

# Vermont Highway Safety Improvement Program 2015 Annual Report

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# **Executive Summary**

The development of Highway Safety Improvement Projects was implemented following the methodology established in 2005. The Agency further continued to work with local municipalities in the review of high risk local roads and in the constructions of low cost improvements.

For the Federal Fiscal year the total amount of funding that was obligated during the reporting period was \$10105953. Of these, \$7,096,325 was obligated from HSIP Section 148 and \$3,009,628 was obligated from Section 164.

During the reporting period, 37 projects were in a design stage and 27 were completed or being constructed.

Over the years, the HSIP and other related safety efforts have been efficient at reducing the number of major crashes (fatal + serious injury crashes). One of the principal measures of success that illustrates this is the reduction in the five-year average of major crashes which passed from 386 major crashes for the 2007-2011 period to 337 for the 2010-2014 period.

# 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.

Local roads that are part of the Federal Aid System are addressed the same way as state maintained roads, using the approved HSIP ranking methodology for the identification of locations with potential safety problems. The local roads that rank within the subset of top locations are reviewed through an engineering study. Low cost remedial actions are implemented via a statewide project, while high cost solutions are implemented by VTrans through the regular design process.

During the reporting period, rural local roads were considered for evaluation and improvement under our state high risk rural roads program. Locations were identified by the regional planning commissions

using crash data as well as anecdotal information. For these locations, safety corridor reviews were performed to identify signing, markings and guardrail improvements. These low cost treatments will be designed and implemented via a statewide project. The methodology used to select the HRRR projects is attached as an uploaded document under the Program Methodology Section.

Upon the request of a municipality, VTrans will perform a road safety audit of any local road to assist the municipality with local safety concerns. A multidisciplinary team is put together, a site visit is performed and a report outlying recommendations is provided to the municipality.

Identify which internal partners are involved with Highway Safety Improvement Program planning.
Planning
Maintenance
Governors Highway Safety Office
Other:
Briefly describe coordination with internal partners.
Depending on the characteristics of the site to be reviewed, Design, Operations and/or Maintenance staff are asked to take part to the visit of the site and to formulate some recommendations. Key personal in Design and/or Maintenance are contacted several weeks in advance usually by email by the lead investigator. Along with a request to attend an on-site meeting, the lead investigator also sends relevant background information such as crash information and a general description of the problem.
Identify which external partners are involved with Highway Safety Improvement Program planning.
Metropolitan Planning Organizations
Governors Highway Safety Office
Local Government Association

Other: Other-Municipalities
◯ Other: Other-Regional Planning Commissions
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-There has been no change since the last reporting period. We have almost completed the rewriting ouf our HSIP procedures.

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

There is a challenge in the deployment of HSIP countermeasure projects in that they follow the same design process as every other road and bridge project at VTrans. The solution may be identified quickly, however there is no priority put on an HSIP projects and therefore, implementation can several years as the project works through the same design process (PE, ROW and construction) as all VTrans projects.

This problem has also been an issue, to a lesser extent, with the delivery of low cost projects, such as the installation of signs or the upgrade of signal equipment on town highways.

While, since 2012, we have been developing and contracting regional projects to implement these low cost solutions on town and city owned roads (thus making sure that federal procurement procedures are followed), the time lag between the road reviews and the installation of the low cost improvements has been around two years. In addition, preparing formal plans for contacting purposes has also been time consuming.

Other

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Program Methodology			
Select the programs that are adm	ninistered under the HSIP.		
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	
<b>∑</b> Local Safety	Pedestrian Safety	Right Angle Crash	
Left Turn Crash	Shoulder Improvement	Segments	
Other: Other-School Zone Safety			
,			
Program:	Low-Cost Spot Improvements		
Date of Program Methodology:	1/28/2005		
c c			
What data types were used in the program methodology?			
	- p8		
Crashes	Exposure	Roadway	
	⊠Traffic	Median width	
Fatal crashes only	Volume	Horizontal curvature	
Fatal and serious injury crashes only	Population	□ Functional classification	

 $\boxtimes$ Lane miles

Roadside features

	Other	Other
What project identification method	dology was used for this program?	
Crash frequency		
Expected crash frequency with E	B adjustment	
Equivalent property damage only	y (EPDO Crash frequency)	
EPDO crash frequency with EB ac	djustment	
Relative severity index		
⊠Crash rate		
Critical rate		
Level of service of safety (LOSS)		
Excess expected crash frequency	using SPFs	
Excess expected crash frequency	with the EB adjustment	
Excess expected crash frequency	using method of moments	
Probability of specific crash type	S	
Excess proportions of specific cra	ash types	
Other		
Are local roads (non-state owned a	nd operated) included or addresse	ed in this program?
⊠Yes		
□No		
If yes, are local road projects identif	ied using the same methodology a	s state roads?
⊠Yes		
□No		

