

CITY COUNCIL TRAFFIC BRIEFING

# Exit 88 Crash Risk

Late-March and April police reports show a concentrated crash pattern around the I-49 / AR-72 overpass, Maverik, Casey's, and East Central Avenue.

KEY NUMBERS

# The recent window stands out inside the past year

**25**

**crashes since Mar 24**  
2.08x the prior 35-day count

**14**

**since Apr 13**  
mid-April cluster

**22**

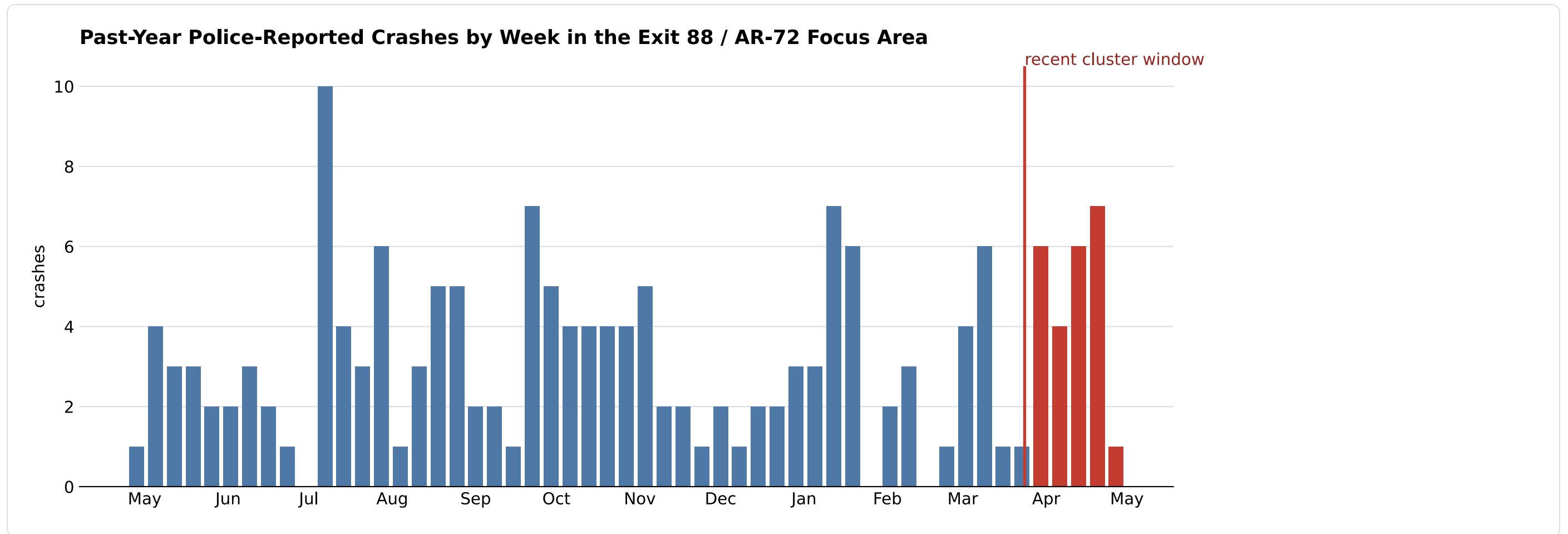
**multi-vehicle**  
turning/merging conflict signal

