## Existing Conditions: Crash Trends

### What is a Traffic Crash?
A traffic crash occurs when a vehicle collides with another vehicle, pedestrian, bicyclist, animal, road debris, or other fixed objects (e.g., trees, utility poles). Traffic crashes may result in vehicle and property damage, injuries, and even death.

### Crash Trends
- Traffic crashes from the years 2006 to 2010 were analyzed by the study team to identify existing safety and operational issues within the study area.
- A total of 2,269 crashes occurred within the University District from the years 2006 to 2010, of which 19.8% of crashes were severe injury crashes.
- 58% of the total crashes that occurred were intersection crashes.
- The highest number of crashes occurred in the year 2007 and the lowest number of crashes occurred in 2010.
- The intersection of Lincoln Avenue/University Avenue experienced the highest number of crashes: 86 crashes during the five year analysis period.
- The road segment of Lincoln Avenue between Nevada Street and Pennsylvania Avenue experienced the highest number of mid-block crashes within the University District: 50 crashes during the five year analysis period.