How are highway safety improvement projects advanced for implementation?		
Competitive application proces	S	
Selection committee		
Other		
the relative importance of each p	rocess in project prio he sum must equal 1	lementation. For the methods selected, indicate ritization. Enter either the weights or numerical 00. If ranks are entered, indicate ties by giving t rank (as an example: 1, 2, 2, 4).
Relative Weight in Scoring		
Rank of Priority Consideration		
⊠Ranking based on B/C	2	
	1	
☐Incremental B/C		
Ranking based on net ben	efit	
Other		
Program:	Local Safety	
Date of Program Methodology:	3/12/2009	
What data types were used in the	program methodolo	gy?
Crashes	Exposure	Roadway
	Traffic	Median width

Fatal crashes only	Volume	⊠Horizontal curvature	
Fatal and serious injury crashes only	Population		
Other	Lane miles	Roadside features	
	Other	Other-"rural" like roads	
What project identification metho	dology was used for this program?		
Crash frequency			
Expected crash frequency with	EB adjustment		
Equivalent property damage on	ly (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 frequency using SPFs			
Excess expected crash frequency with the EB adjustment			
Excess expected crash frequency using method of moments			
Probability of specific crash types			
Excess proportions of specific crash types			
Other			
Are local roads (non-state owned	and operated) included or addresse	ed in this program?	
⊠Yes			
□No			

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If yes, are local road projects identified ι	using the same methodology as state roads?
⊠Yes	
□No	
How are highway safety improvement p	projects advanced for implementation?
○ Competitive application process	
selection committee	
Other	
the relative importance of each process rankings. If weights are entered, the surboth processes the same rank and skip	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	
	100
☐Incremental B/C	
Ranking based on net benefit	
Other	

Program: Other-School Zone Safety

Date of Program Methodology: 1/1/2014

What data types were used in the program methodology?		
Crashes	Exposure	Roadway
All crashes	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-Presence of a School
What project identification metho	dology was used for this program?	
Crash frequency		
Expected crash frequency with I	EB adjustment	
Equivalent property damage on	y (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 frequency using SPFs		
Excess expected crash frequency with the EB adjustment		
Excess expected crash frequency using method of moments		
Probability of specific crash types		
Excess proportions of specific crash types		
Other-Participation in the safe route to school program		

Are local roads (non-state owned and operated) included or addressed in this program?

∑Yes
□No
If yes, are local road projects identified using the same methodology as state roads?
∑Yes
□No
How are highway safety improvement projects advanced for implementation?
Competitive application process
selection committee
◯Other-All sites are advanced for signs and markings
Select the processes used to prioritize projects for implementation. For the methods selected, indicate the relative importance of each process in project prioritization. Enter either the weights or numerical rankings. If weights are entered, the sum must equal 100. If ranks are entered, indicate ties by giving both processes the same rank and skip 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
☐Incremental B/C
Ranking based on net benefit
Other

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what proportion of nighway safety improvement pr	ogram funds address systemic improvements?
13	
Highway safety improvement program funds are use improvements?	ed to address which of the following systemic
Cable Median Barriers	Rumble Strips
Traffic Control Device Rehabilitation	Pavement/Shoulder Widening
☐ Install/Improve Signing	
Upgrade Guard Rails	Clear Zone Improvements
Safety Edge	☐ Install/Improve Lighting
Add/Upgrade/Modify/Remove Traffic Signal	Other
What process is used to identify potential counterm	easures?
Engineering Study	
Road Safety Assessment	
Other:	

Identify any program methodology practices used to implement the HSIP that have changed since the last reporting period.
Highway Safety Manual
Road Safety audits
Systemic Approach
Other: Other-No change

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

The main challenge concerning our HSIP ranking methodology for spot improvements continues to be that it does not address roads that are off the Federal Aid System. The current HSIP ranking methodology generates locations based on the high crash locations that are generated by VTrans' Highway Safety Data Section. The data that the Highway Safety Data Section uses as input are only for the roads that fall under the Federal Aid highway system. Consequently, only locally maintained roads that are on the Federal Aid systems are considered as part of the ranking methodology of the HSIP.

Given that Vermont is a rural state with crashes that tend to be dispersed, another ongoing challenge with our current sport improvement methodology is that it tends to identify rural locations with very few crashes or urban locations with a large number of crashes at high traffic intersections.

A consultant has been reviewing our HSIP ranking process and has proposed a new process that will better align with the SHSP. We hope to be implementing this process in the next reporting period.

# **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)	7096325.57	70 %	7096325.57	70 %
HRRRP (SAFETEA-LU)				
HRRR Special Rule				
Penalty Transfer - Section 154				
Penalty Transfer - Section 164	3009628.54	30 %	3009628.54	30 %
Incentive Grants - Section 163				
Incentive Grants (Section 406)				
Other Federal-aid Funds (i.e. STP, NHPP)				
State and Local Funds				

Totals	10105954.11	100%	10105954.11	100%

How much funding is programmed to local	(non-state owned ar	nd maintained) safety	projects?

How much funding is obligated to local safety projects?

26 %

26 %

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

1 %

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

1 %

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

\$0.00

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

\$0.00

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

Safety projects should have a quick turnaround to have a significant impact. Major construction projects that follow the rigid design process are an impediment to obligating funds. Producing more systemic projects with little or no right-of-way and little environmental impacts is one way to design and construct more projects and thus spending more money on safety.

