



# City of Independence

**Traffic Safety Commission**  
**Wednesday, June 17, 2026 @ 6:00 PM**  
**Civic Center - Ash Creek Meeting Room**

(see agenda footer for meeting attendance information)

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Minutes**
  - 3.1. Regular Meeting 02/18/2026
4. **Visitors/Public Comment**
5. **Staff Reports/Presentations**
  - 5.1. Traffic Data: February 7 to May 31, 2026
  - 5.2. Vehicular Incidents by month: February-May 2026
  - 5.3. Work with local agencies on focused enforcement in the school zones
6. **Action/Discussion Items**
7. **Adjournment**

### **Meeting Attendance Information:**

The Traffic Safety Commission will hold this meeting in-person in City Hall, Ash Creek Meeting Room, via video conference (Zoom) or by phone.

- To attend in person, the City Hall address is 555 S. Main St.
- For Zoom login visit:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89262753130?pwd=JNAeQmOyOB6HDIQhMaeOKEjFFKrn1S.1>
- To participate in the meeting **by phone, dial US: +1-253-215-8782** and enter **Webinar ID: 892 6275 3130** and **Passcode: 700752**

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# City of Independence Minutes

**Traffic Safety Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

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1. **Call to Order.** Sgt Williamson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. **Roll Call.**

Present: Planning Manager Fred Evander  
Commissioner Michael Tweed  
Commissioner Kevin Crutsinger  
Commissioner Trevor Williamson  
Commissioner Jason Branske  
Commissioner Noemy Vega  
Commissioner Kelie McWilliams, who attended via zoom, missed the first few minutes of the meeting due to technical difficulties.

Absent:

City Staff Myra Russell, City Recorder

Present:

3. **Minutes.**

1. **Regular Meeting 11/19/2025. Action:**

Planning Manager Evander moved to approve minutes as submitted; Commissioner Crutsinger seconded. Discussion: None  
Voice vote. Motion 6-0-0

**Ayes:** Fred Evander, Michael Tweed, Kevin Crutsinger, Trevor Williamson, Jason Branske, Noemy Vega

**Nays:** None

**Abstentions:** None

4. **Visitors/Public Comment.** None.

5. **Staff Reports/Presentations.**

1. **Traffic Data.** Commissioner McWilliams messaged that she was having issues connecting to the meeting. Zoom meeting crashed, and Recorder Russell was able to bring it back up. Commissioner McWilliams joined the zoom meeting. Commissioners had been looking at the traffic data maps while this was going on. Question about warnings given for the new 4-way stop sign at the River Road bridge. They were included in data for January provided. The group discussed the effectiveness of radar monitoring and digital speed signs in reducing speeding.

2. **Vehicular Incidents.** McWilliams thanked staff for getting ages on the traffic data as requested at the last meeting. Sgt. Williamson confirmed the police department is fully staffed at this time. The group discussed the need for pedestrian safety measures, with Williamson noting that previous grant-funded projects had been successful but were not renewed last year. Plans were made to apply for the grant again and to collaborate with Salem's Motor Unit for focused enforcement efforts in multiple locations.

6. **Action/Discussion Items.**

- Commissioner Tweed asked about who cleans up after an accident. If there is a tow, the tow company is supposed to clean up. Sgt. Williamson will remind them. If no tow, the police or fire department can do it, if time. Or push to the side and PW can clean with the street sweeper.
- Commissioner Tweed asked about jurisdictional transfer of roads so that the city could maintain to improve road conditions and safety. Planner Evander mentioned that the transportation bill that failed at the state had money for jurisdictional transfers. The group agreed that jurisdictional transfer could be beneficial if ODOT provided funding for road improvements before transferring ownership.

7. **Adjournment.** Sgt. Williamson adjourned the meeting at 6:27 pm.

## IDP Traffic Incidents 2/7/2026-5/31/2026

Date	Offense Code	Location	Age	Notes
2/10/2026	FAIL TO PERFORM DUTIES- DRIVER IN ACC WITH PROP DAMAGE	1737 MONMOUTH ST	65+	While attempting to park a vehicle strikes a parked vehicle, later denies it.
2/14/2026	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - INJURY	RIVER RD / S MAIN ST	35-44, 25-34, & 45-54	3 vehicle rear-end crash occurred at stop sign when vehicles were unable to come to a safe stop. Conditions were rainy and cloudy which could have contributed to the crash.
2/19/2026	FAIL TO PERFORM DUTIES- DRIVER IN ACC WITH PROP DAMAGE	171 S 17TH ST	??	Late report of a hit and run accident. Reporter was owner of struck vehicle who was unable to provide info on possible suspect.
3/4/2026	FAIL TO PERFORM DUTIES- DRIVER IN ACC WITH PROP DAMAGE	1737 MONMOUTH ST	18-24 & 45-54	While adjusting in a parking spot, a driver backs into another car assesses damage believes they find none and leaves. Owner of struck vehicle reports it and with video footage driver is found and cited.
3/7/2026	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - INJURY	S 12TH ST / MONMOUTH ST	65+ & 65+	A bicyclist struck when, according to witnesses, they swerve into the lane of travel for vehicles. Bicyclist denies medics as spouse is able to transport them.
3/7/2026	FAIL TO PERFORM DUTIES- DRIVER IN ACC WITH PROP DAMAGE	748 E ST	45-54 & 55-64	A report is received of a hit and run crash that occurred when a vehicle reversed out of a driveway, struck a parked vehicle and left. Reporter had footage from their home of the accident.
3/7/2026	TRAFFICE ACCIDENT - NON INJURY PROPERTY	MONMOUTH ST & GUN CLUB RD	35-44 & 18-24	Head on collision occurred at intersection when a vehicle made an unsafe turn at light believing signal was green.
3/11/2026	TRAFFICE ACCIDENT - INJURY	N GUN CLUB RD & HOFFMAN RD	35-44, 65+, & 18-24	T-bone crash at intersection, driver states they thought they could safely make the turn but causes crash when oncoming traffic could not stop in time. 3rd vehicle scraped while waiting at intersection.
3/19/2026	FAIL TO PERFORM DUTIES- DRIVER IN ACC WITH PROP DAMAGE	1489 F ST	??	Late report of a vehicle being struck while parked causing bumper to hang off vehicle. No witnesses or video available.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - 3/21/2026 INJURY	S 16TH ST & MONMOUTH ST	55-64 & 35-44	A driver states that they weren't feeling well and believes they lost consciousness for a bit causing them to rear end another vehicle and then crash into a tree. Driver is evaluated by paramedics and reports no injuries or impairment.
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - NON 3/27/2026 INJURY PROPERTY	MONMOUTH ST & S 7TH ST	35-44 & 65+	While stopping for the vehicle in front of them that is signaling they are going to turn, a vehicle is rear ended by another vehicle that fails to slow down.
3/31/2026 RECKLESS DRIVING	645 MONMOUTH ST	55-64	Witness calls police when they observe a vehicle swerve off the road into a tree in front of a home. Witness checks on driver and stated driver takes off. Officers are able to track down vehicle and speak with the suspected driver. Suspected driver admits to driving but states crash occurred to avoid another vehicle in front of them. Driver is cited.
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - 3/31/2026 INJURY	295 DEANN DR	18-24 & 35-44	Officers responded to a report of a two-vehicle crash, after interviewing drivers and a witness; officers learn that a driver took a turn too quickly causing it to side swipe another vehicle. One driver transported to hospital and the other driver cited.
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - 4/3/2026 INJURY	1530 MONMOUTH ST	18-24 & 25-34	Vehicle vs pedestrian accident where a skateboarder is struck by a vehicle exiting a parking lot. Pedestrian is transported for their injuries and driver is cited.
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - NON 4/7/2026 INJURY PROPERTY	1530 MONMOUTH ST	18-24 & 55-64	A driver reverses too quickly out of a parking spot and a collision occurs. Both drivers are given warnings for the accident as it is a busy parking lot.
FAIL TO PERFORM DUTIES - DRIVER IN ACC WITH PROP 4/28/2026 DAMAGE	1058 S 7TH	25-34	Door dash delivery driver strikes parked car and leaves the scene. Owner of struck vehicle quickly reports hit and run and driver is later found and detained.
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - NON 5/3/2026 INJURY PROPERTY	178 MONMOUTH ST	55-64	Intoxicated driver struck side of building, driver arrested.

