero Plan
- Drive to Zero Coalition
 - Strategy Teams
 - Support Teams
- Recent Progress Made
- How You Can Stay Involved

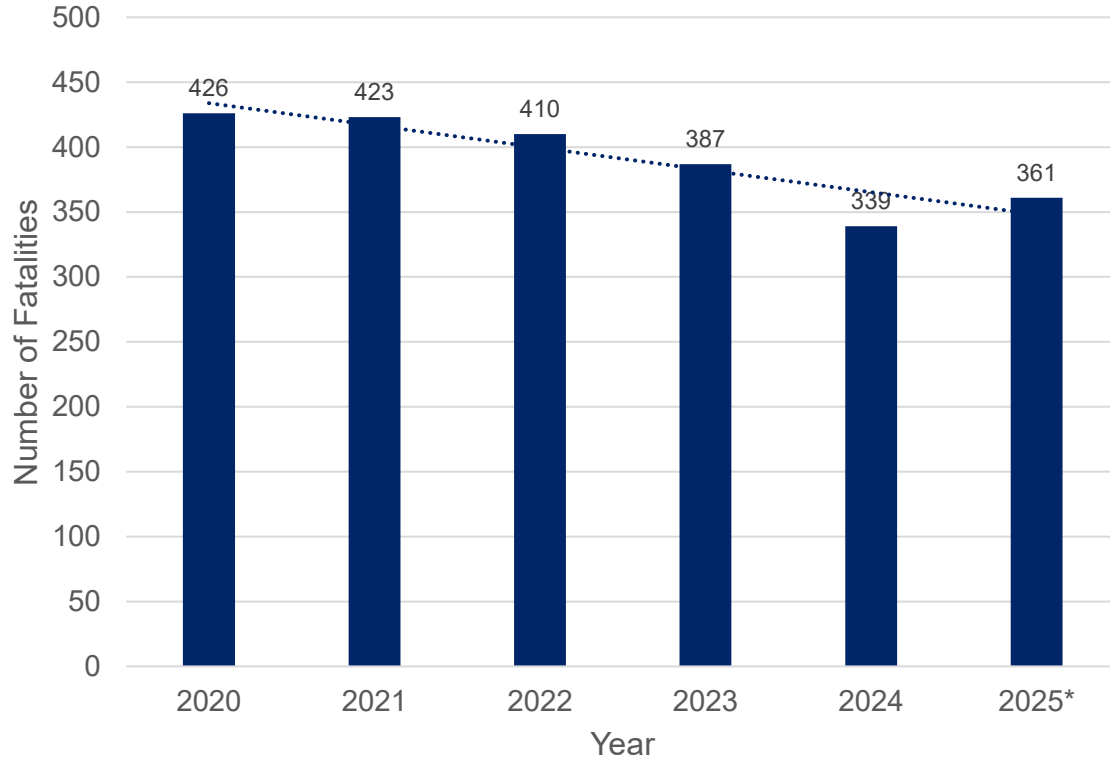


Why?