Our updated Draft HSIP Manual, that is currently being worked on by a consultant, suggests that VTrans explores alternative contracting methods for low cost safety improvements.

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

A consultant has been helping us reviewing our HSIP methodology. As part of this review, a mechanism to track progress will be developed.

# **General Listing of Projects**

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

Project	Improvement Category	Outpu t	HSIP Cost	Total Cost	Fundin	Functiona I	AAD T	Spe ed	Roadwa V	Relationshi	p to SHSP
			COST	COST	Catego ry	Classificat ion	•	Cu	Owners hip	Emphasis Area	Strategy
BARRE CITY HES 037-1(8) - Design	Intersection geometry Auxiliary lanes - add left- turn lane	1 Numb ers	16350 00	16350 00	Penalt y Transf er – Sectio n 164	Urban Major Collector	490 0	25	City of Municip al Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	Improve Geometry
BARRE TOWN HES STPG 6100(6) - Preliminar y	Intersection geometry Auxiliary lanes - add left- turn lane	1 Numb ers	16650 00	16650 00	PE: Penalt y Transf er – Sectio n 164, ROW: HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Urban Minor Arterial	270 0	35	State Highway Agency	Intersecti	Improve Geometry
BERLIN STPG	Intersection traffic control Modify traffic	1 Numb	20200	20200	HSIP (Sectio	Urban Principal	114	50	State Highway	Intersecti	Improve

					n 164						
COLCHEST ER HES NH 5600(14) - Design	Intersection geometry Intersection geometry - other	2 Numb ers	98000	98000	PE: Penalt y Transf er – Sectio n 164, ROW: HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Urban Principal Arterial - Other	211 50	30	State Highway Agency	Intersecti	Improve Geometry
ESSEX STPG SGNL(41) - Complete	Intersection traffic control Modify traffic signal - modernization/replacem ent	1 Numb ers	38542 5	38542 5	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Urban Minor Arterial	132 00	40	State Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	Improve Operations
ESSEX TOWN STP HES 5400(5) - Complete	Intersection traffic control Intersection traffic control - other	1 Numb ers	10381 99	10381 99	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Urban Minor Arterial	895 0	40	State Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	Improve Operations
FERRISBU RGH NHG SGNL(42) - Design	Intersection traffic control Intersection traffic control - other	1 Numb ers	66000 0	66000 0	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	123 00	40	State Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	Improve Operations

HINESBUR G HES 021- 1(19) - Design	Intersection geometry Auxiliary lanes - add left- turn lane	2 Numb ers	21200 00	21200 00	Penalt y Transf er – Sectio n 164	Rural Minor Arterial	855 0	40	State Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	Improve Geometry
JERICHO STP HES 030-1(21) - Design	Intersection geometry Auxiliary lanes - add left- turn lane	1 Numb ers	22800 00	22800 00	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Minor Arterial	101 49	50	State Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	Improve Geometry
MILTON HES 028- 1(27) - Design	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs and traffic control - other	0.3 Miles	30000	30000	Penalt y Transf er – Sectio n 164	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	950	55	State Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	Improve Operations
MORRISTO WN STP HES 030- 2(28) Design	Intersection geometry Intersection geometrics - modify skew angle	1 Numb ers	14600 0	14600 0	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Minor Arterial	670 0	50	State Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	Improve Geometry
NEW HAVEN HES 032- 1(8) - Design	Intersection geometry Intersection geometrics - miscellaneous/other/uns pecified	1 Numb ers	15800 00	15800 00	Penalt  y  Transf  er –  Sectio	Rural Minor Arterial	405 0	45	State Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	Improve Geometry

					n 164						
SOUTH BURLINGT ON HES 5200(20) - Complete	Intersection traffic control Modify traffic signal - add long vehicle detection	4 Numb ers	10400	10400	Penalt y Transf er – Sectio n 164	Urban Minor Collector	635 0	25	City of Municip al Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	Improve Operations
SOUTH HERO STP HES 028- 1(22) - Design	Intersection geometry Auxiliary lanes - add left- turn lane	1 Numb ers	18000 00	18000 00	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	695 0	35	State Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	Improve Geometry
STATEWID E HES CRSH	Non-infrastructure Data/traffic records	1 Numb ers	29137	29137	Penalt y Transf er – Sectio n 164	Not Applicable , Crash Managem ent	0	0	State Highway Agency	Data	Improve Data Quality
Statewide STPHRRR( 16) - Complete	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs (including post) - new or updated	17.9 Miles	29000 0	29000 0	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Major, Minor and Local Roads	0	0	Town or Townshi p Highway Agency	Roadway Departur e	Low Cost Improvem ents
Statewide STPHRRR( 17) -	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs (including post) - new or	23.3 Miles	26000 0	26000 0	HSIP (Sectio	Rural Major, Minor and	0	0	Town or Townshi p	Roadway Departur	Low Cost Improvem