5/3/2026	FAIL TO PERFORM DUTIES - DRIVER IN ACC WITH PROP DAMAGE	30 S GUN CLUB RD	??	While playing on a bike in apartment parking lot a child is struck by a vehicle. No serious injuries were reported. Officer who responded to location had to divert to a high priority call and the investigation continues to identify suspect.
5/8/2026	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - NON INJURY PROPETY	MARIGOLD / N GUN CLUB RD	25-34 & 65+	A driver attempts to accelerate to cross an intersection and t-bones another vehicle.
5/8/2026	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - NON INJURY PROPERTY	S 16TH ST & MONMOUTH ST	35-44, 35-44, & 18-24	3 vehicle crash, witness states while entering turning lane a vehicle strikes another vehicle already in the lane pushing the vehicle into a 3rd vehicle.
5/12/2026	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - INJURY	STRYKER RD & CORSAID DR	35-44	Vehicle takes too wide of a turn coming around a corner and strikes tree. Witnesses assist with helping driver exit vehicle.
5/14/2026	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - NON INJURY PROPERTY	SPRUCE AVE & S 4TH ST	45-54 & 25-34	After failing to yield the right of way to another vehicle a vehicle turned in front of oncoming traffic causing a collision.
5/18/2026	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - NON INJURY PROPERTY	1311 MONOUTH ST	<17 & 55-64	A line of cars is waiting to turn onto a busy street when the car in front attempts to turn but is in reverse and instead hits car directly behind it. Driver cited.
5/19/2026	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - INJURY	S 2ND ST & MONMOUTH ST	18-24 & 18-24	Vehicle rear ends another stopped vehicle when they are changing the radio and cannot stop in time.
5/22/2026	RECKLESS DRIVING	S 13TH ST & F ST	18-24	Dispute between significant others turns into reckless driving when witnesses call in reporting vehicle speeding and taking unsafe turns. Driver arrested.
5/23/2026	FAIL TO PERFORM DUTIES - DRIVER IN ACC WITH PROP DAMAGE	150 S 4TH ST	35-44	A driver strikes a parked car and flees. Owner of parked vehicle gives chase on an electric bike and snaps photo of car. Driver will be contacted.
5/28/2026	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - INJURY	1405 MONMOUTH ST	65+ & 65+	A bicyclist traveling in the bike lane is struck by a vehicle. Driver of vehicle stated they did not see bicyclist before they made turn as both vehicle and bicyclist were traveling in same direction.
5/29/2026	FAIL TO PERFORM DUTIES- DRIVER IN ACC WITH PROP DAMAGE	286 S 6TH ST	??	Report of a parked car struck by an unidentified vehicle. No cameras or witnesses in the area.

**Traffic Patrol**

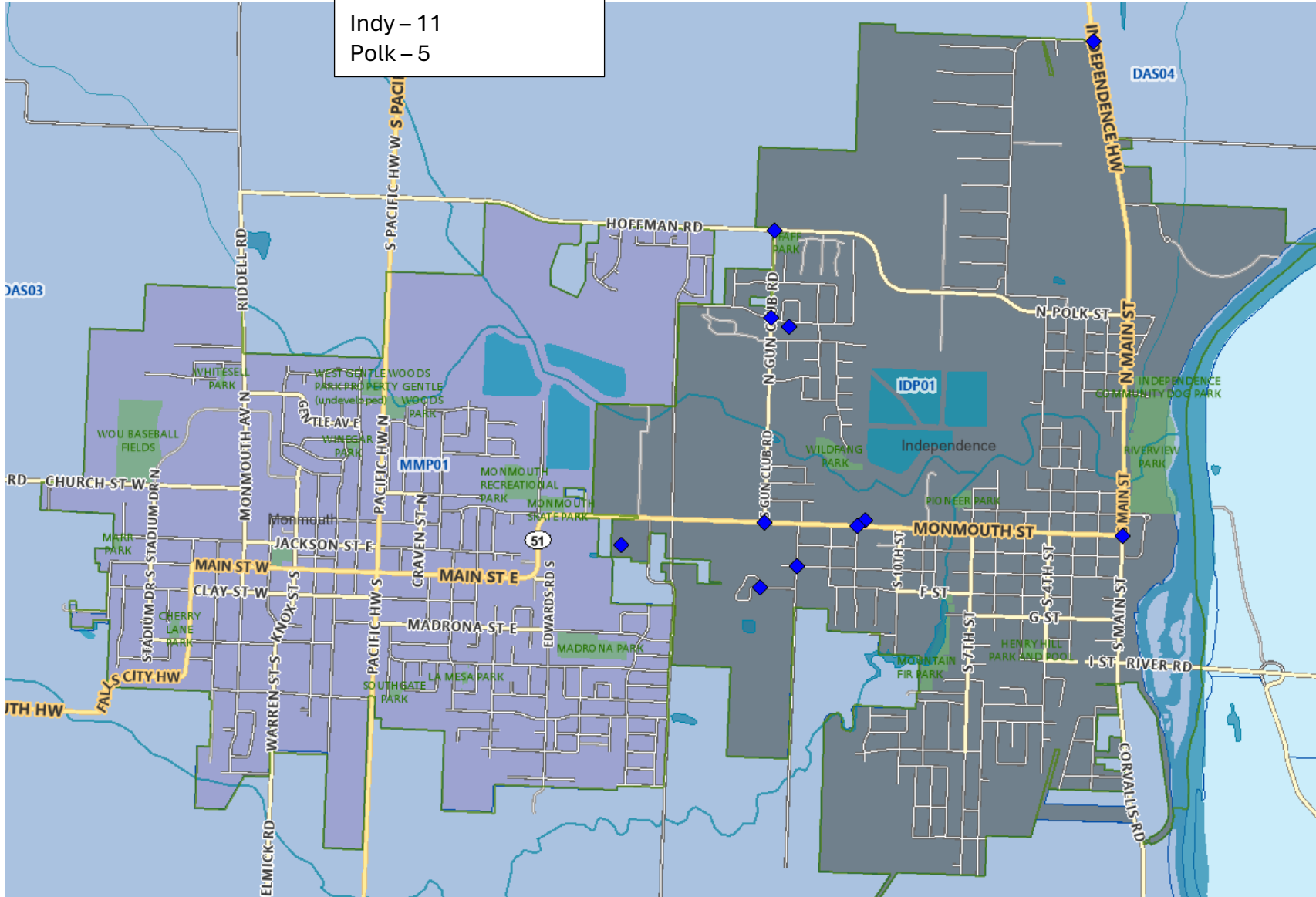
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Speed	58	70
Driving While Suspended	48	1
Operating a mobile device while driving	87	37
Fail to Obey Traffic Control Device	17	43
DMV Violations	26	216
Other	191	108



