

# North Dakota Highway Safety Improvement Program 2014 Annual Report

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# **Executive Summary**

The purpose of the overall HSIP program is to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads through the implementation of infrastructure-related highway safety improvements.

### Introduction

The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) is a core Federal-aid program with the purpose of achieving a significant reduction in fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. As per 23 U.S.C. 148(h) and 23 CFR 924.15, States are required to report annually on the progress being made to advance HSIP implementation and evaluation efforts. The format of this report is consistent with the HSIP MAP-21 Reporting Guidance dated February 13, 2013 and consists of four sections: program structure, progress in implementing HSIP projects, progress in achieving safety performance targets, and assessment of the effectiveness of the improvements.

### **Program Structure**

Program Administration  How are Highway Safety Improvement Program funds allocated in a State?
⊠Central Central
District
Other
Describe how local roads are addressed as part of Highway Safety Improvement Program.
The NDDOT addresses safety on local roads through the Local Road Safety Program (LRSP).  Identify which internal partners are involved with Highway Safety Improvement Program planning.
⊠Design
⊠Planning
Maintenance

Operations
⊠Governors Highway Safety Office
Other: Other-Safety Division, Local Government
Briefly describe coordination with internal partners.
Internal partners are included in the review of the HSIP project listings.
Identify which external partners are involved with Highway Safety Improvement Program planning.
Metropolitan Planning Organizations
Governors Highway Safety Office
Local Government Association
Other: Other-Cities, Counties, and Tribal Governments
Identify any program administration practices used to implement the HSIP that have changed since the last reporting period.
Multi-disciplinary HSIP steering committee
Other: Other-HSIP application form has been revised.

Describe any other aspects of Highway Safety Improvement Program Administration on which you would like to elaborate.

#### **Schedule for HSIP requests:**

- October send out HSIP solicitation letter
- Mid December HSIP application forms (SFN 59959) are due to NDDOT
- January through March NDDOT analysis of HSIP requests
- April Draft HSIP project listing
- August 31<sup>st</sup> Final HSIP project list due to FHWA

Select the programs that are administered under the HSIP.

### **Program Methodology**

Median Barrier	⊠Intersection	Safe Corridor
Horizontal Curve	Bicycle Safety	Rural State Highways
Skid Hazard	Crash Data	Red Light Running Prevention
⊠Roadway Departure	Low-Cost Spot Improvements	Sign Replacement And Improvement
Local Safety	Pedestrian Safety	Right Angle Crash
Left Turn Crash	Shoulder Improvement	Segments
Other:		

Program:	Intersection
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Date of Program Methodology: 6/17/2014

What data types were used in	the program methodology?	
Crashes	Exposure	Roadway
	⊠Traffic	Median width
Fatal crashes only	□Volume	⊠Horizontal curvature
Fatal and serious injury crashes only	Population	Functional classification
Other	Lane miles	Roadside features
	Other	○Other-Intersection skew, intersections of curves, intersection traffic control device, presence of adjacent development
What project identification me	thodology was used for this pro	ogram?
Crash frequency		
Expected crash frequency w	ith EB adjustment	
Equivalent property damage	only (EPDO Crash frequency)	
EPDO crash frequency with	EB adjustment	
Relative severity index		
☐ Crash rate		
Critical rate		
Level of service of safety (LC	SS)	
Excess expected crash frequ	ency using SPFs	
Excess expected crash frequ	ency with the EB adjustment	
Excess expected crash frequ	ency using method of moments	
Probability of specific crash	types	
Excess proportions of specif	ic crash types	

Other-Systemic project identification	, local agency or NDDOT district requests
Are local roads (non-state owned and c	operated) included or addressed in this program?
⊠Yes	
□No	
If yes, are local road projects identified of	using the same methodology as state roads?
⊠Yes	
□No	
How are highway safety improvement	projects advanced for implementation?
Competitive application process	
Selection committee	
Other	
the relative importance of each process rankings. If weights are entered, the su	projects for implementation. For the methods selected, indicate in project prioritization. Enter either the weights or numerical m must equal 100. If ranks are entered, indicate ties by giving the next highest rank (as an example: 1, 2, 2, 4).
Relative Weight in Scoring	
Rank of Priority Consideration	
Ranking based on B/C	
Available funding	1
☐Incremental B/C	
Ranking based on net benefit	2
Other	

Program:	Roadway Departure		
Date of Program Methodology:	6/17/2014		
What data types were used in the	e program methodology?		
Crashes	Exposure	Roadway	
	⊠Traffic	Median width	
Fatal crashes only	<b></b> Volume	⊠Horizontal curvature	
Fatal and serious injury crashes only	Population	Functional classification	
Other	Lane miles		
	Other	Other-shoulder width, access density	
What project identification meth	odology was used for this program?		
Expected crash frequency with	EB adjustment		
Equivalent property damage of	nly (EPDO Crash frequency)		
EPDO crash frequency with EB	adjustment		
Relative severity index			
Crash rate			
Critical rate			
Level of service of safety (LOSS)			
Excess expected crash frequen	cy using SPFs		

Ranking based on B/C

Highway Safety Improvement Program

What process is used to identify potential countermeasures?

2014

North Dakota

Describe any other aspects of the Highway Safety Improvement Program methodology on which you would like to elaborate.

#### **ROAD SAFETY REVIEWS**

A road safety review (RSR) is a site visit of a roadway or intersection by a multi-disciplinary team in order to identify changes that may improve safety. RSRs are typically requested by a local agency or the NDDOT District and are most commonly performed at high crash locations and/or locations with negative public perception. However, they may be performed at other locations as well; such as locations where there is a perceived potential for safety improvement but it is not exactly clear what should be done. RSRs are typically not performed multiple times at one location, unless traffic patterns or nearby developments have changed since the previous RSR was performed.

The road safety review is coordinated by the NDDOT traffic operations section. Typically, the RSR team consists of one or more representatives from the following organizations:

- NDDOT Traffic operations
- NDDOT District Maintenance
- NDDOT District Construction
- NDDOT Traffic Safety Design Section
- NDDOT Roadway Design Section
- NDDOT Safety Division
- NDDOT Local Government
- FHWA Safety Engineer
- City and/or County Engineer
- Local law enforcement (HP, City Police, BIA, etc)

#### SYSTEMIC SITE IDENTIFICATION

In the past, safety funds were focused mostly on infrastructure projects on state highways and were identified through the "black spot" method. However, because the severe crash data shows that 56% (from ND SHSP, page 4-2) are occurring on the county/local system, a majority of safety funds will now be directed to local roadways. Based on a commitment in the 2013 North Dakota Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP), the NDDOT is working with CH2MHill to develop "Local Road Safety Programs" (LRSP's) for North Dakota. The LRSP's have developed a systemic process to provide application of high-priority/low-cost safety strategies at "at-risk" locations.