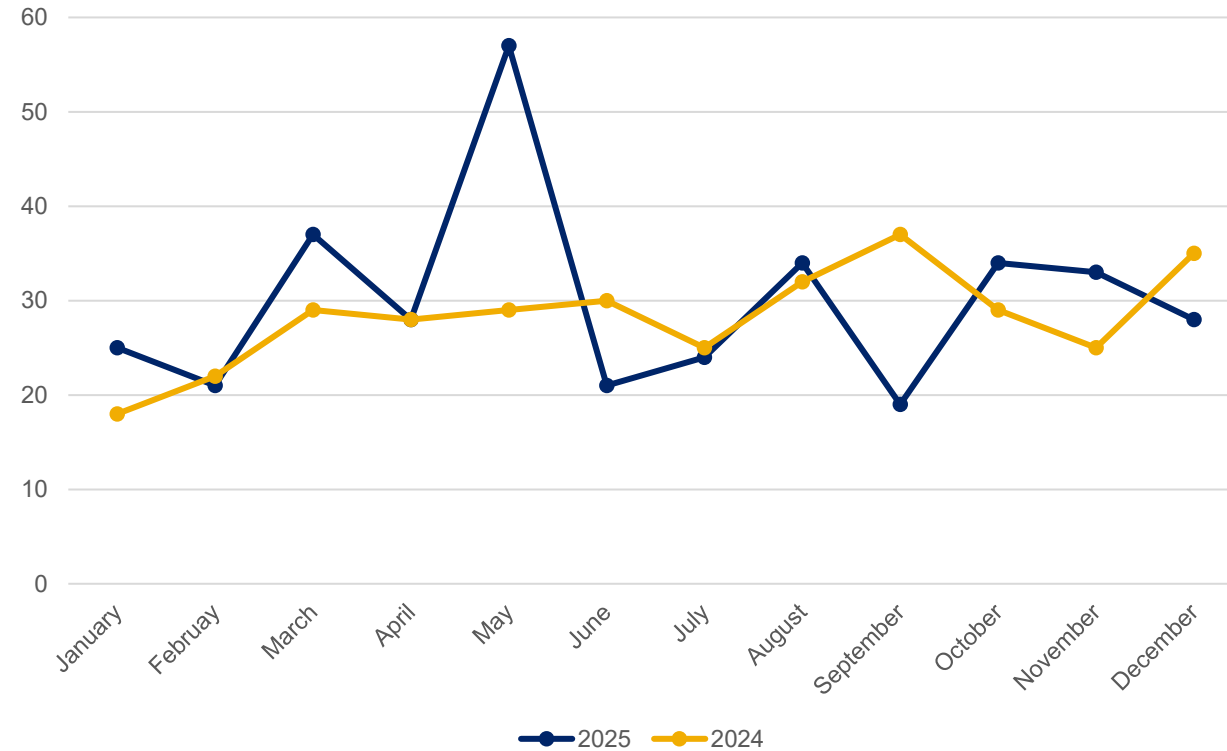
- In the past five years, nearly 1,920 people lost their lives in crashes on Kansas roads
- . . . in addition, more than 7,500 people were seriously injured.

Downward Trend in Traffic Fatalities

Kansas Fatalities (2020-2025)



2025-2024 Kansas Monthly Fatality Comparison



- These numbers are preliminary and pending trauma and investigative outcomes. As of 1/6/2026.
- 2024 was a record low year for Kansas.
- 2025 included a record number of multi-fatality events in the first five months.
- We continue a downward trend.

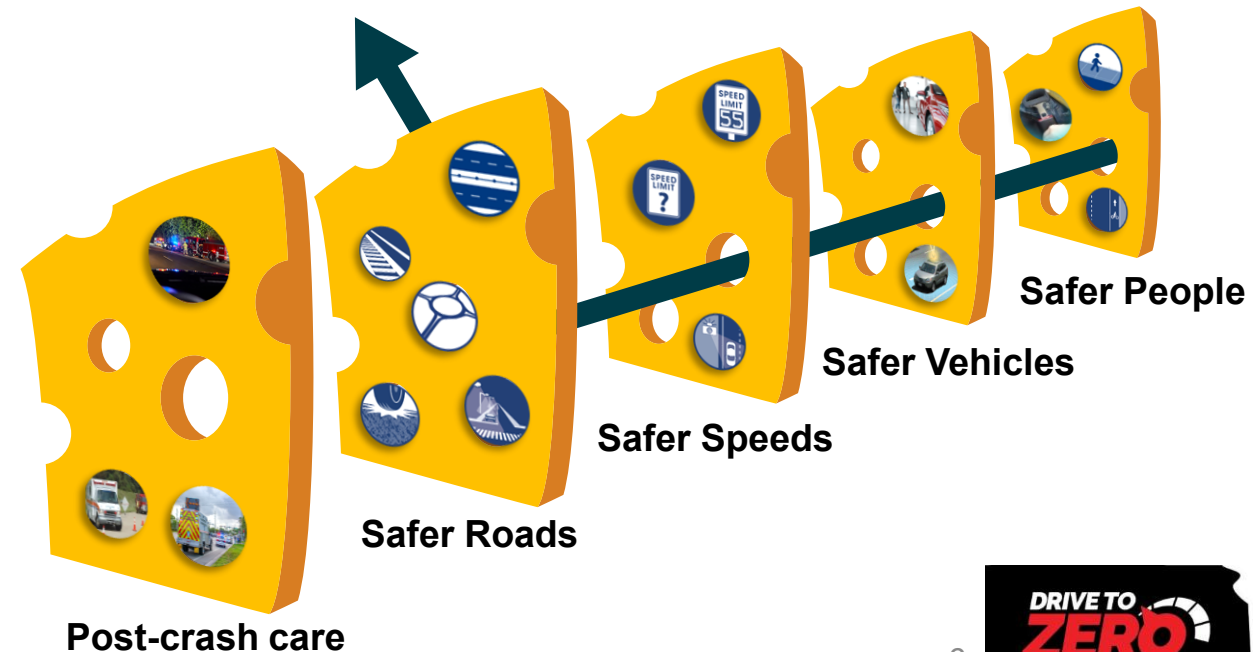
Kansas Drive To Zero Plan (2025-2029 SHSP Update)



The mission of the Kansas Drive To Zero Plan Update is to drive strategic investments that eliminate serious injuries and deaths and the emotional and economic burdens of crashes, by reinforcing the layers of the Safe System in Kansas.