Feb '26 Traffic Complaints

16 Driving Complaints

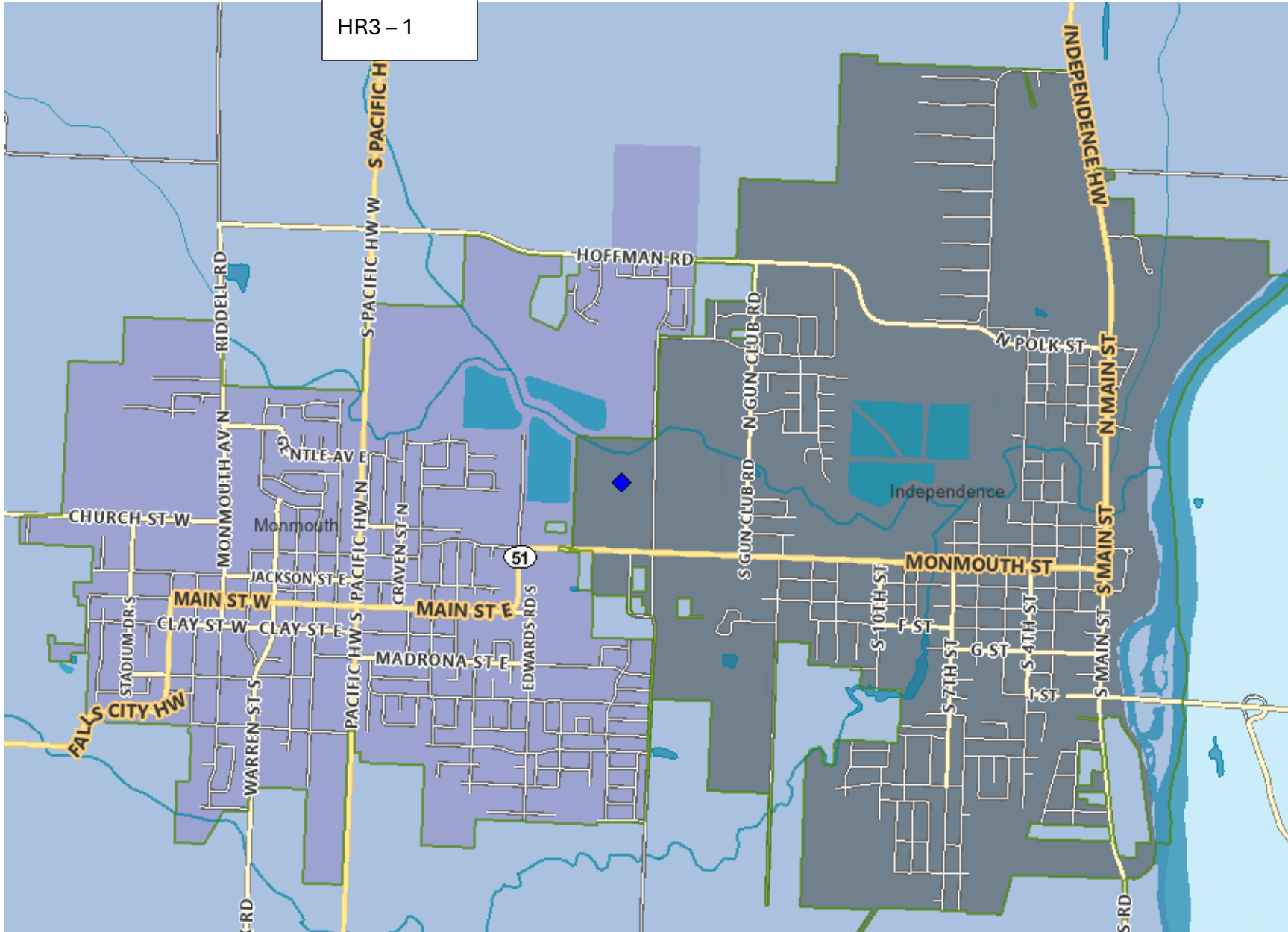
Indy - 11  
Polk - 5



Feb '26 Hit and Run Crashes

1 Hit&Runs

HR3 - 1

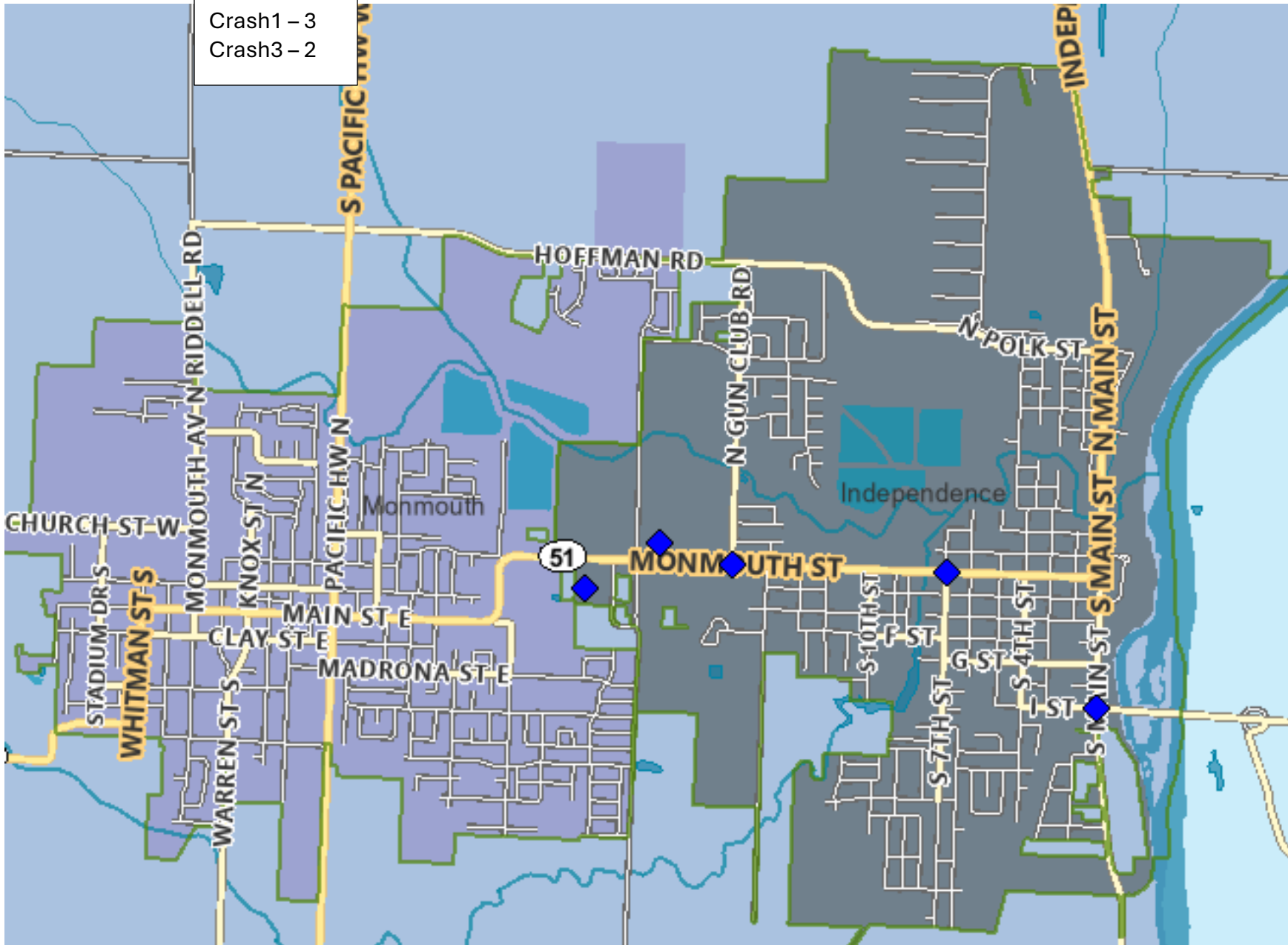