The LRSP's have identified certain characteristics that help identify and prioritize locations that have the most risk. For consistency in application of safety improvements, the problem identification and countermeasure selection for potential safety projects on state highways will generally follow the same process that has been developed for the local roadways in the LRSP's. Because of the higher design standards of state highways versus local roadways, some variations of this process are necessary and are discussed in detail in the following sections. Also, some countermeasures have already been applied system-wide on all state highways (such as shoulder rumble strips).

Potential projects are identified using a star rating system. A star is assigned for each risk factor that is present at any given location. Separate inventories of the state highway system have been developed using the following facility types:

- Highway segments (State Highways, US Highways)
- Highway intersections (State Highway/State Highway, US Highway/State Highway, etc)
- Horizontal curves on state highways

# **Progress in Implementing Projects**

### **Funds Programmed**

Reporting period for Highway Safety Improvement Program funding.
Calendar Year
State Fiscal Year
Federal Fiscal Year

### Enter the programmed and obligated funding for each applicable funding category.

Funding Category	Programmed*		Obligated	
HSIP (Section 148)	11284000	68 %	10560226.83	67 %
HRRRP (SAFETEA-LU)	0	0 %		
HRRR Special Rule				
Penalty Transfer - Section 154	5289006	32 %	5289006	33 %
Penalty Transfer – Section 164				
Incentive Grants - Section 163				
Incentive Grants (Section 406)				
Other Federal-aid Funds (i.e. STP, NHPP)	0	0 %	0	0 %
State and Local Funds	0	0 %	0	0 %

Totals	16573006	100%	15849232.83	100%

How much funding is programmed to local	(non-state owned and	l maintained) safet	y projects?
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3 %

How much funding is obligated to local safety projects?

3 %

How much funding is programmed to non-infrastructure safety projects?

0 %

How much funding is obligated to non-infrastructure safety projects?

0 %

How much funding was transferred in to the HSIP from other core program areas during the reporting period?

0 %

How much funding was transferred out of the HSIP to other core program areas during the reporting period?

0 %

Discuss impediments to obligating Highway Safety Improvement Program funds and plans to overcome this in the future.

None

Describe any other aspects of the general Highway Safety Improvement Program implementation progress on which you would like to elaborate.

None

### **General Listing of Projects**

List each highway safety improvement project obligated during the reporting period.

Project	Improvement Category	Outp ut	HSIP Cost	Total Cost	Fundin g	Functional Classificati	AAD T	Spee d	Roadwa v	Relationshi	p to SHSP
		u.	COST	COST	Catego ry	on	•	ŭ	Owners hip	Emphasis Area	Strategy
Recovery Approaches- Various Locations Devils Lake Dist	Intersection geometry Intersection geometrics - miscellaneous/other/unsp ecified	0	13500	15000	HSIP (Sectio n 148)		0	0	State Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	Safer slopes and ditches
US 2 Turn Lanes - Dist Bndry to W of Surrey	Intersection geometry Auxiliary lanes - add left- turn lane	0	13950 00	15500 00	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	0	0	State Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	Provide turn lanes
ND 16 & McKenzie Cnty 38	Intersection geometry Intersection geometrics - miscellaneous/other/unsp ecified	0	22500	25000	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Major Collector	0	0	State Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	Safer slopes and ditches
ND 200 and Hensler Road	Intersection geometry Intersection geometrics - miscellaneous/other/unsp ecified	0	26100	29000	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	0	0	County Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	Safer slopes and ditches

ND 66, Structure #066.029.07 6	Roadside Drainage improvements	0	79740 0	88600 0	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Major Collector	0	0	State Highway Agency	Roadway Departure	Remove object in hazardo us location s
Rumble strips on BIA roads	Roadway Rumble strips - edge or shoulder	0	24498	24498 5	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Local Road or Street	0	0	Indian Tribe Nation	Roadway Departure	Rumble strips
US 52 and ND 3 near Harvey	Intersection geometry Auxiliary lanes - add left- turn lane	0	47070 0	52300 0	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	0	0	State Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	Provide turn lanes
One-way signs on Divided Highways (eastern districts)	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs (including post) - new or updated	0	58500 0	65000 0	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	0	0	State Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	Enhanc ed signing
ND 21 from US 85 to ND 22	Roadway Roadway widening - curve	0	17590 00	19550 00	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	0	0	State Highway Agency	Roadway Departure	Improve d geomet ry
ND 22 from W Jct ND 21	Intersection geometry Auxiliary lanes - add left-	0	11439	12710	HSIP (Sectio	Rural Minor	0	0	State Highway	Intersecti	Provide turn

thru New England	turn lane		00	00	n 148)	Arterial			Agency	ons	lanes
US 83 Turn Lanes	Intersection geometry Auxiliary lanes - add left- turn lane	0	43798 0	48177 8	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	0	0	State Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	Provide turn lanes
US 83 Turn Lanes	Intersection geometry Auxiliary lanes - add left- turn lane	0	17490 4	19239 4	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	0	0	State Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	Provide turn lanes
Districtwide Retroreflecti vity	Roadway signs and traffic control Sign sheeting - upgrade or replacement	0	14400 00	16000 00	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	n/a	0	0	State Highway Agency	Older Drivers	Enhanc ed signing
US 81 (19th Ave N) at NDSU Barns	Advanced technology and ITS Congestion detection / traffic monitoring system	0	67500	75000	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Urban Principal Arterial - Other	0	0	City of Municip al Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	Dynami c warning signs
Districtwide Retroreflecti vity	Roadway signs and traffic control Sign sheeting - upgrade or replacement	0	15300 00	17000 00	HSIP (Sectio n 148)		0	0	State Highway Agency	Older Drivers	Enhanc ed signing
Intersection of US 2 & RP 23.9	Intersection geometry Auxiliary lanes - add left- turn lane	0	27216 0	30240 0	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	0	0	State Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	Provide turn lanes

