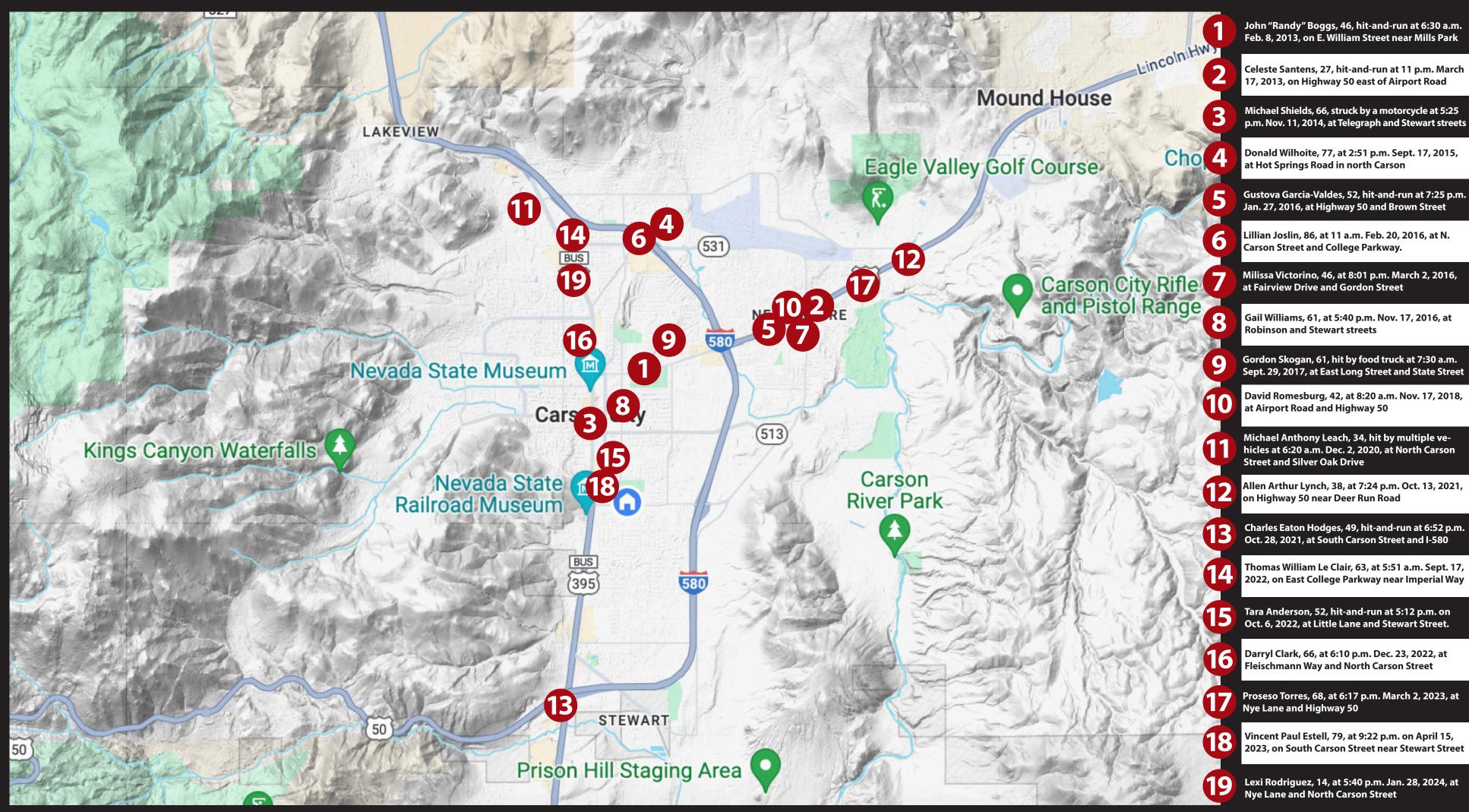
PEDESTRIAN DEATHS FOR CARSON CITY 2013-2024



Sources: Nevada Department of Public Safety, Carson City Sheriff's Office, Nevada Appeal archives, various obituary websites — Does not differentiate between those in a crosswalk or jaywalking nor if victim died on scene or later at hospital. Victims hit by car or truck unless otherwise noted. GRAPHIC BY KYLER KLIX

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public information officer for NDOT. "While the total crash rate on one mile of the highway between the Lyon County border and Kit Kat Drive is nearly 75 percent lower than other similar roadways statewide, three fatal crashes in the area between January 2018 and January 2024 have led to a fatal crash rate nearly 200 percent of the statewide average."

Ragonese highlighted several plans and tools NDOT is using to address hazards.

"In addition, NDOT is using lidar (light detection and ranging) technology to anonymously analyze vehicle travel speeds and pedestrian movements in the area. The lidar technology identifies the shapes of objects, from vehicles and bicycles to pedestrians. This provides

real-world data about how all users interact and travel the highway to help identify safety trends and needs for all modes of travel," she said.

Speed management is a priority as well, Ragonese said.

"Tragically, speed is a top contributor to

Nevada traffic fatalities. Speed influences the risk and severity of a crash. Nevada's 5-year Speed Management Action Plan, approved in 2022, identifies ways to slow down drivers, including through road design, more visible law enforcement and public education," she said. "Following this action plan, NDOT is also evaluating potential changes to U.S. 50 in Mound House to reduce potentially dangerous travel speeds."

Marinovich said drivers need to slow down, especially in school zones. He stressed pedestrians need to avoid jaywalking, make eye contact with drivers while in crosswalks and wear light colors and reflective clothing at night.

Of 19 fatal pedestrian crashes in Carson City limits in the last decade, the majority occurred at night or in the early morning hours

"I think it's great that people want to get out and walk," Martinovich said. "I do walk. I bike. And it's always disappointing when some driver doesn't stop for you at a crosswalk. But I know that I'm paying attention as a pedestrian, and I hope others are paying attention too."