“Over the last 40 years, the US went from being one of the safest counties in the world for traffic safety to one of the least safe among industrialized countries,” says Dr. Norman Garrick. While traffic fatalities have been dropping in the United States, the country has been severely outpaced by European countries like The Netherlands, where there are only 4 fatalities per 100,000 citizens per year. Using transportation infrastructure and mobility patterns as the main focus of his study, he hopes to identify the reasons behind this trend. This project will enable American policy makers to make clear safety-first decisions, and will help them lower the overall automobile fatality rate in order to get the country back on pace with other developed nations.