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# **Progress in Achieving Safety Performance Targets**

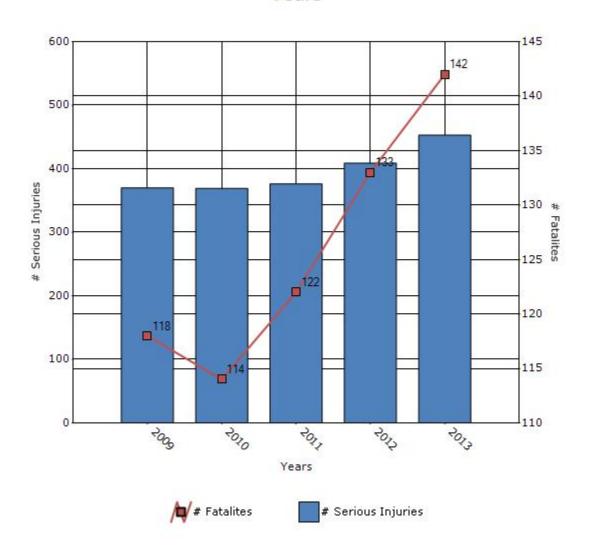
### **Overview of General Safety Trends**

Present data showing the general highway safety trends in the state for the past five years.

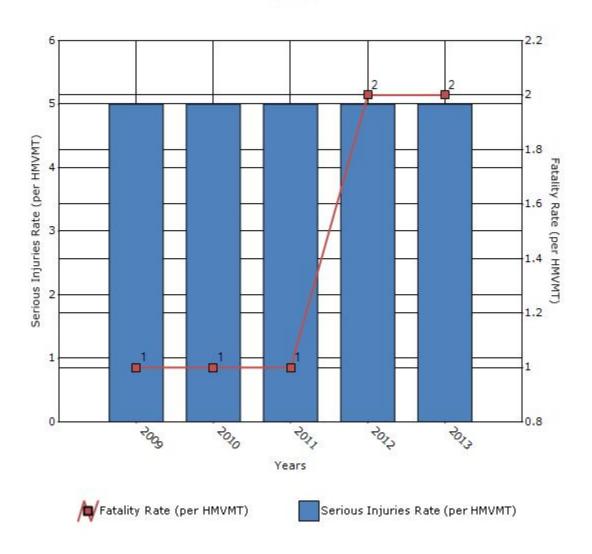
Performance Measures*	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Number of fatalities	118	114	122	133	142
Number of serious injuries	370	369	376	409	453
Fatality rate (per HMVMT)	1	1	1	2	2
Serious injury rate (per HMVMT)	5	5	5	5	5

<sup>\*</sup>Performance measure data is presented using a five-year rolling average.

## Number of Fatalities and Serious injuries for the Last Five Years



## Rate of Fatalities and Serious injuries for the Last Five Years



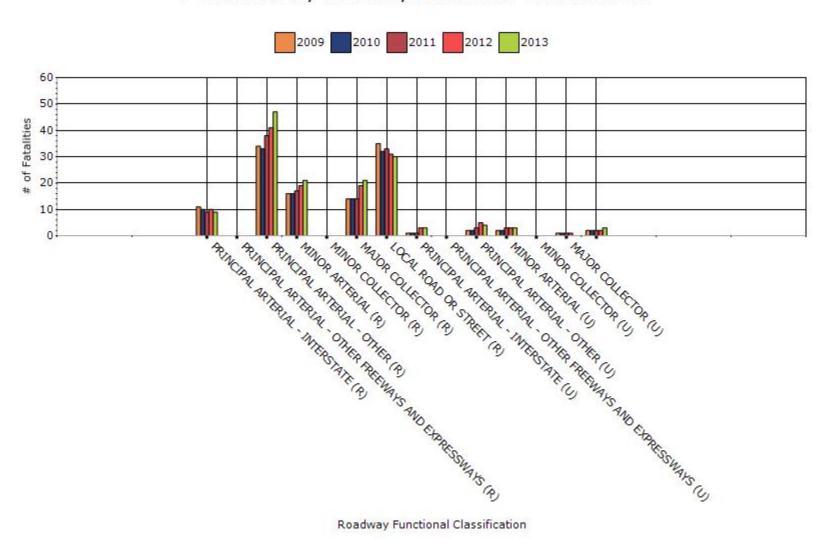
To the maximum extent possible, present performance measure\* data by functional classification and ownership.

Year - 2013

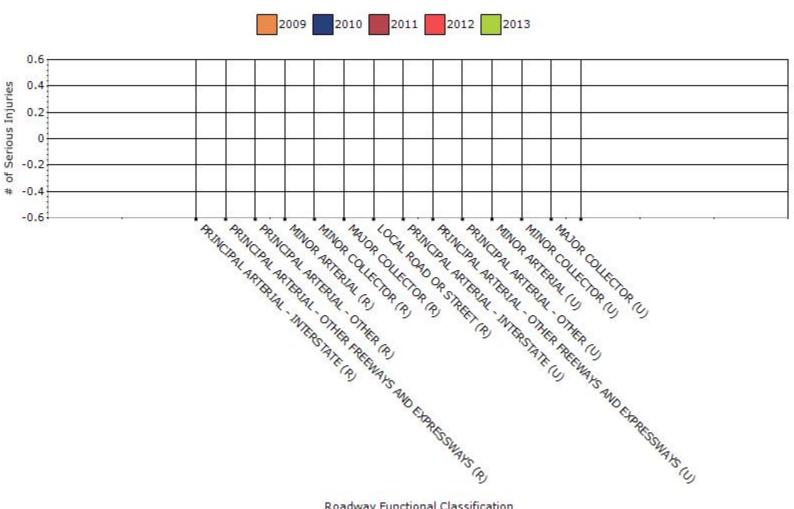
Function Classification	Number of fatalities	Number of serious injuries	Fatality rate (per HMVMT)	Serious injury rate (per HMVMT)
RURAL PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL - INTERSTATE	9	0	0.57	0
RURAL PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL - OTHER FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS	0	0	0	0
RURAL PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL - OTHER	47	0	2.13	0
RURAL MINOR ARTERIAL	21	0	2.7	0
RURAL MINOR COLLECTOR	0	0	0	0
RURAL MAJOR COLLECTOR	21	0	7.88	0
RURAL LOCAL ROAD OR STREET	30	0	1.61	0
URBAN PRINCIPAL	3	0	0.6	0