Feb '26 Crashes

5 Crashes

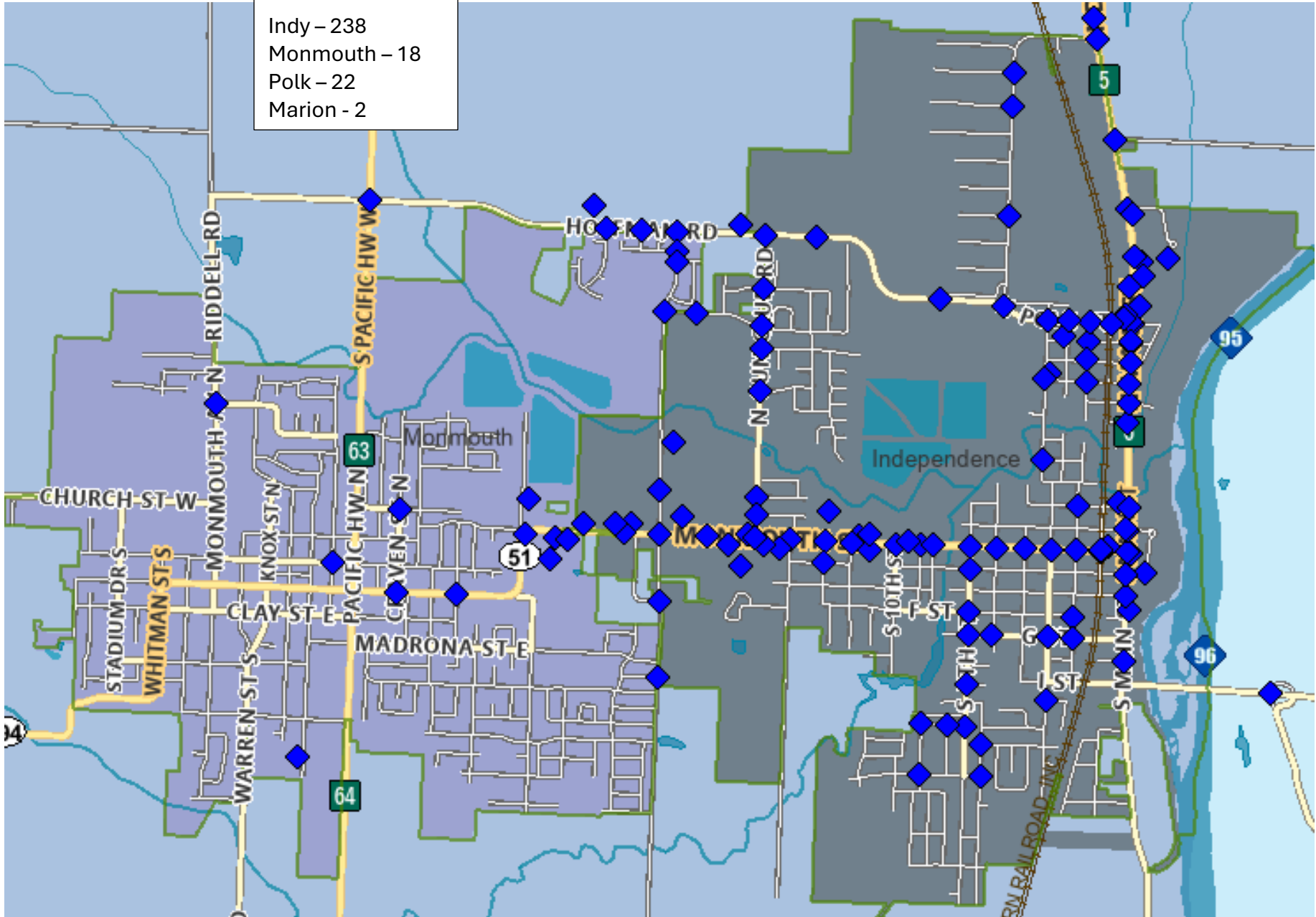
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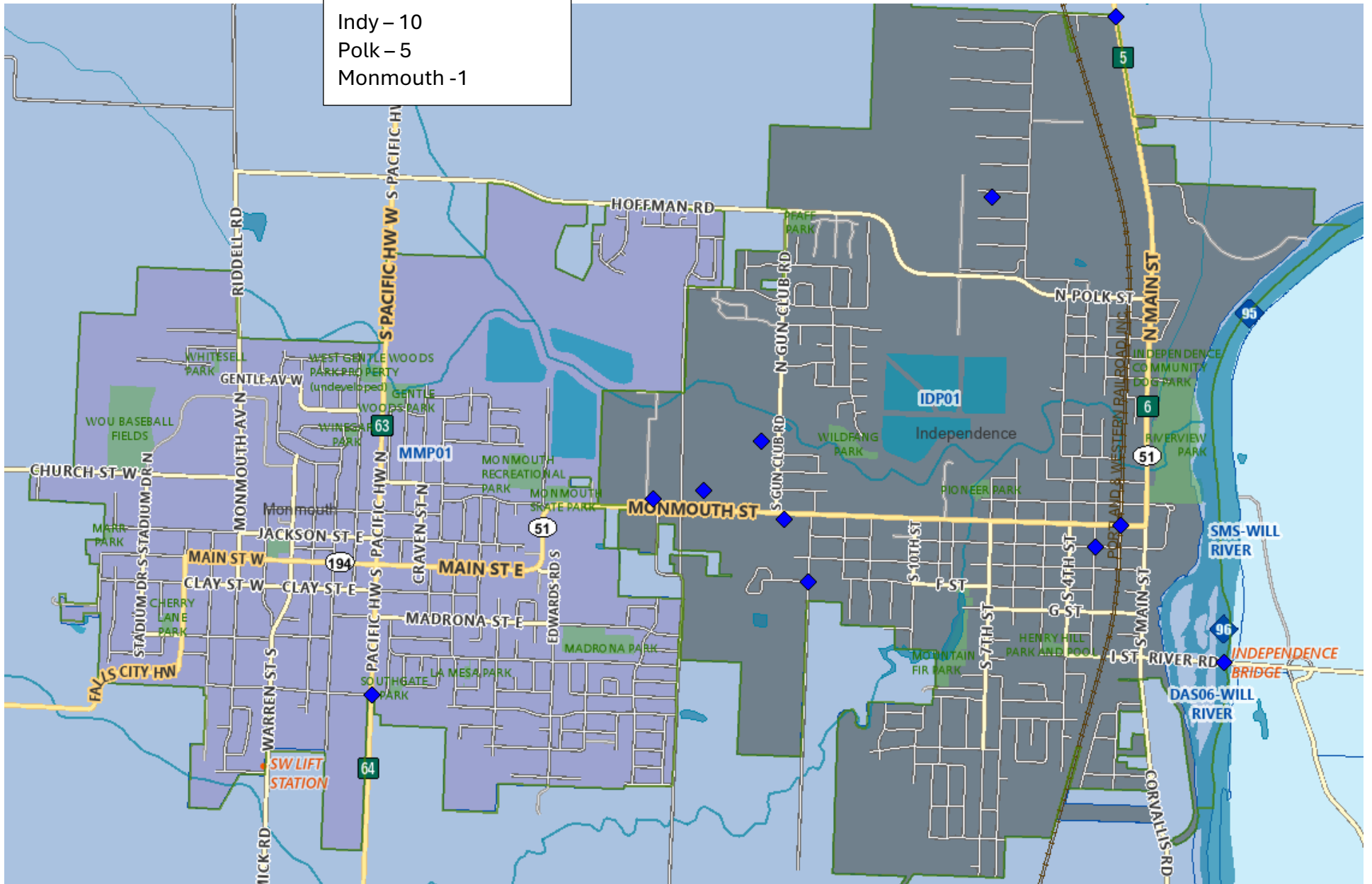
280 Traffic Stops

