

New traffic data helps you plan your commute better

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CHICAGO -- Want to know where your commute is most dangerous? Newly-plotted data can show you just that.

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, or CMAP, has plotted where exactly crashes keep popping up, in hopes it will help facilitate change at those spots to make the roads safer.

The agency plotted out the crashes on all the expressways and tollways between 2008 and 2012 to get a better feel for the trouble spots.

CMAP compared the crash data for each road to its congestion data, and found that more crashes are occurring in heavy congestion.

The agency is currently starting to work on its “GO TO 2050” plan, asking for ideas on how to make the roads safer and easier to travel.

Its goal is to identify areas that can be improved with better planning and infrastructure.

CMAP also found the expressways and tollways to be much safer than the arterial streets: the crash rate on expressways is 75 percent lower.

For more info, check out:

See crash and congestion data for each roadway:

<http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/mobility/roads/cmp/performance-measurement/scans>

GO TO 2050 planning:

<http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/onto2050>

Full crash analysis:

http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/about/updates/-/asset_publisher/uimfslnffmb6/content/crash-scans-show-relationship-between-congestion-and-crash-rates



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