**OR STREET** 

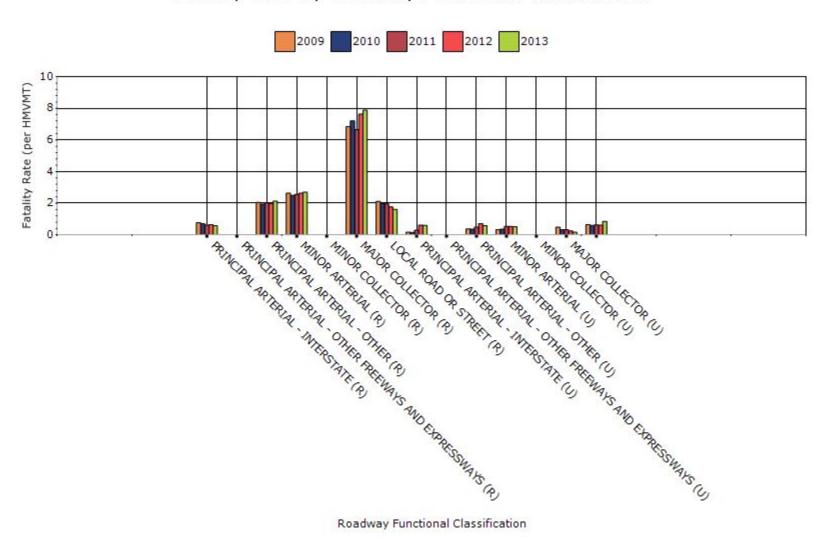
## # Fatalities by Roadway Functional Classification



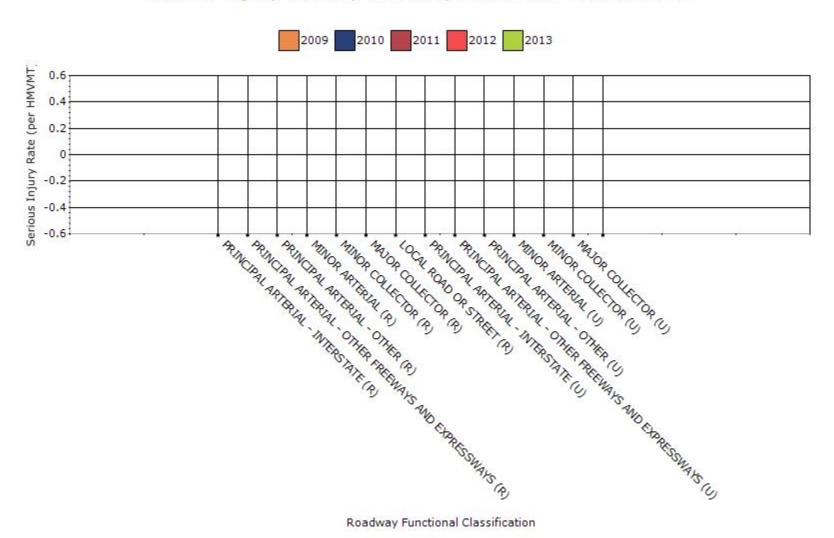
### # Serious Injuries by Roadway Functional Classification



## Fatality Rate by Roadway Functional Classification



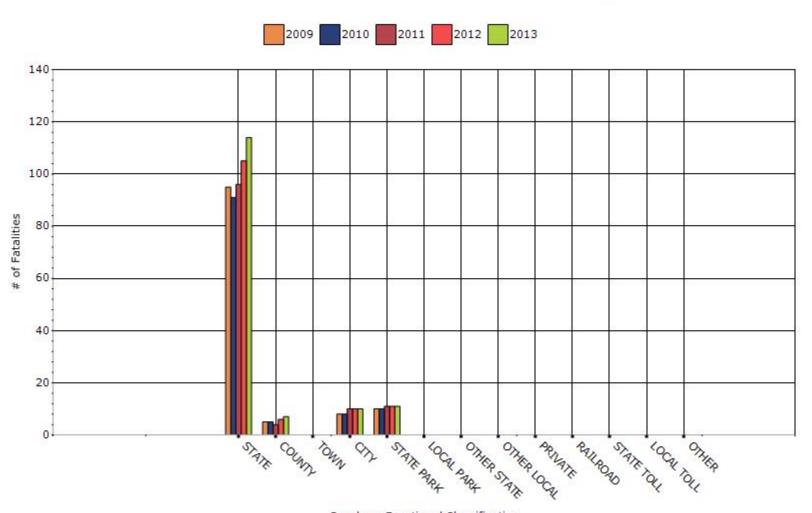
## Serious Injury Rate by Roadway Functional Classification



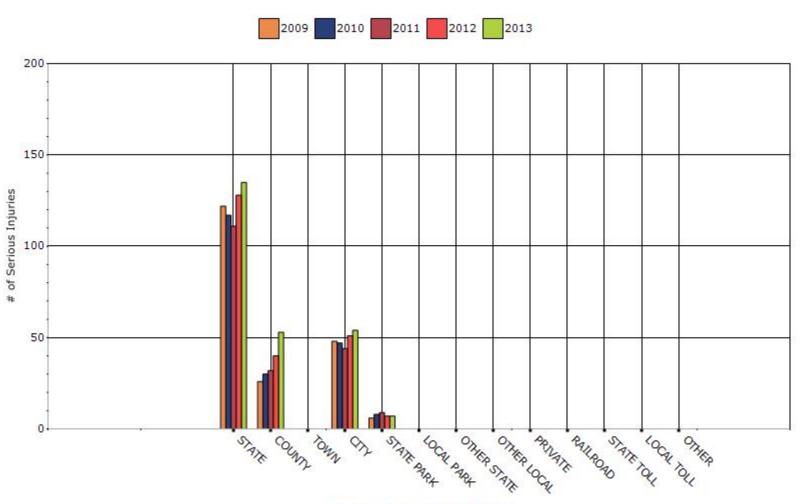
# Year - 2013

Number of fatalities	Number of serious injuries	Fatality rate (per HMVMT)	Serious injury rate (per HMVMT)
114	135	1.25	1.47
7	53	0.07	0.57
0	0	0	0
10	54	0.11	0.59
11	7	0.13	0.08
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
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# Number of Fatalities by Roadway Ownership