- Indy - 238
- Monmouth - 18
- Polk - 22
- Marion - 2



16 Driving Complaints

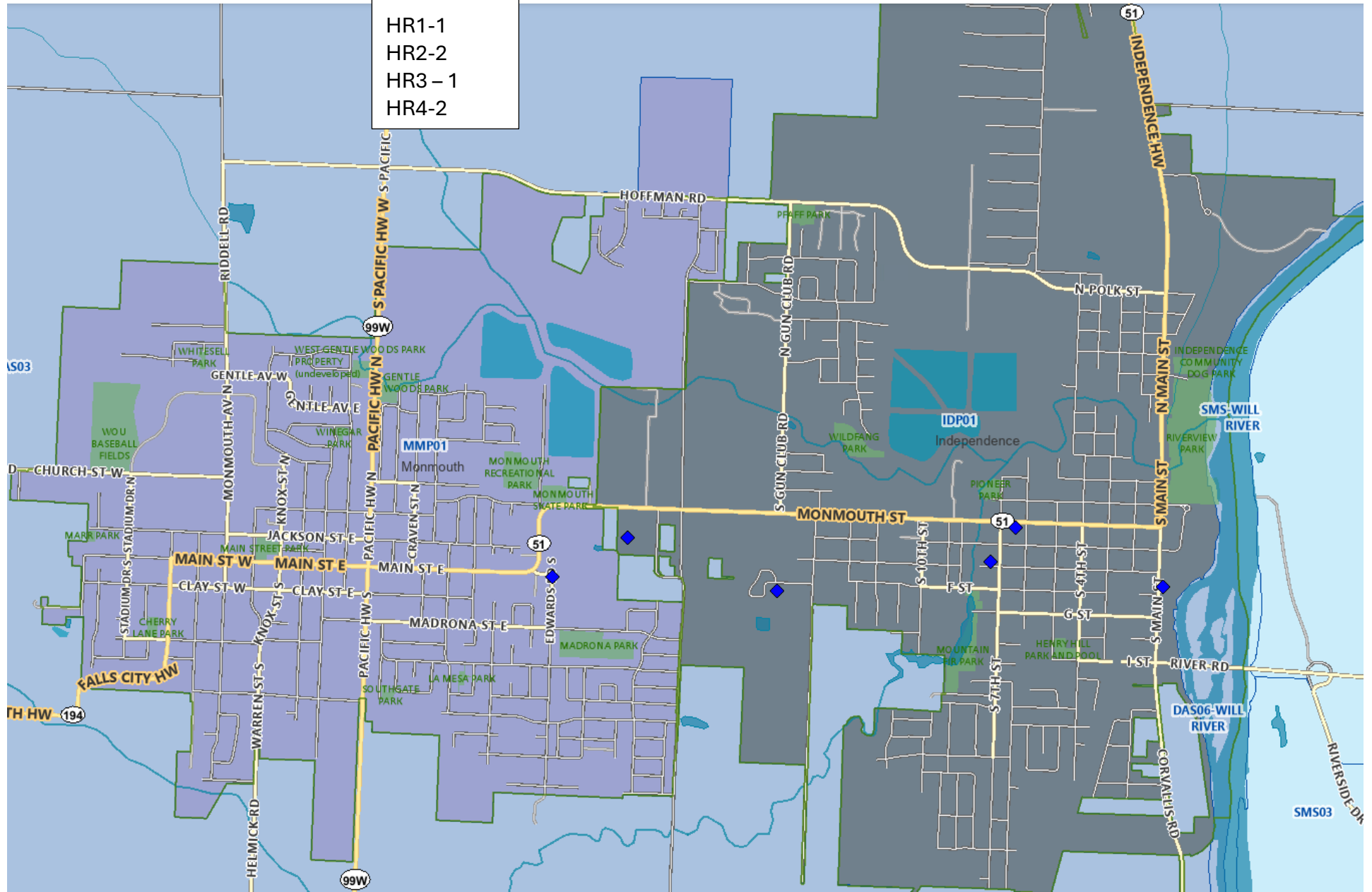
- Indy - 10
- Polk - 5
- Monmouth - 1



Mar '26 Hit and Run Crashes

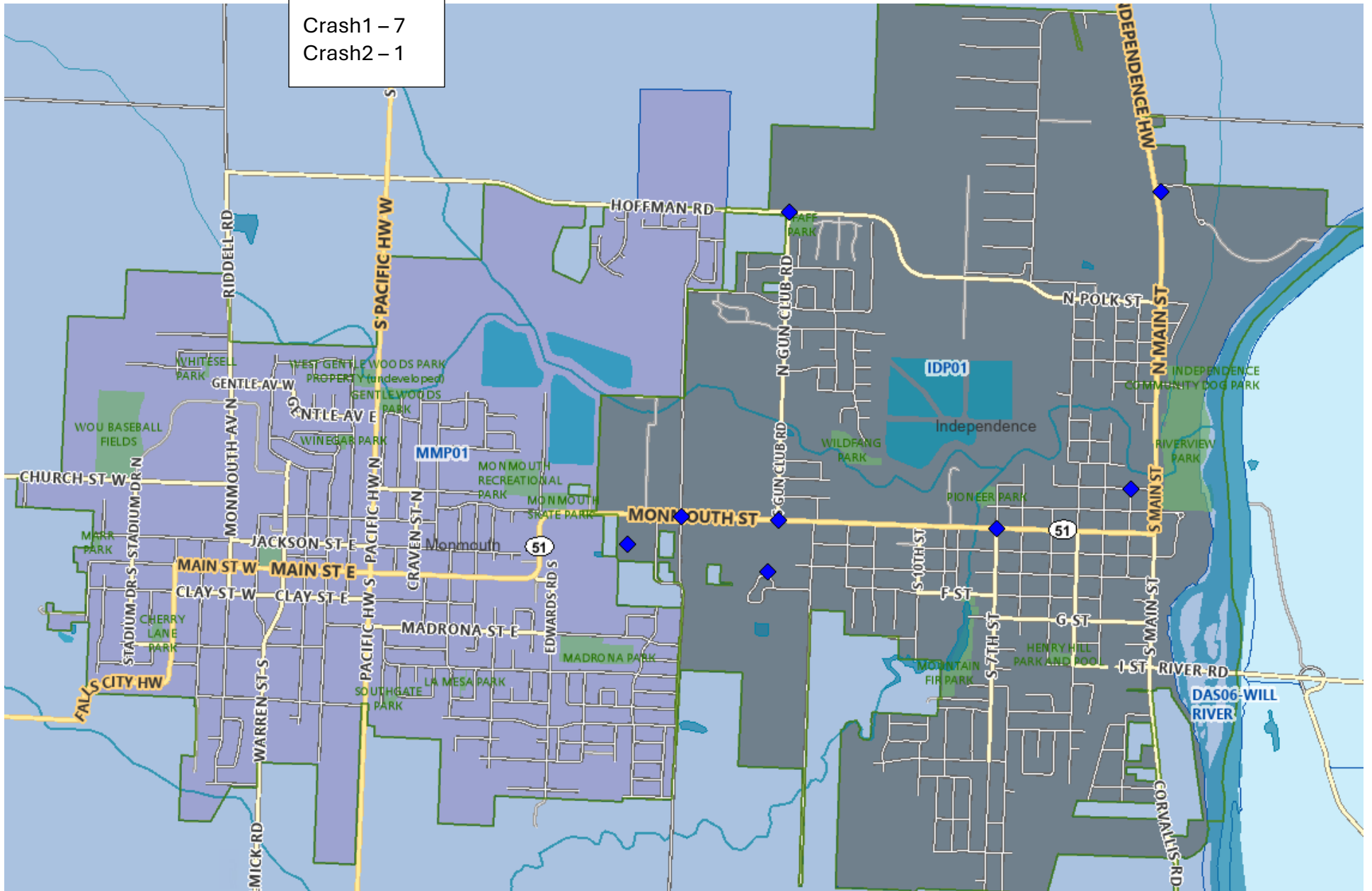
6 Hit&Runs

- HR1-1
- HR2-2
- HR3 - 1
- HR4-2



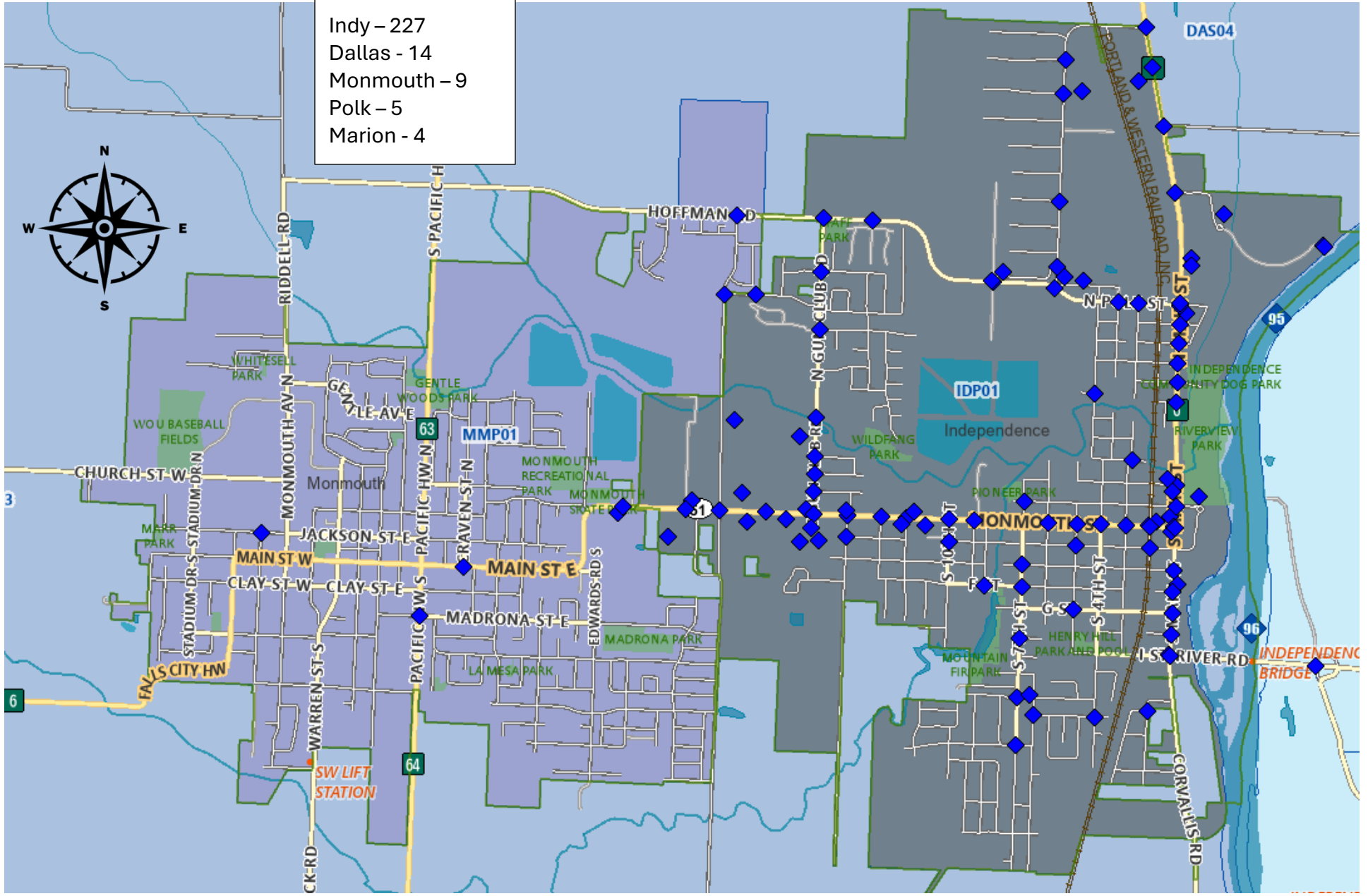
Mar '26 Crashes

8 Crashes  
Crash1 - 7  
Crash2 - 1

