# Bike Safety in the Windy City

An analysis of severe bike crash contributors for Vision Zero Chicago









## Team Intros and Agenda



#### **Meet the Team**



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#### High Level Agenda



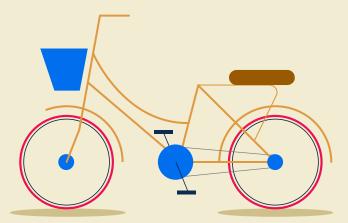




## The Bottom Line

Your bike safety campaign should focus on the most important factors in serious bike accidents:

- impaired drivers
- older bikers
- traffic law abidance by bikers
- time of day
- road speed limits





## Data Acquisition and Filtering



#### **Data Acquisition**

City of Chicago database of crashes, and information on the people and vehicles involved (2015 to present)





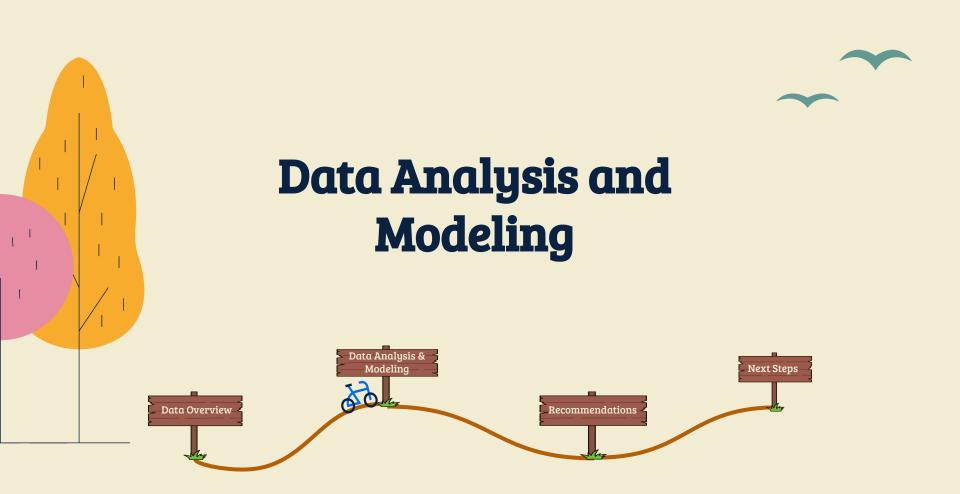
Merged datasets together, filtered for crashes involving cyclists



#### **Data Limitations**

Lots of subcategories, unknown/missing values, heavily one-sided data





## Data Analysis and Modeling



#### **Modeling**

Target binary variable: Severe biker injury

To determine leading causes of serious cyclist injuries, utilized:

- driver characteristics
- biker characteristics
- crash conditions

Ran logistic regression, decision tree, random forest machine learning models

Extracted most important features and interpreted coefficients



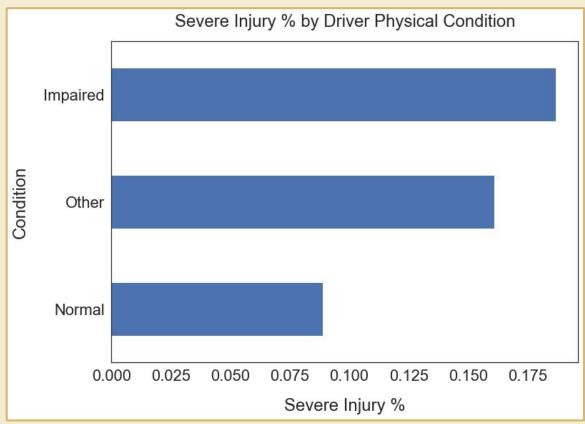






#### **The Big Issue**

An unimpaired driver ("Normal") reduces the likelihood of severe injury by 30%

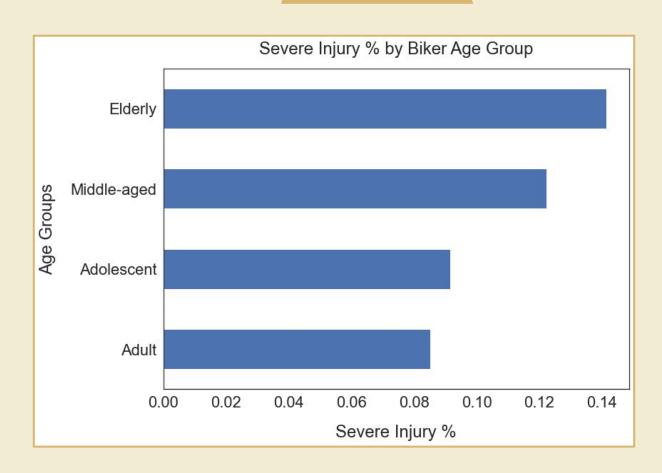




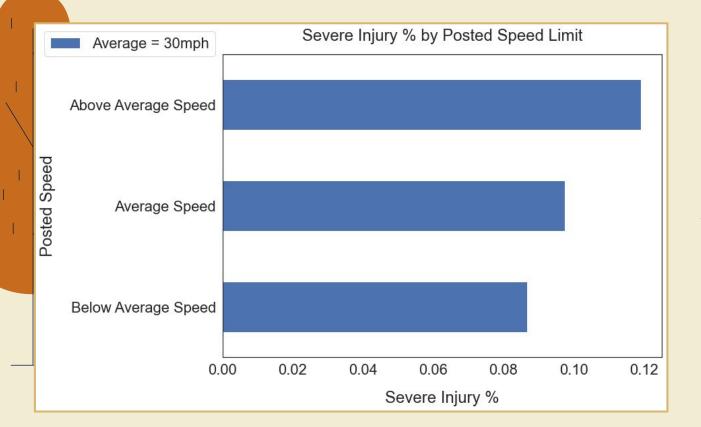


#### **Path for Pops**

Encourage elderly bikers to stick to bike paths, as they are 34% more likely to be seriously injured in an accident









#### No need for speed

Traveling on streets with speed limits above 30 mph is 30% more likely to result in a severe injury

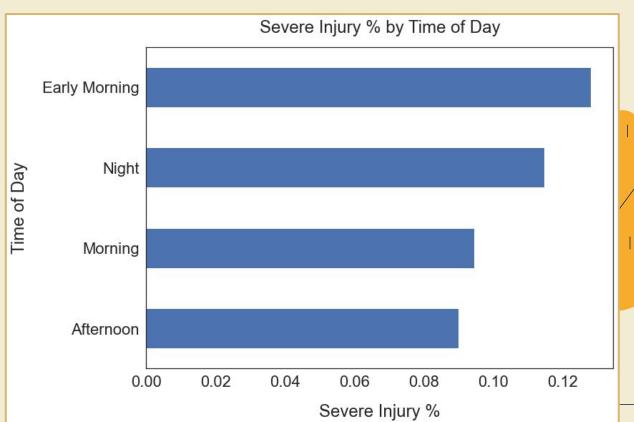






#### **Afternoon delight**

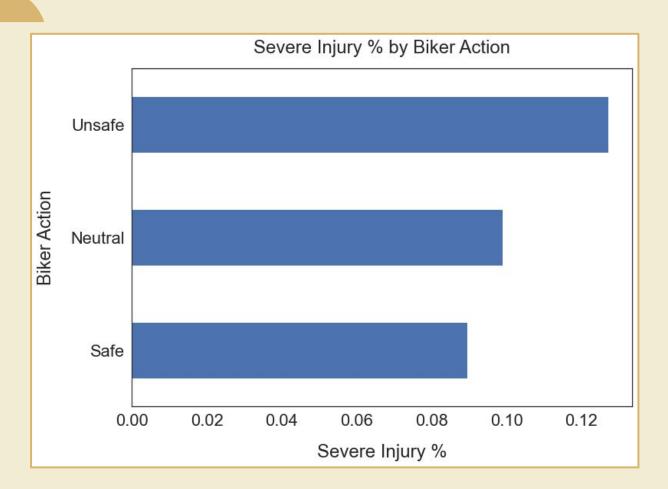
Bike accidents in the early morning are 22% more likely to be severe





#### Follow the law

Following the law decreases the likelihood of a severe injury by 16%





## Next Steps / Other Considerations

**Location Information** 

Model currently treats all geographies of the city as the same

Additional Crash Circumstances

Interviews of bikers and reporting officers could provide additional trends to investigate







## Thanks

### Do you have any questions?



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