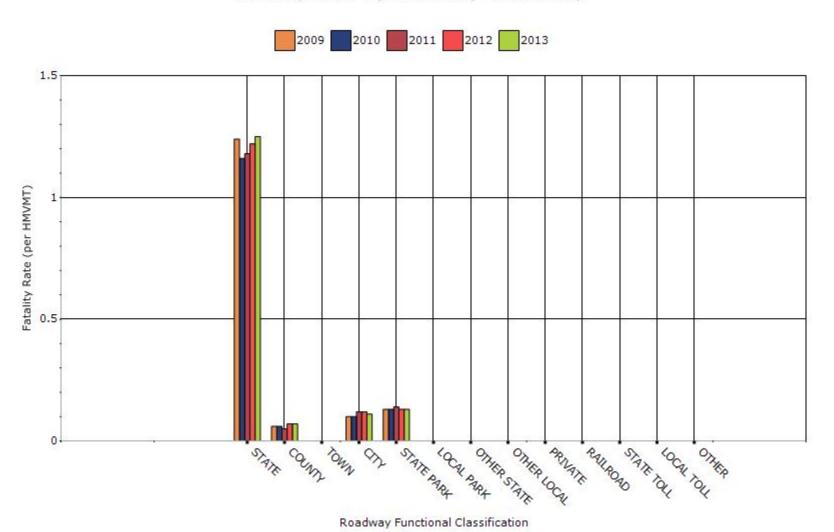


# Number of Serious Injuries by Roadway Ownership

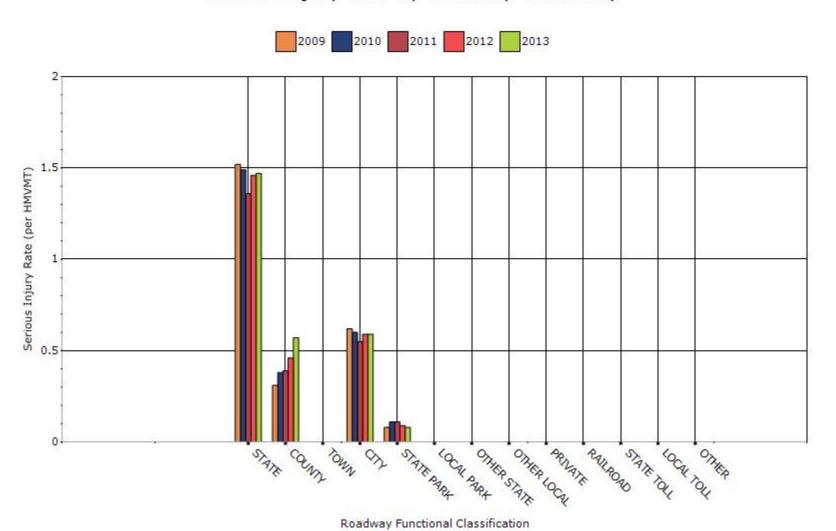


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# Fatality Rate by Roadway Ownership



# Serious Injury Rate by Roadway Ownership



Describe any other aspects of the general highway safety trends on which you would like to elaborate.

None

#### **Application of Special Rules**

Present the rate of traffic fatalities and serious injuries per capita for drivers and pedestrians over the age of 65.

Older Driver	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Performance Measures					
Fatality rate (per capita)	0.132	0.116	0.124	0.14	0.118
Serious injury rate (per capita)	1.092	0.902	0.756	0.646	0.45
Fatality and serious injury rate (per capita)	1.228	1.022	0.882	0.79	0.572

<sup>\*</sup>Performance measure data is presented using a five-year rolling average.

Number of fatalities age 65 and older + Number of Injuries age 65 and older / 1000 population = Rate

Example year 2012:

22 Fatalities age 65 and older 77 Injuries age 65 and older 2012 population is 144,000

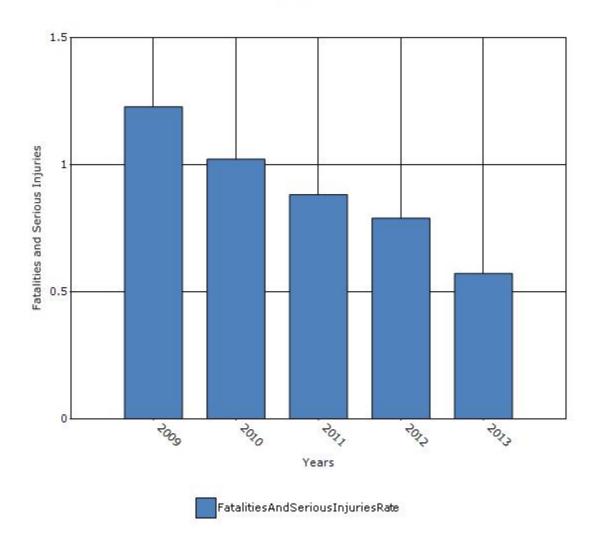
22+77/144=0.69

(0.69+0.64+0.46+1.07+1.09)/5 = 0.79

Fatalities		Injuries	Population	Rate	5-yr Average
(Age	65+)	(Age 65+)	(Age 65+, in 1000s)	(fat + inj)	(fat + inj)
2005	23	188	142	1.49	
2006	18	177	146	1.34	
2007	10	156	144	1.15	

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2000	16	1.42	146	1.00	
2008	16	143	146	1.09	
2009	29	128	147	1.07	1.23
2010	12	54	145	0.46	1.02
2011	23	69	144	0.64	0.88
2012	22	77	144	0.69	0.79
2013	10	50			

# Rate of Fatalities and Serious injuries for the Last Five Years



Does the older driver special rule apply to your state?