Complete	updated				n 148)	Local Roads			Highway Agency	е	ents
Statewide STPHRRR( 18) - Complete	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs (including post) - new or updated	9.56 Miles	18000	18000	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Major, Minor and Local Roads	0	0	Town or Townshi p Highway Agency	Roadway Departur e	Low Cost Improvem ents
Statewide STPHRRR( 19) - Complete	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs (including post) - new or updated	17.339 Miles	33500 0	33500 0	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Major, Minor and Local Roads	0	0	Town or Townshi p Highway Agency	Roadway Departur e	Low Cost Improvem ents
Statewide STPHRRR( 22) - Design	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs (including post) - new or updated	0 Miles	45000 0	45000 0	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Major, Minor and Local Roads	0	0	Town or Townshi p Highway Agency	Roadway Departur e	Low Cost Improvem ents
Statewide STPHRRR( 23) - Design	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs (including post) - new or updated	0 Miles	45000 0	45000 0	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Major, Minor and Local Roads	0	0	Town or Townshi p Highway Agency	Roadway Departur e	Low Cost Improvem ents
Statewide Southwest STPG SIGN(47) -	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs (including post) - new or	32.8 Miles	24500 0	24500 0	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Major Collector	0	0	State Highway Agency	Older Drivers	Improve Infrastruct ues for all

SIGN(46) - Substantial ly Complete  Brattlebor o NHG SIGN(53) - Design	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs (including post) - new or updated	1 Numb ers	56500 0	56500 0	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Urban Principal Arterial - Other	132 00	30	Town or Townshi p Highway Agency	Intersecti	Improve Driver Complianc e
Calais- Greensbor o STPG SIGN(50) - Constructi on	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs (including post) - new or updated	22.52 Miles	22000	22000	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Minor Arterial	0	0	State Highway Agency	Older Drivers	Improve Infrastruct ues for all Users
Colchester STPG 5600(17) - Design	Intersection traffic control Modify traffic signal - modernization/replacem ent	1 Numb ers	53000 00	53000 00	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	117 00	50	State Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	Improve Operations
Colchester- Essex STPG SGNL(45) - Design	Intersection traffic control Modify traffic signal - modernization/replacem ent	4 Numb ers	13500 0	13500 0	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Urban Minor Arterial	0	0	State Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	Improve Operations
Essex STP	Intersection traffic	1	16800	16800	HSIP	Urban	110	40	State	Intersecti	Improve

5400(7) - Design	control Modify traffic signal - modernization/replacem ent Intersection traffic	Numb ers	13400	13400	(Sectio n 148) HSIP	Minor Arterial Rural	115	35	Highway Agency State	ons Intersecti	Operations Improve
STPG 030- 1(22) - Design	control Modify traffic signal - miscellaneous/other/uns pecified	Numb ers	00	00	(Sectio n 148)	Principal Arterial - Other	00	33	Highway Agency	ons	Operations
Guilford- Rockingha m IMG SIGN(44) - Constructi on	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs (including post) - new or updated	39 Miles	22650 00	22650 00	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Interstate	0	0	State Highway Agency	Older Drivers	Improve Infrastruct ues for all Users
Hartford STP 0113(59)S - Design	Intersection traffic control Modify control - modifications to roundabout	1 Numb ers	31670 00	31670 00	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Minor Arterial	940 0	40	Town or Townshi p Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	Improve Geometry
Hartford- Royalton IMG SIGN(48) - Design	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs (including post) - new or updated	21.32 Miles	18400 00	18400 00	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Interstate	0	0	State Highway Agency	Older Drivers	Improve Infrastruct ues for all Users
Hyde Park	Intersection traffic	1	33000	33000	HSIP	Rural	780	40	State	Intersecti	Improve

HES 030- 2(34) - Design	control Modify control - modifications to roundabout	Numb ers	0	0	(Sectio n 148)	Minor Arterial	0		Highway Agency	ons	Geometry
Ludlow HES SGNL(44) - Design	Intersection traffic control Modify traffic signal - miscellaneous/other/uns pecified	1 Numb ers	65000 0	65000 0	Penalt  y Transf er – Sectio n 164	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	675 0	50	State Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	Improve Operations
Milton STP 5800(3) - Design	Intersection traffic control Modify traffic signal - miscellaneous/other/uns pecified	1 Numb ers	38500 00	38500 00	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Urban Minor Arterial	111	25	State Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	Improve Operations
Randolph- Berlin STPG SIGN(52) - Constructi on	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs (including post) - new or updated	23.45 Miles	30000	30000	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Major Collector	0	0	State Highway Agency	Older Drivers	Improve Infrastruct ues for all Users
Statewide HES GARD(2) - Design	Roadside Barrier - other	16 Miles	14250 00	14250 00	Penalt y Transf er – Sectio n 164	Rural Minor Arterial	0	0	State Highway Agency	Roadway Departur e	