**169**

**past-year focus crashes**  
Apr 30, 2025 through Apr 30, 2026

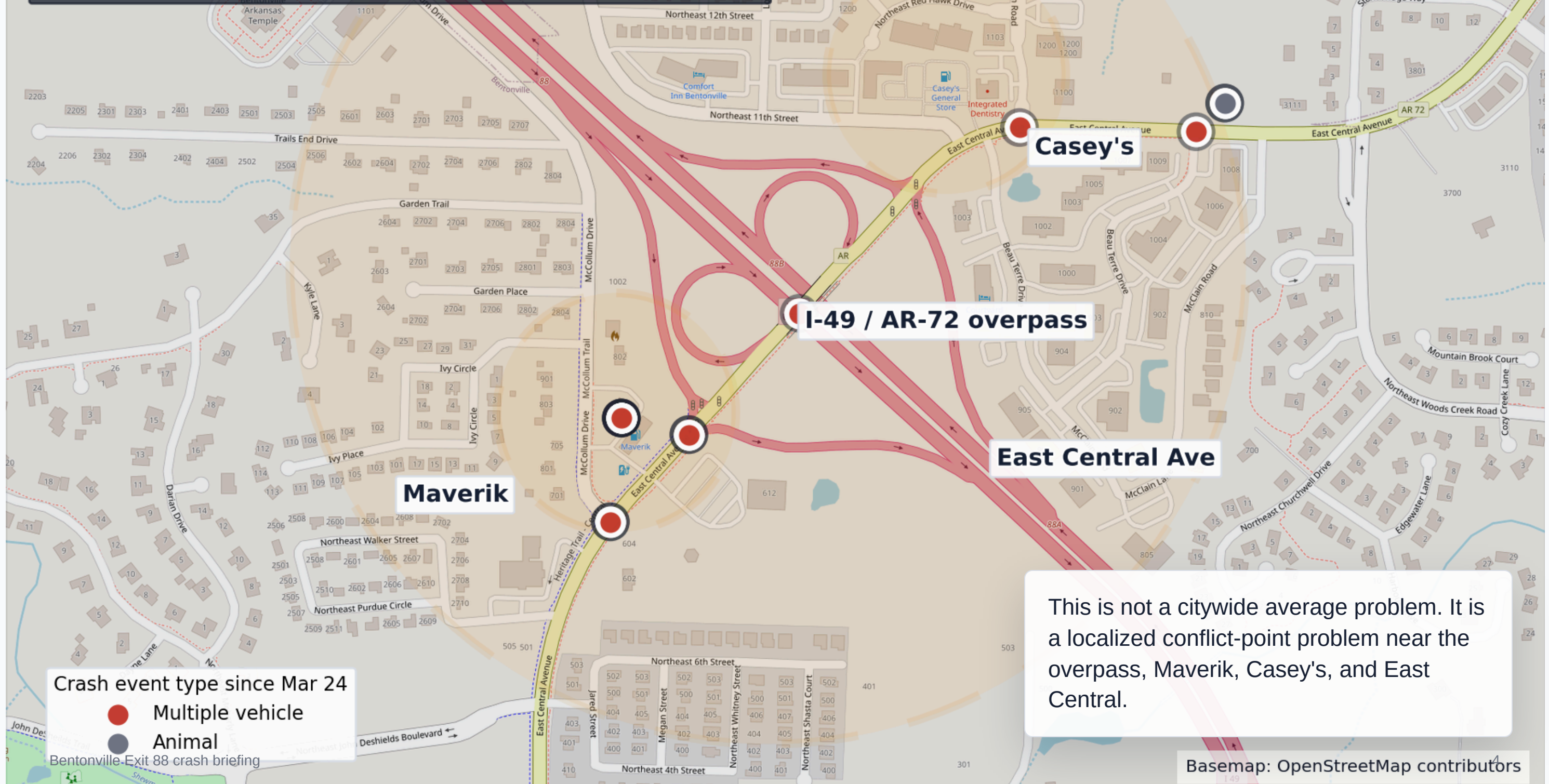
TREND

# Weekly counts jumped in April after a full-year baseline



# Overpass detail: I-49 / AR-72

Roughly one-mile view; crash events since Mar 24, 2026



Crash event type since Mar 24

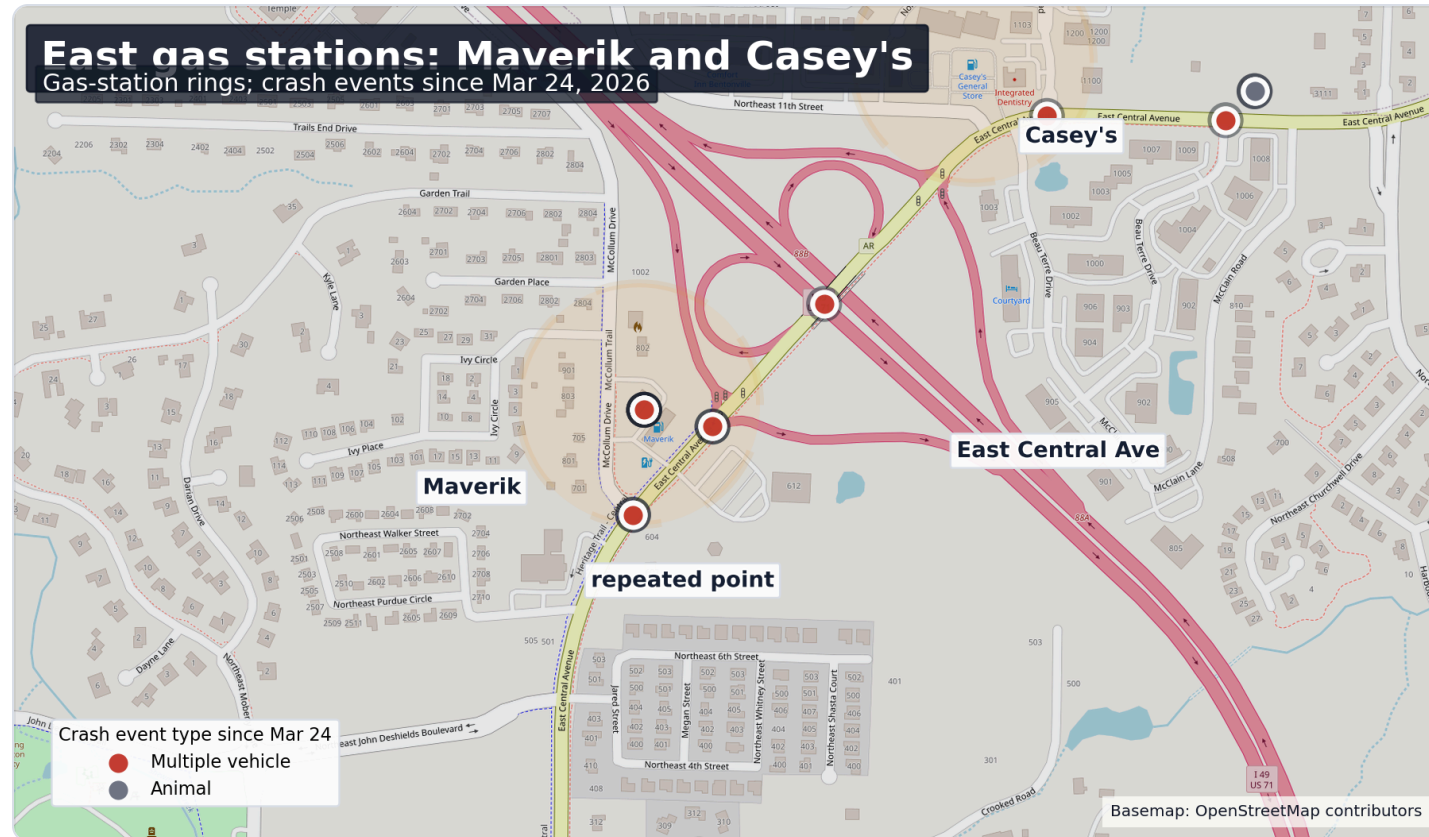
- Multiple vehicle
- Animal

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This is not a citywide average problem. It is a localized conflict-point problem near the overpass, Maverik, Casey's, and East Central.

Basemap: OpenStreetMap contributors

# A repeated multi-vehicle hotspot east of I-49



Within 0.2 miles of the Maverik / East Central repeated crash point, the past year shows 38 police-reported crashes.