No

## Assessment of the Effectiveness of the Improvements (Program **Evaluation)**

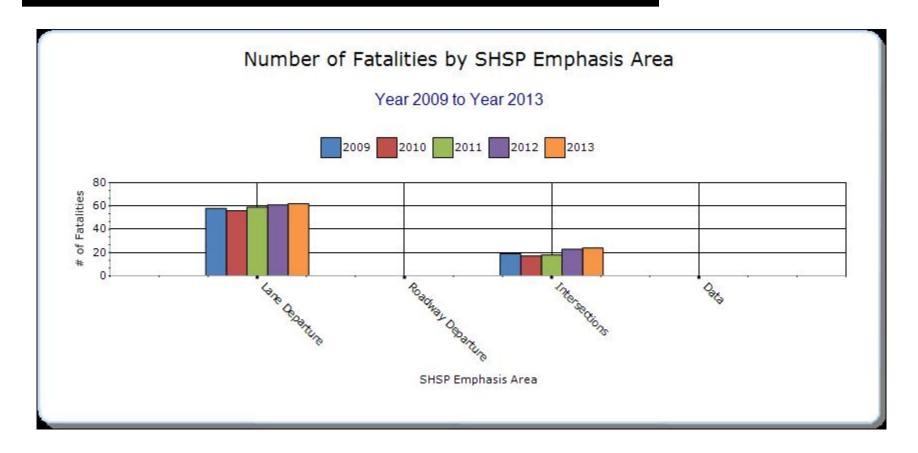
Safety Improvement Program?
⊠None
Benefit/cost
Policy change
Other:
What significant programmatic changes have occurred since the last reporting period?
Shift Focus to Fatalities and Serious Injuries
☐ Include Local Roads in Highway Safety Improvement Program
Organizational Changes
None
Other: Other-Using systemic approach to apply low-cost countermeasures for at-risk locations
Briefly describe significant program changes that have occurred since the last reporting period.
None

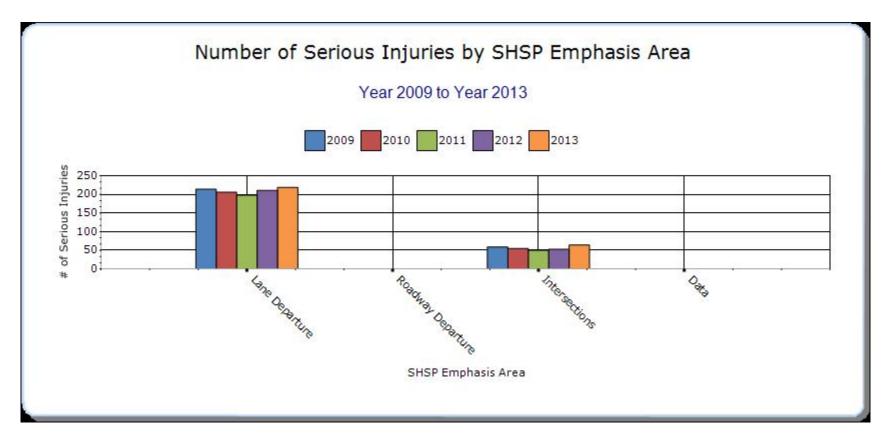
#### **SHSP Emphasis Areas**

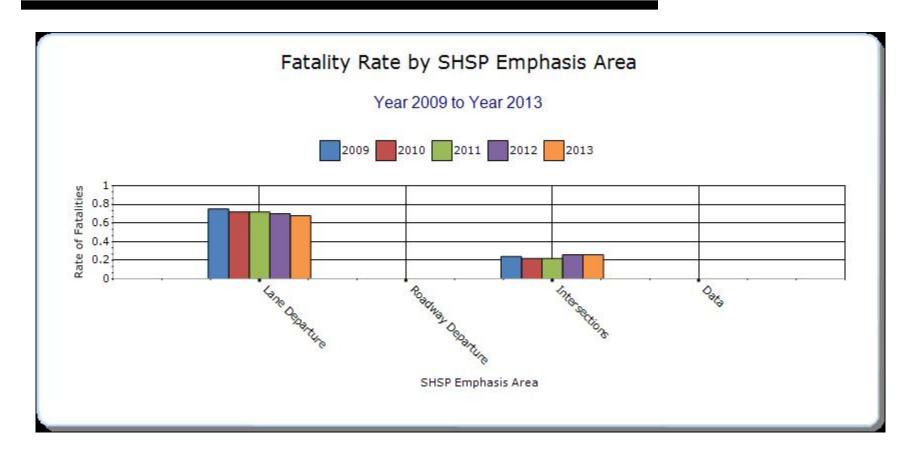
For each SHSP emphasis area that relates to the HSIP, present trends in emphasis area performance measures.

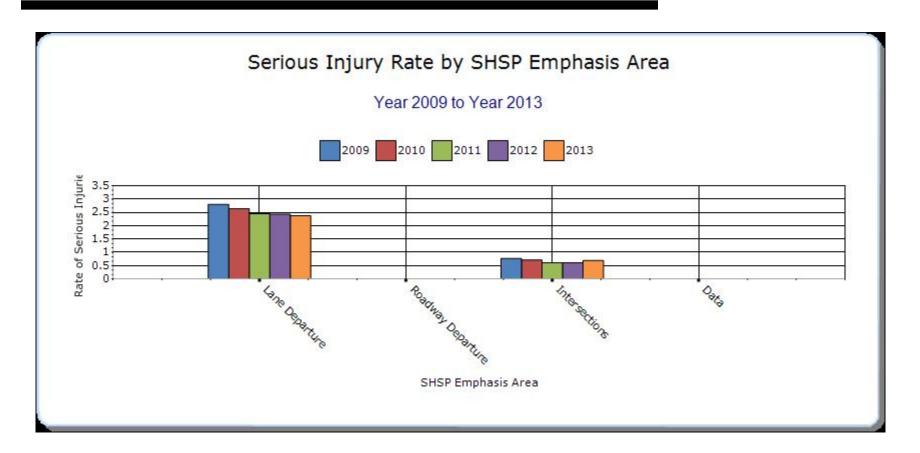
### Year - 2013

HSIP-related SHSP Emphasis Areas	Target Crash Type	Number of fatalities	Number of serious injuries	Fatality rate (per HMVMT)	Serious injury rate (per HMVMT)	Other- 1	Other- 2	Other- 3
Lane Departure		62	219	0.68	2.38	0	0	0
Intersections		24	64	0.26	0.69	0	0	0