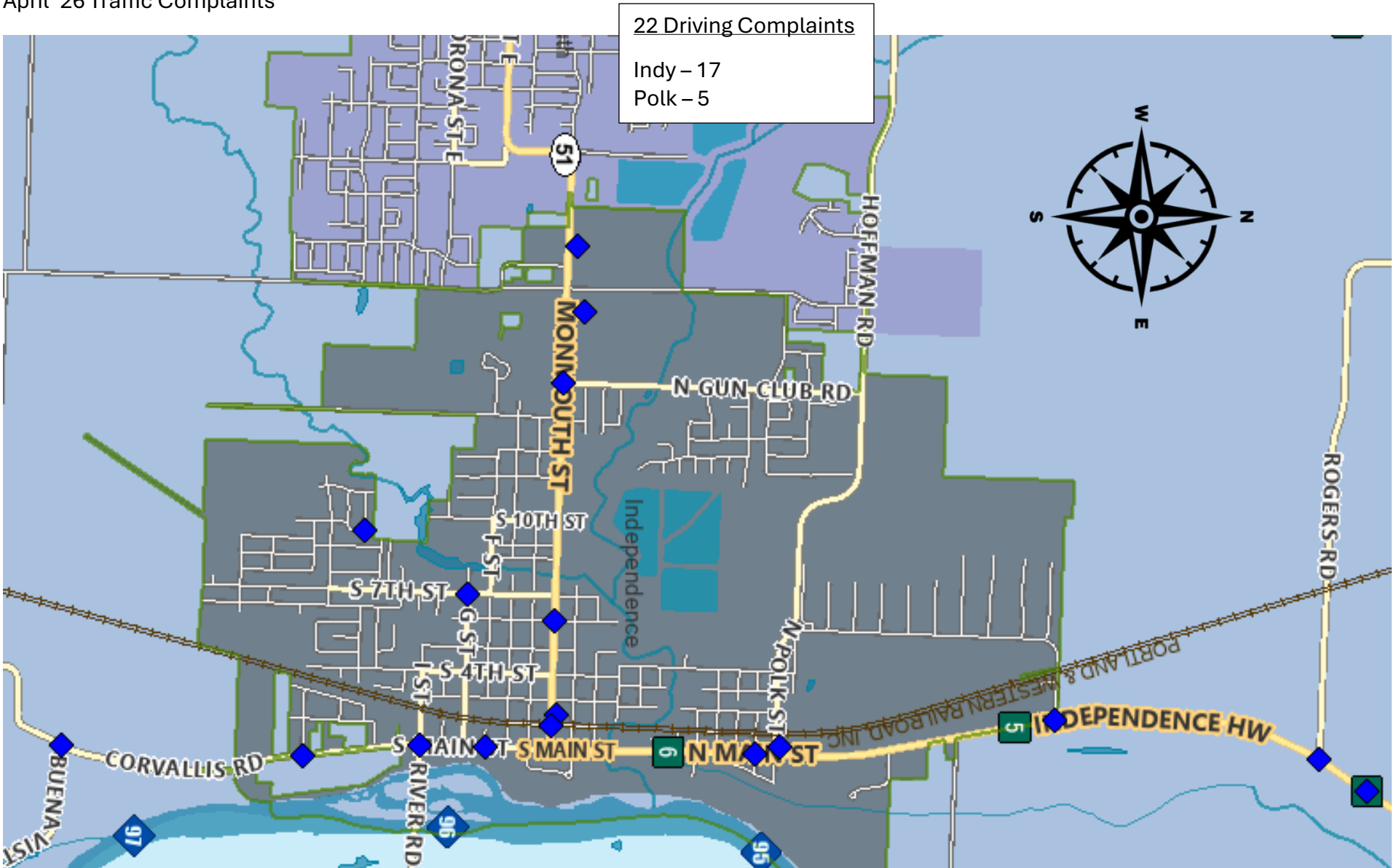


April '26 Traffic Stops

259 Traffic Stops  
Indy - 227  
Dallas - 14  
Monmouth - 9  
Polk - 5  
Marion - 4



April '26 Traffic Complaints

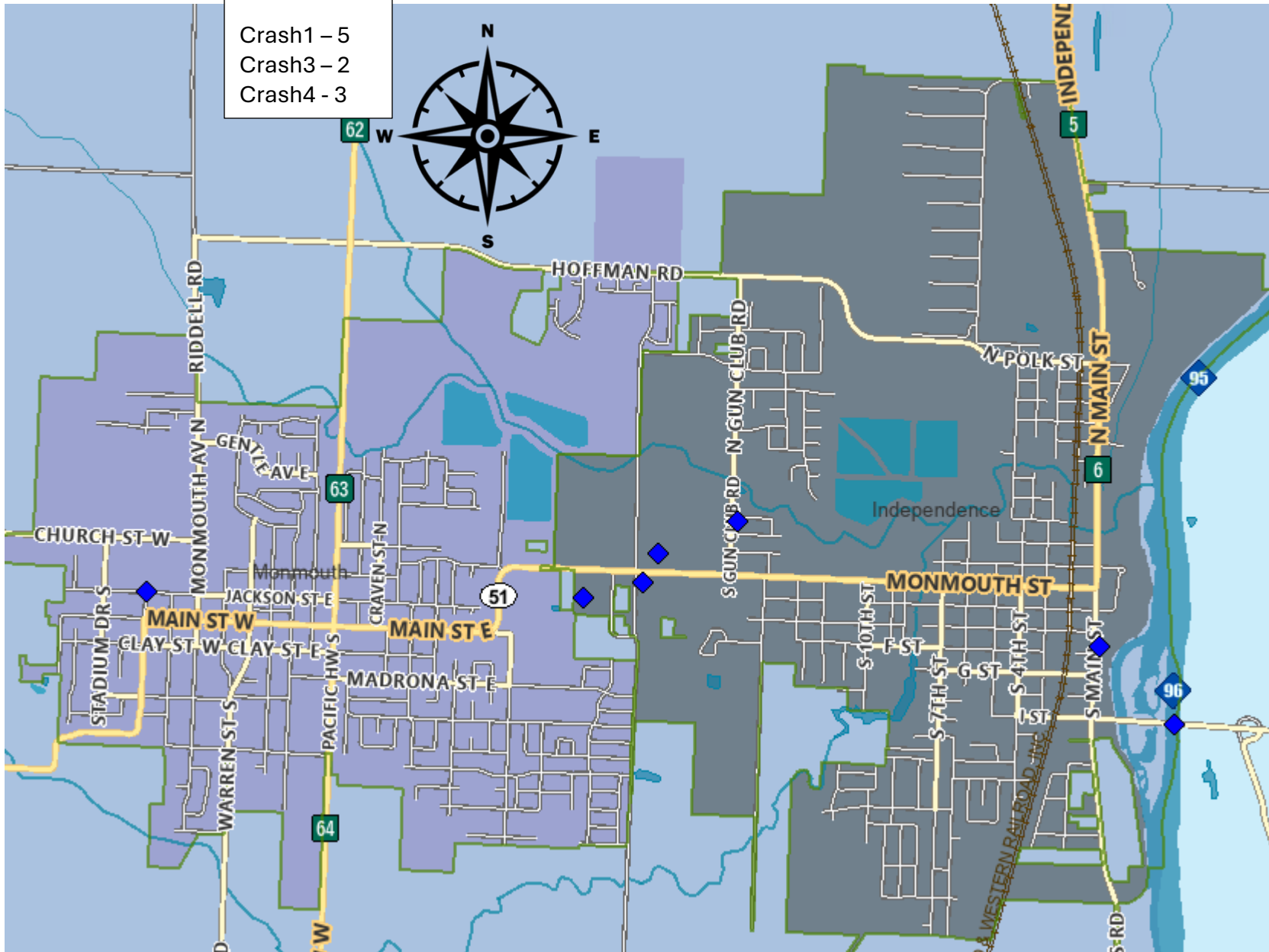




April '26 Crashes

10 Crashes

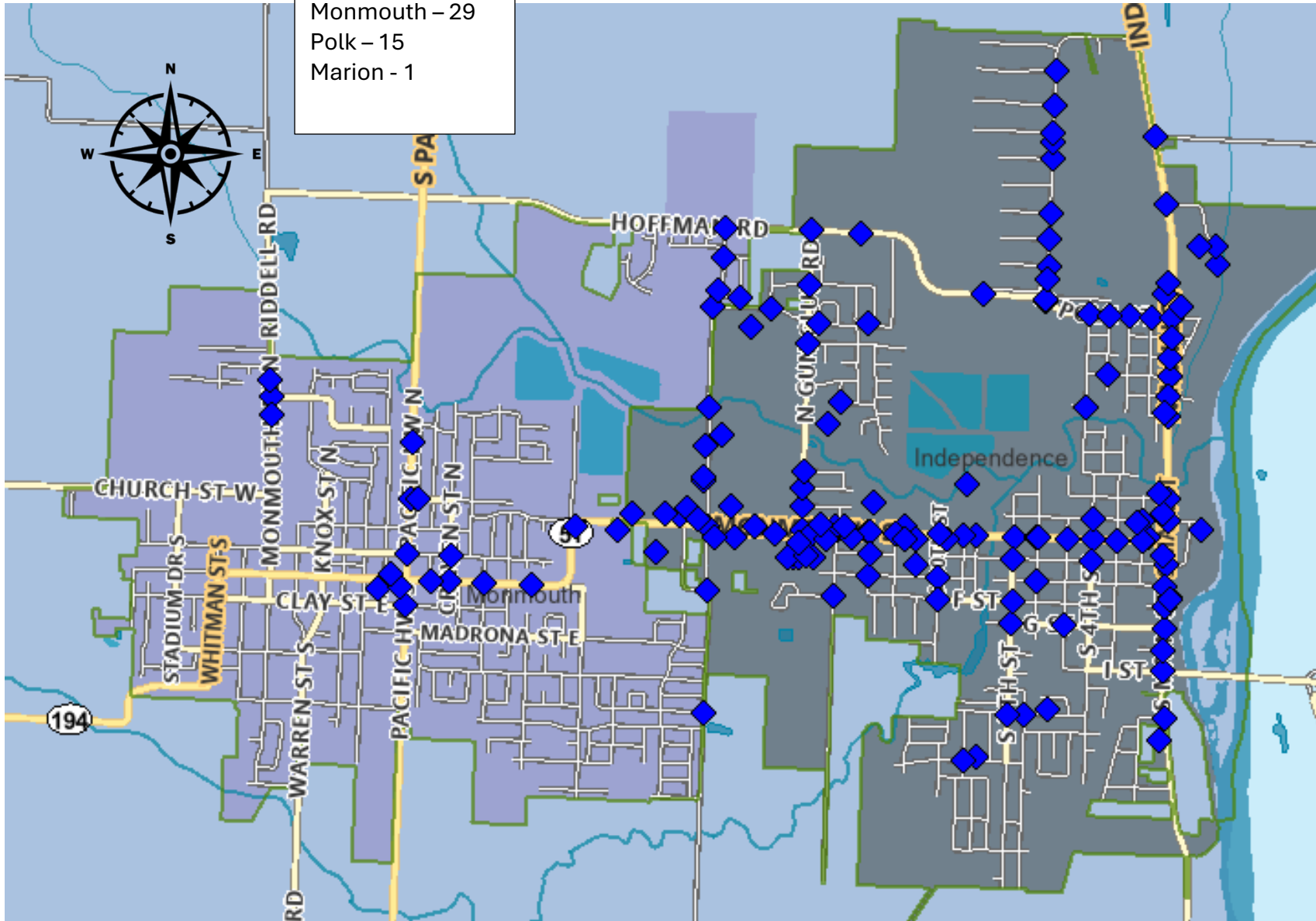
- Crash1 - 5
- Crash3 - 2
- Crash4 - 3



May '26 Traffic Stops

368 Traffic Stops

Indy – 323  