Statewide IMG MARK(114 ) - Complete	Roadway delineation Longitudinal pavement markings - remarking	339 Miles	76673 4	76673 4	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Interstate	0	0	State Highway Agency	Roadway Departur e	Improve Highway Delineation
Statewide North HES MARK(402 ) - Complete	Roadway delineation Longitudinal pavement markings - remarking	1147 Miles	88000	88000	Penalt y Transf er – Sectio n 164	Rural Major Collector	0	0	Town or Townshi p Highway Agency	Roadway Departur e	Improve Highway Delineation
Statewide South HES MARK(401 ) - Complete	Roadway delineation Longitudinal pavement markings - remarking	1017 Miles	76648 4	76648 4	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Local Road or Street	0	0	Town or Townshi p Highway Agency	Roadway Departur e	Improve Highway Delineation
Statewide South HES MARK(403 ) - Compelete	Roadway delineation Longitudinal pavement markings - remarking	1022 Miles	65500 0	65500 0	Penalt y Transf er – Sectio n 164	Rural Major Collector	0	0	Town or Townshi p Highway Agency	Roadway Departur e	Improve Highway Delineation
Waterbury NHG SIGNL(43)	Intersection traffic control Modify traffic signal - miscellaneous/other/uns	2 Numb ers	30600 0	30600 0	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Minor Arterial	140 00	40	State Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	Improve Operations

Compelete	pecified										
Waterbury STP SGNL(18) - Complete	Intersection traffic control Modify control - two-way stop to roundabout	1 Numb ers	50850 00	50850 00	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Minor Arterial	104 50	25	Town or Townshi p Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	Improve Operations
Waterbury Area STP WKZN(9) - Design	Work Zone	0	98500 0	98500 0	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Various Roads	0	0	State Highway Agency	Work Zones	Improve Operations
Williston STPG 5500(14) - Design	Intersection traffic control Modify traffic signal - miscellaneous/other/uns pecified	1 Numb ers	14250 00	14250 00	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	187 00	40	State Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	Improve Operations
Winooski HES 5100(13) - Design	Pedestrians and bicyclists Pedestrian beacons	1 Numb ers	87000 0	87000 0	Penalt  y  Transf er –  Sectio n 164	Urban Principal Arterial - Other	222 00	25	City of Municip al Highway Agency	Intersecti	Improve Operations
Rutland Town NHG 019-3(60) - Design	Intersection traffic control Modify traffic signal - modernization/replacem	1 Numb ers	37000 0	37000 0	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Urban Principal Arterial - Other	215 00	40	State Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	

	ent										
Statewide - North Region STPG MARK(302 ) - Constructi on	Roadway delineation Longitudinal pavement markings - remarking	0 Miles	19800 00	19800	HSIP (Sectio n 148)		0	0	State Highway Agency	Roadway Departur e	Improve Highway Delineation
Statewide - South Region STPG MARK(303 ) - Constructi on	Roadway delineation Longitudinal pavement markings - remarking	0 Miles	14600 00	14600 00	HSIP (Sectio n 148)		0	0	State Highway Agency	Roadway Departur e	Improve Highway Delineation
Statewide IMG MARK(115 ) - Constructi on	Roadway delineation Longitudinal pavement markings - remarking	0 Miles	27450 00	27450 00	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Interstate	0	0	State Highway Agency	Roadway Departur e	Improve Highway Delineation
Statewide HES MARK(404 ) - Constructi	Roadway delineation Longitudinal pavement markings - remarking	0 Miles	28850 00	28850 00	HSIP (Sectio n 148)		0	0	Town or Townshi p Highway	Roadway Departur e	Improve Highway Delineation

on									Agency		
Rockingha m - Hartford IMG SIGN(54) - Design	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs (including post) - new or updated	34 Miles	17000 00	17000 00	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Interstate	0	65	State Highway Agency	Older Drivers	Improve Infrastruct ues for all Users
Winooski - Cambridge STPG SIGN(55) - Design	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs (including post) - new or updated	23.9 Miles	30000 0	30000	HSIP (Sectio n 148)		0	0	State Highway Agency	Older Drivers	Improve Infrastruct ues for all Users
Statewide - Northeast STPG SIGN(56) - Design	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs (including post) - new or updated	56.3 Miles	43500 0	43500 0	HSIP (Sectio n 148)		0	0	State Highway Agency	Older Drivers	Improve Infrastruct ues for all Users
Williston STP 5500(16) - Constructi on	Intersection traffic control Modify traffic signal - miscellaneous/other/uns pecified	1 Numb ers	90000	90000	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Urban Principal Arterial - Other	123 00	35	State Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	Improve Operations
Williston - Essex STPG SGNL(46) - Design	Intersection traffic control Modify traffic signal - modernization/replacem	15 Numb ers	11000 00	11000 00	HSIP (Sectio n 148)		0	0	State Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	Improve Operations

	ent										
Plainfield	Intersection traffic	1	89000	89000	HSIP	Rural	700	30	State	Intersecti	Improve
NH 028-	control Intersection	Numb	0	0	(Sectio	Principal	0		Highway	ons	Operations
3(41) -	traffic control - other	ers			n 148)	Arterial -			Agency		
Design						Other					
Springfield STP 016- 2(23) - Design	Intersection traffic control Intersection traffic control - other	2 Numb ers	60000	60000	HSIP (Sectio n 148)	Rural Minor Arterial	990	40	State Highway Agency	Intersecti ons	Improve Operations
Statewide HES RMBL(2) Complete	Roadway delineation Roadway delineation - other	0 Miles	20200	20200	Penalt y Transf er – Sectio n 164	Rural Minor Collector	0	0	State Highway Agency	Lane Departur e	Improve Highway Delineation