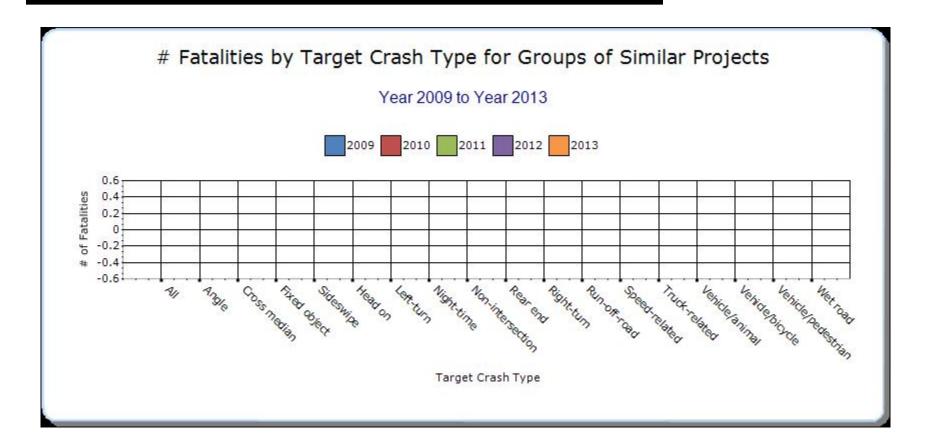


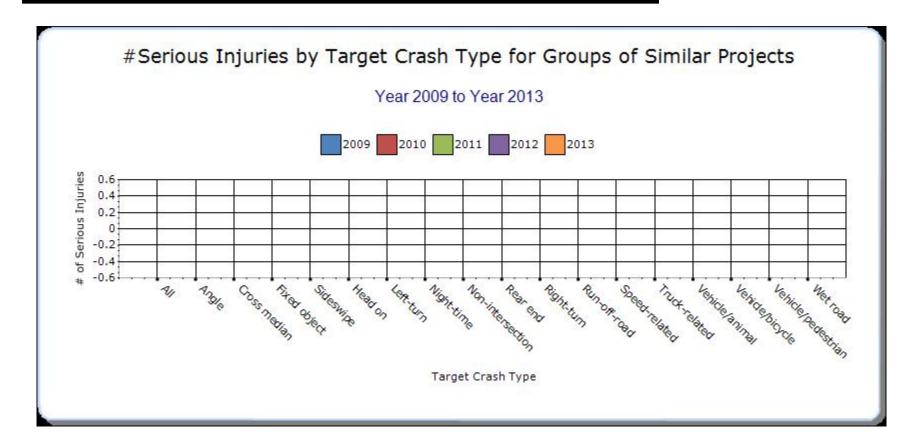
### **Groups of similar project types**

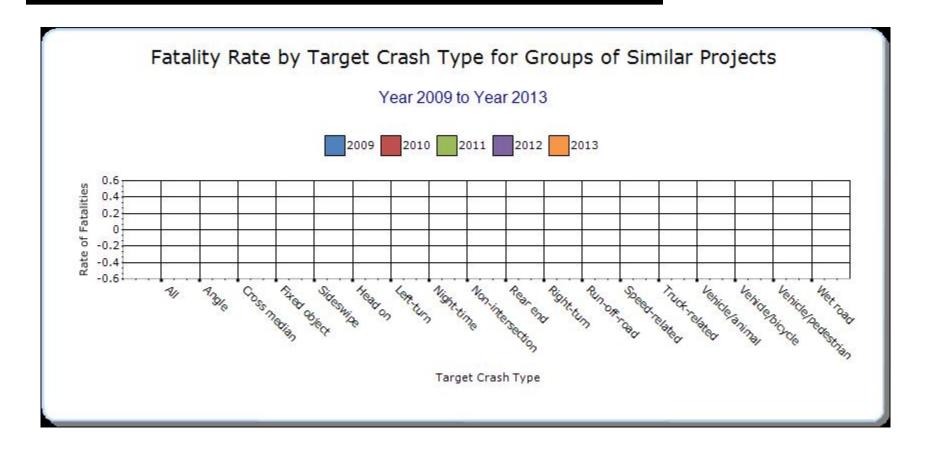
Present the overall effectiveness of groups of similar types of projects.

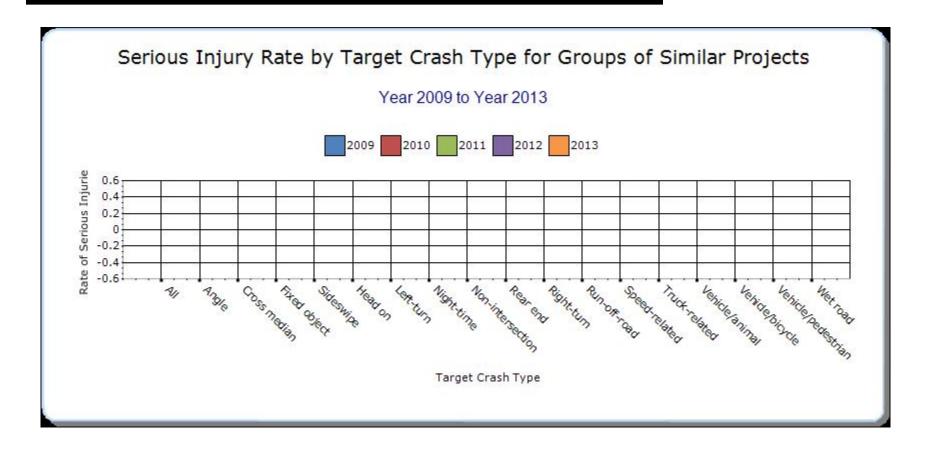
#### Year - 2013

HSIP Sub- program Types	Target Crash Type	Number of fatalities	Number of serious injuries	Fatality rate (per HMVMT)	Serious injury rate (per HMVMT)	Other- 1	Other- 2	Other- 3
Roadway Departure		62	219	0.68	2.38	0	0	0
Intersection		24	64	0.26	0.69	0	0	0