9

crashes since Mar 24

9 multi-vehicle

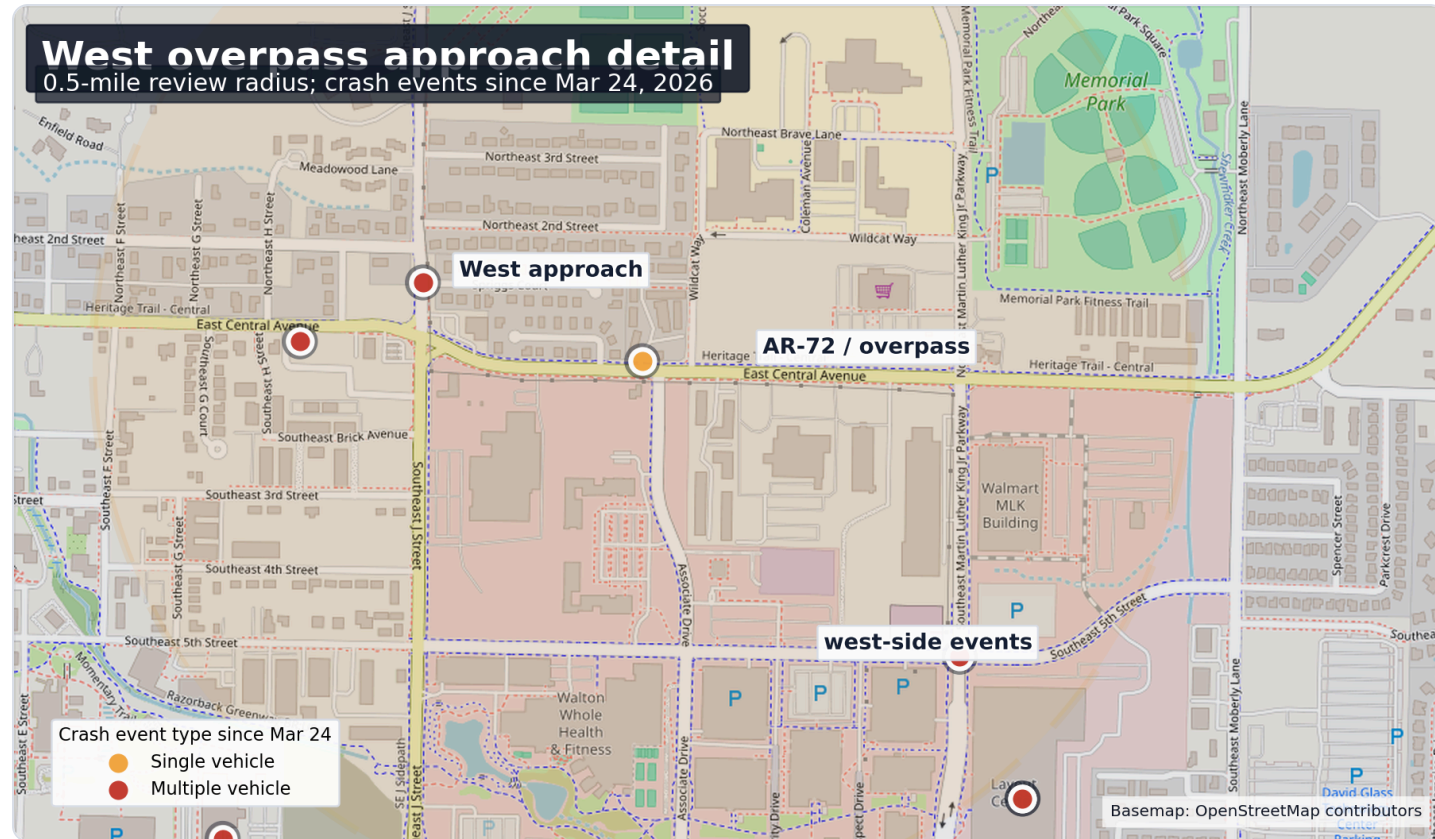
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since Apr 13

tight recent concentration

## WEST APPROACH

# The west side of the overpass also needs review



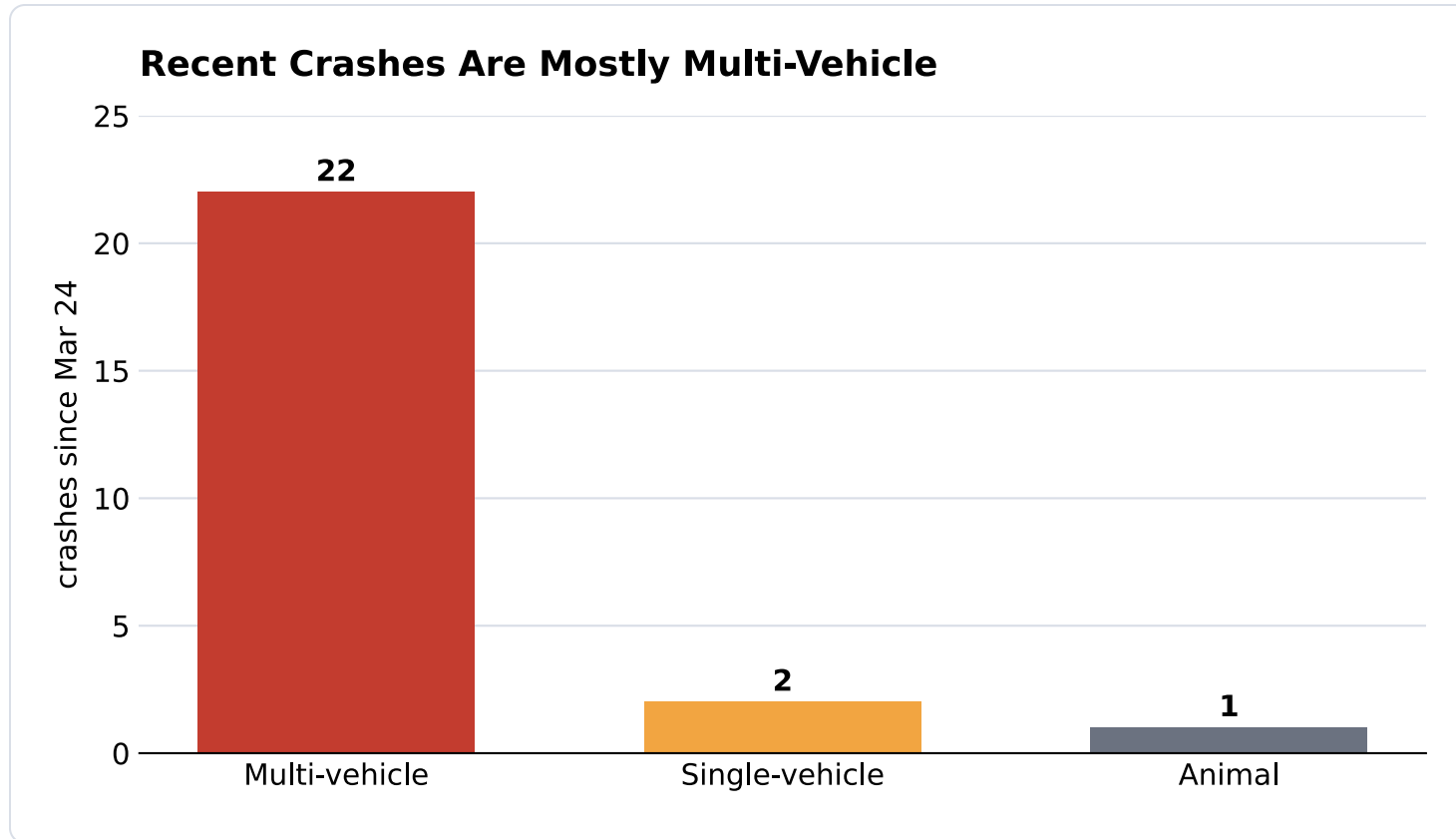
The west-overpass approach registered 35 police-reported crashes in the past year within 0.5 miles.