# **Progress in Achieving Safety Performance Targets**

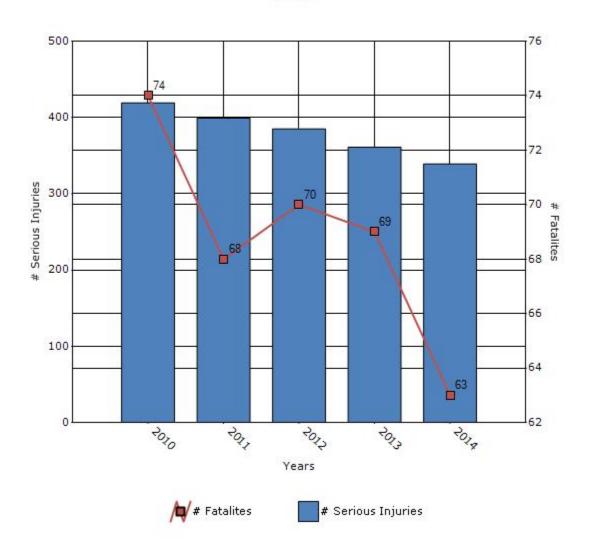
# **Overview of General Safety Trends**

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

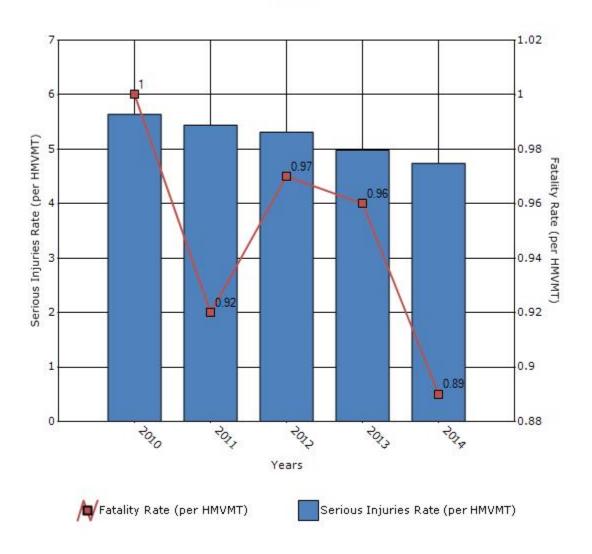
Performance Measures*	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Number of fatalities	74	68	70	69	63
Number of serious injuries	419	399	385	361	339
Fatality rate (per HMVMT)	1	0.92	0.97	0.96	0.89
Serious injury rate (per HMVMT)	5.64	5.44	5.31	4.98	4.74

<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



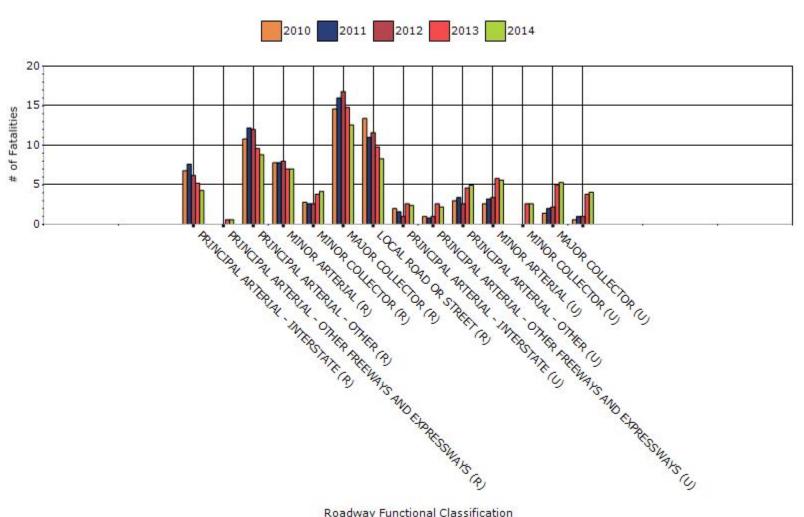
To the maximum extent possible, present performance measure\* data by functional classification and ownership.

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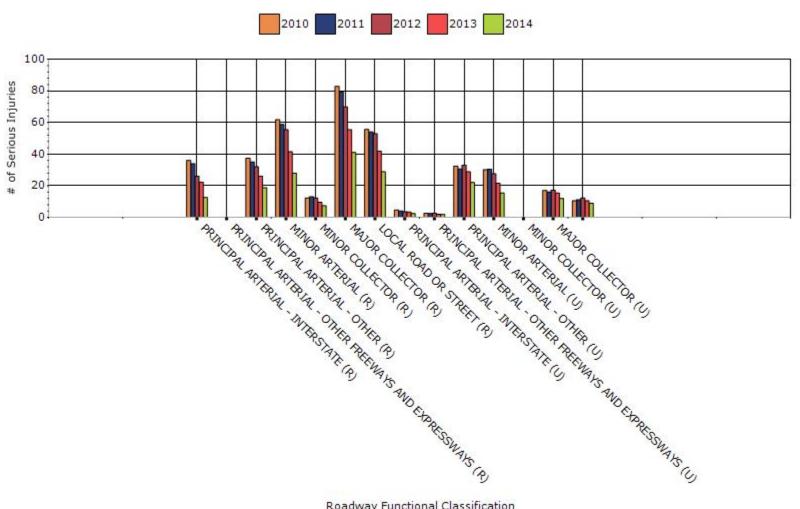
Function Classification	Number of fatalities	Number of serious injuries	Fatality rate (per HMVMT)	Serious injury rate (per HMVMT)		
RURAL PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL - INTERSTATE	4.28	12.6	5.67	27.89		
RURAL PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL - OTHER FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS	0.6	0	0	0		
RURAL PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL - OTHER	8.8	18.8	6.4	10.78		
RURAL MINOR ARTERIAL	7	28	8.14	40.05		
RURAL MINOR COLLECTOR	4.17	7.4	2.92	3.39		
RURAL MAJOR COLLECTOR	12.57	41	11.67	28.83		
RURAL LOCAL ROAD OR STREET	8.31	28.8	8.79	2.93		
URBAN PRINCIPAL	2.39	2.4	1.11	0.59		