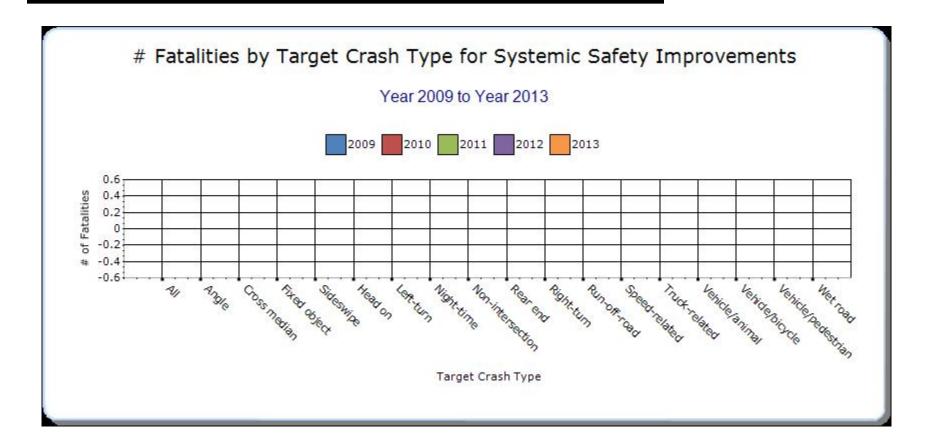


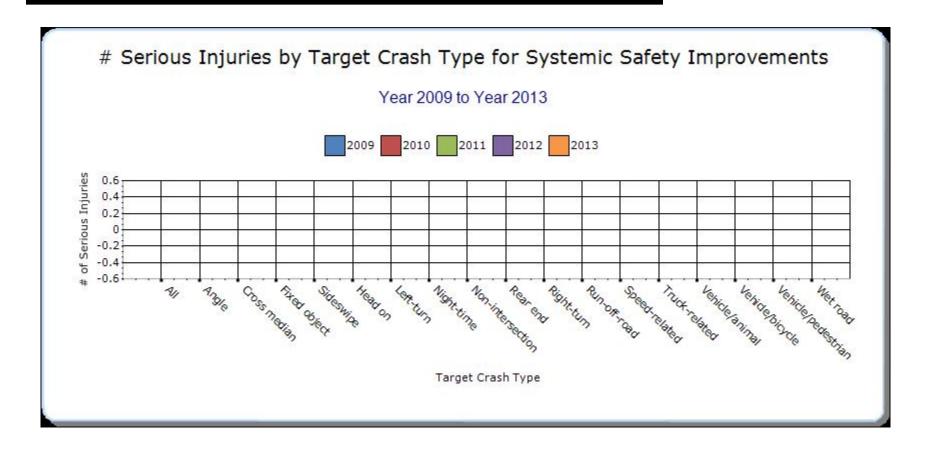
### **Systemic Treatments**

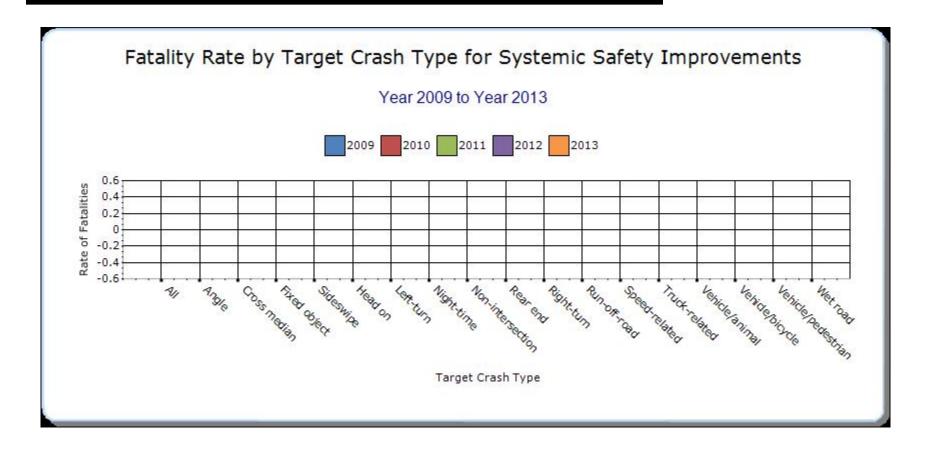
Present the overall effectiveness of systemic treatments.

### Year - 2013

Systemic improvement	Target Crash Type	Number of fatalities	Number of serious injuries	Fatality rate (per HMVMT)	Serious injury rate (per HMVMT)	Other- 1	Other- 2	Other-
Rumble Strips		62	219	0.68	2.38	0	0	0







Describe any other aspects of the overall Highway Safety Improvement Program effectiveness on which you would like to elaborate.

None

Provide project evaluation data for completed projects (optional).

Location	Functional	Improvement	Improvement	Bef-	Bef-	Bef-	Bef-	Bef-	Aft-	Aft-	Aft-	Aft-	Aft-	Evaluation
	Class	Category	Туре	Fatal	Serious	Other	PDO	Total	Fatal	Serious	Other	PDO	Total	Results
					Injury	Injury				Injury	Injury			(Benefit/
														Cost Ratio)
n/a														
,														

# **Optional Attachments**

Sections Files Attached

#### **Glossary**

5 year rolling average means the average of five individual, consecutive annual points of data (e.g. annual fatality rate).

**Emphasis area** means a highway safety priority in a State's SHSP, identified through a data-driven, collaborative process.

Highway safety improvement project means strategies, activities and projects on a public road that are consistent with a State strategic highway safety plan and corrects or improves a hazardous road location or feature or addresses a highway safety problem.

**HMVMT** means hundred million vehicle miles traveled.

Non-infrastructure projects are projects that do not result in construction. Examples of noninfrastructure projects include road safety audits, transportation safety planning activities, improvements in the collection and analysis of data, education and outreach, and enforcement activities.

Older driver special rule applies if traffic fatalities and serious injuries per capita for drivers and pedestrians over the age of 65 in a State increases during the most recent 2-year period for which data are available, as defined in the Older Driver and Pedestrian Special Rule Interim Guidance dated February 13, 2013.

Performance measure means indicators that enable decision-makers and other stakeholders to monitor changes in system condition and performance against established visions, goals, and objectives.

Programmed funds mean those funds that have been programmed in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to be expended on highway safety improvement projects.

Roadway Functional Classification means the process by which streets and highways are grouped into classes, or systems, according to the character of service they are intended to provide.

Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) means a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary plan, based on safety data developed by a State Department of Transportation in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 148.

Systemic safety improvement means an improvement that is widely implemented based on high risk roadway features that are correlated with specific severe crash types.

Transfer means, in accordance with provisions of 23 U.S.C. 126, a State may transfer from an apportionment under section 104(b) not to exceed 50 percent of the amount apportioned for the fiscal year to any other apportionment of the State under that section.