Since Mar 24, it has 4 crashes, including 3 multi-vehicle crashes.

That is the receiving side for added truck movements and should be included in any traffic operations review.

CRASH TYPE

# Recent reports are overwhelmingly multi-vehicle



Multi-vehicle crashes are the clearest signal for intersection and driveway conflict, especially where heavy vehicles are entering or exiting mixed traffic.

The data does not prove dump-truck causation. It does show that this corridor is already operating with recent crash pressure.

RECOMMENDED ASK

# Do not treat added dump-truck traffic as routine

## Require a truck movement plan

Document haul route, exit path, peak-hour restrictions, staging, and turning controls before expanded use.

## Collect short-duration evidence

Use camera counts or field observation at Maverik, Casey's, East Central, and the west-overpass approach during haul periods.

## Deploy temporary mitigation

Evaluate signage, enforcement, flagging, and temporary channelization while the recent crash cluster is investigated.

## DATA LIMITS

# Use the claim the data can support

This repository contains police transparency portal crash records. The current site exports both recent and past-year mapped focus-area points. It does not include unreported crashes, near misses, injury severity, or vehicle class fields for dump trucks.

The defensible Council message is: police-reported crashes have recently clustered around the exact corridor where added heavy-truck exit movements would increase turning and merging conflicts.

Past-year window: Apr 30, 2025 through Apr 30, 2026. Latest citywide accident record in this refresh: Apr 30, 2026 8:56 AM.

APPENDIX

# Recent focus-area records

Date	Category	Coordinates	Ticket IDs
Apr 28, 2026 6:15 AM	3 Animal	36.383780, -94.169706	29659
Apr 26, 2026 5:47 PM	2 Multiple vehicle	36.380162, -94.176971	29682
Apr 25, 2026 8:55 PM	2 Multiple vehicle	36.380162, -94.176971	29691
Apr 23, 2026 2:10 PM	2 Multiple vehicle	36.379208, -94.178036	29686
Apr 23, 2026 9:31 AM	2 Multiple vehicle	36.380342, -94.177887	29634
Apr 22, 2026 3:29 PM	2 Multiple vehicle	36.383467, -94.170095	29680
Apr 21, 2026 2:19 PM	2 Multiple vehicle	36.367417, -94.187772	29685
Apr 21, 2026 7:52 AM	2 Multiple vehicle	36.380342, -94.177887	29674
Apr 17, 2026 4:43 PM	2 Multiple vehicle	36.372354, -94.196562	29616
Apr 17, 2026 8:44 AM	2 Multiple vehicle	36.379211, -94.178036	29614