ARTERIAL - INTERSTATE				
URBAN PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL - OTHER FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS	2.2	1.8	0.33	2.95
URBAN PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL - OTHER	4.95	22	5.96	5.02
URBAN MINOR ARTERIAL	5.59	15.4	5.51	4.34
URBAN MINOR COLLECTOR	2.6	0	0	0
URBAN MAJOR COLLECTOR	5.31	12	3.32	5.38
URBAN LOCAL ROAD OR STREET	4.06	9	1.2	2.24

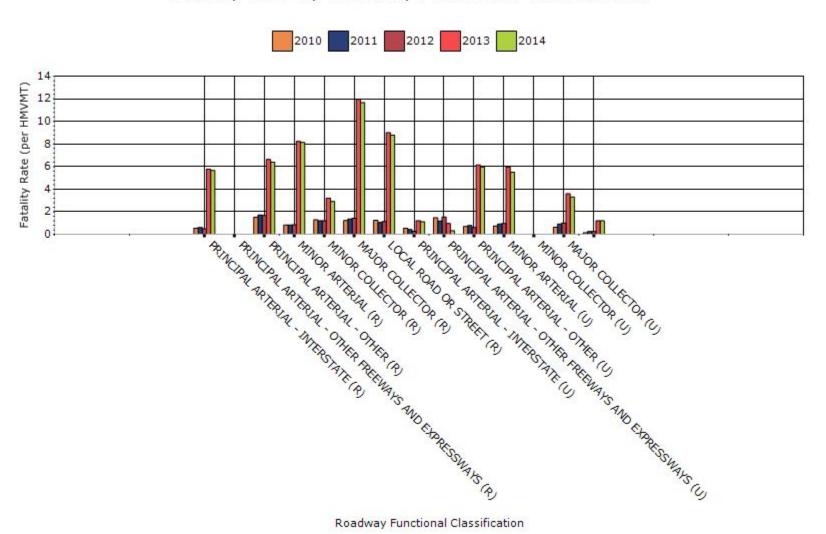
### # Fatalities by Roadway Functional Classification



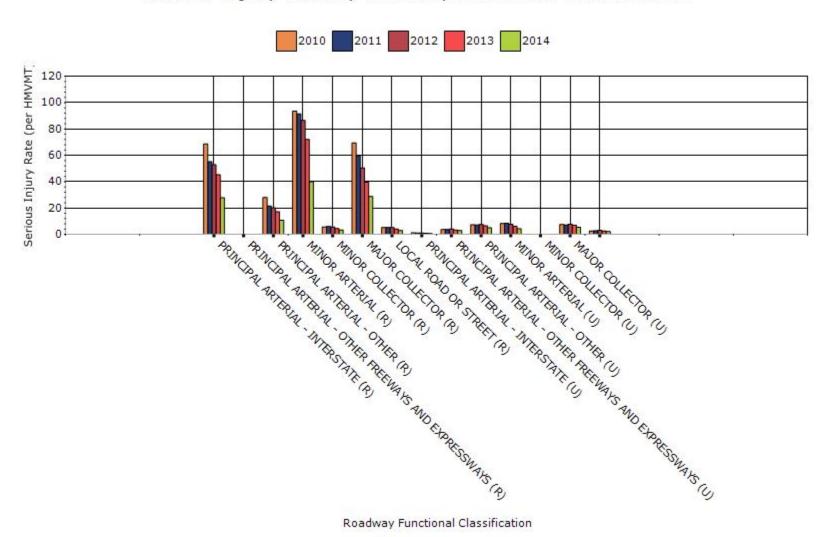
### # Serious Injuries by Roadway Functional Classification