Monmouth – 29  
Polk – 15  
Marion – 1

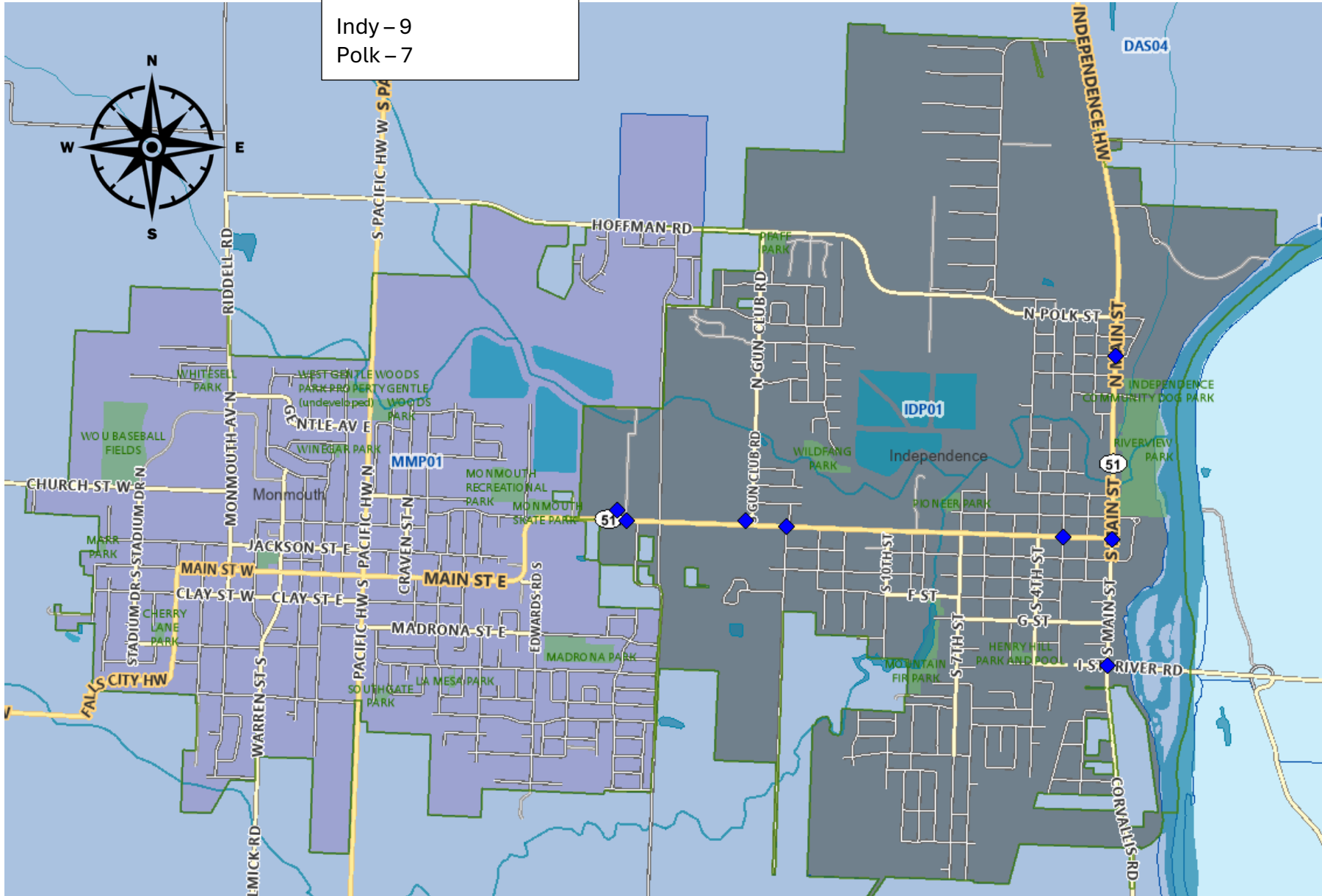


May '26 Traffic Complaints

16 Driving Complaints

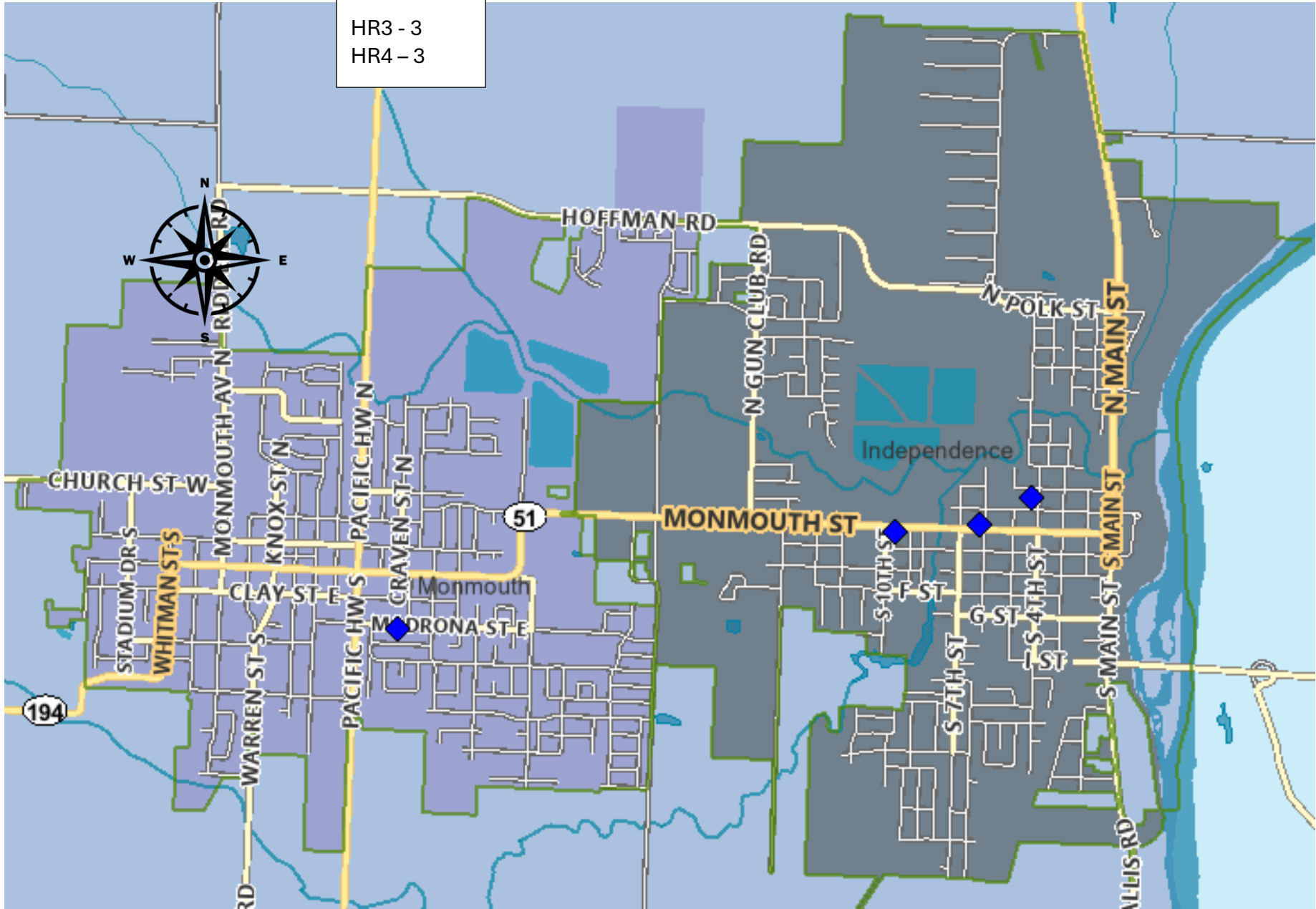
Indy – 9

Polk – 7



May '26 Hit and Run Crashes

6 Hit&Runs  
HR3 - 3  
HR4 - 3



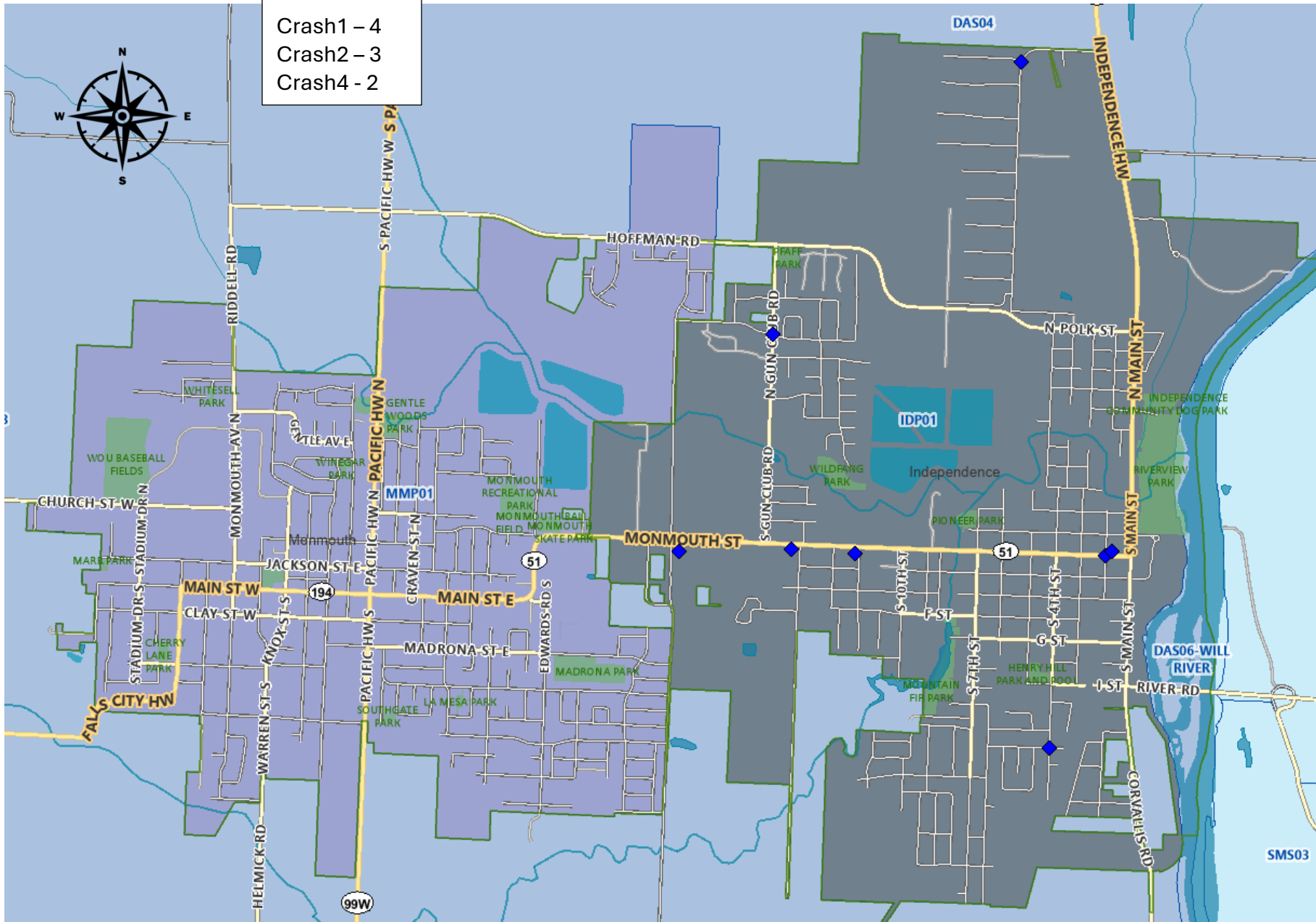
May '26 Crashes

9 Crashes

Crash1 - 4

Crash2 - 3

Crash4 - 2



**March 18<sup>th</sup> – Targeted Traffic Enforcement in School Zone**

<b>Warnings - 35</b>	
<b>Fail to Obey TCD</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Cellphone</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>29</b>

<b>Cited - 20</b>	
<b>Fail to Stop for Pedestrian</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Cellphone</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>11</b>