DTZ Plan Features & Goals

- Data-informed decisions, communications & collaborations
- Living document with strategic actions
- Informs investments
- Developed and implemented with a large group of stakeholders
- Key Goals:
 - “Localize” the Drive To Zero
 - Safe System Approach



Drive to Zero Coalition

The Drive To Zero (DTZ) Coalition taps the skills of many agencies to champion transportation safety on all public roads in Kansas by developing and maintaining the Kansas Drive To Zero Plan.



DTZ Coalition Member Organizations



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration



Stakeholder Teams

- **Strategy Teams** work on developing and implementing strategic initiatives.
- **Support Teams** provide technical expertise and resources to advance strategic initiatives.



Plan Layout

- Letter from Secretary
- Executive Summary (2 pages)
- Intro / Background
 - Vision / Mission / Goals
 - Successes from 2020-2024
 - Shifting Gears to Safe System Approach
- Plan Development Process
 - Stakeholder Input
 - Supporting Data
- Strategic Initiatives
- Implementation and Monitoring
- Call to Action



SAFER ROADS

- SR 1 "Safety Co-Benefits" across Transportation Programs
- SR 2 HRUR Program**
- SR 3 Prioritizing Implementation of Local Safety Plans**
- SR 4 Context-Appropriate Design Guidance/Policies
- SR 5 KDOT District Safety Plans

SAFER VEHICLES

- SV 1 Advanced Vehicle Safety Feature Promotion**
- SV 2 AV Readiness
- SV 3 CV Enhancements and Pilots**
- SV 4 Assessment of Vehicle Inspection Requirements

SAFER SPEEDS

- SS 1 Excessive Speeding Initiative**
- SS 2 Safety Camera Pilot**
- SS 3 Speed Feedback Sign Program
- SS 4 KDOT Speed Policies and Practices
- SS 5 Transition Zone Effectiveness

SAFER PEOPLE

- SP 1 Safety Corridor Pilot Program**
- SP 2 Educational Initiatives on Proven Countermeasures**
- SP 3 Traffic Safety Culture Initiative
- SP 4 Impaired Driving Testing Improvements

POST-CRASH CARE

- PCC 1 Assessment of Timeliness and Quality of Care**
- PCC 2 Linking Crash, EMS, and Trauma Data**
- PCC 3 Outreach to Prosecutors and Judicial Partners
- PCC 4 TIM Improvements/ Program Expansion
- PCC 5 CAD-to-CAD Interoperability

DTZ PLAN STRATEGIES



Bold indicates strategies identified as Priority by DTZ Coalition and Strategy Team members.

Delivering On Our Goals



Installed speed feedback signs on Safety Corridors



Launched the High-Risk Urban Roads (HRUR) Program



Acquired telematics data to improve understanding of risky driving behaviors and other traffic data



Developed a dashboard that shows average post-crash care times by County



Conducted a national scan and stakeholder survey to prioritize education content for infrastructure countermeasures



Advanced crash, EMS, and trauma data linkage efforts



Secured millions in federal discretionary grants for safety improvements in KS



Advanced safety integration across KDOT programs



Scheduled a workshop and a webinar to integrate the Safe System Approach in local and regional government agencies

Policy Support Team

Policy Support Team Leaders:

- Joel Skelley (KDOT)
- Catherine Magana (KDOT)
- Lt. Roy Wise (KHP)

Tracking this legislative session:

- Impaired Driving
- Hands Free Driving
- Excessive Speeding
- Work Zone Vehicle Lighting
- School Bus Stop Arm Violations



How to be involved?

- Be a champion or ally
- Attend an event
- Contact Policy Support Team Leaders
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Save the Dates



- **Drive To Zero Day at the Capitol**
 - Capitol Building, 2nd Floor Rotunda
 - March 11, 9am-12pm
(if inclement weather, backup date March 13)
 - Media event, open house, networking

- **Transportation Safety Conference**
 - Hilton Garden Inn, Manhattan
 - April 21-22
 - 400 registrants, 16 concurrent sessions, 3 keynote / plenary speakers, regional discussions



*Alone we cannot solve this problem.
Together we can.*

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