### Fatality Rate by Roadway Functional Classification



### Serious Injury Rate by Roadway Functional Classification

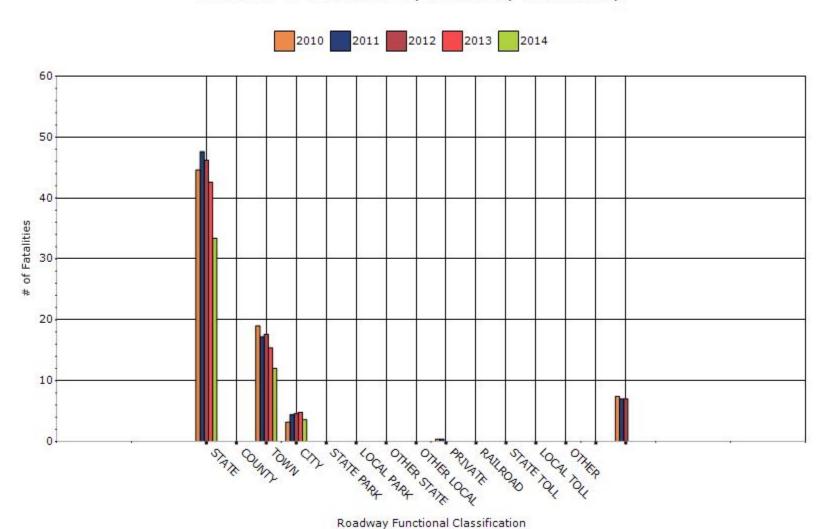


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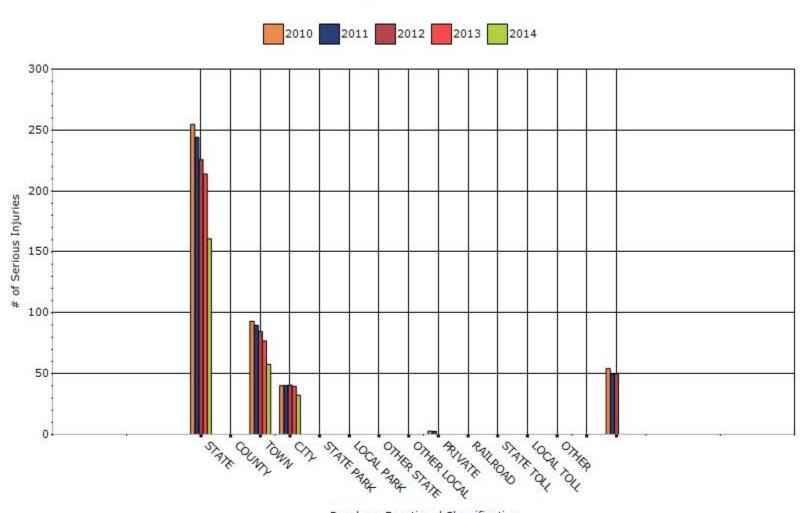
Roadway Ownership	Number of fatalities	Number of serious injuries	Fatality rate (per HMVMT)	Serious injury rate (per HMVMT)
STATE HIGHWAY AGENCY	33.4	160.8	0	0
COUNTY HIGHWAY AGENCY	0	0	0	0
TOWN OR TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY AGENCY	12	57.6	0	0
CITY OF MUNICIPAL HIGHWAY AGENCY	3.6	32.4	0	0
STATE PARK, FOREST, OR RESERVATION AGENCY	0	0	0	0
LOCAL PARK, FOREST OR RESERVATION AGENCY	0	0	0	0
OTHER STATE AGENCY	0	0	0	0
OTHER LOCAL AGENCY	0	0	0	0
PRIVATE (OTHER THAN RAILROAD)	0	0	0	0
RAILROAD	0	0	0	0
STATE TOLL AUTHORITY	0	0	0	0
LOCAL TOLL AUTHORITY	0	0	0	0
OTHER PUBLIC INSTRUMENTALITY (E.G. AIRPORT, SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY)	0	0	0	0
INDIAN TRIBE NATION	0	0	0	0

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OTHER			0	0	0	0

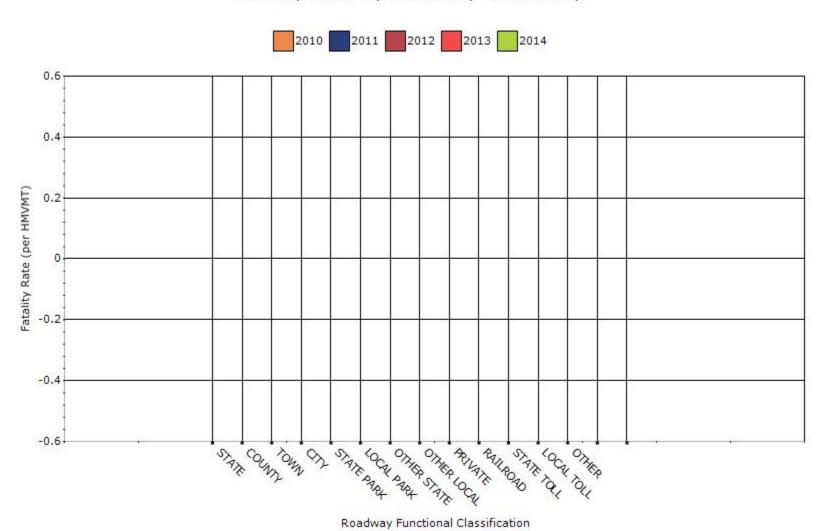
## Number of Fatalities by Roadway Ownership



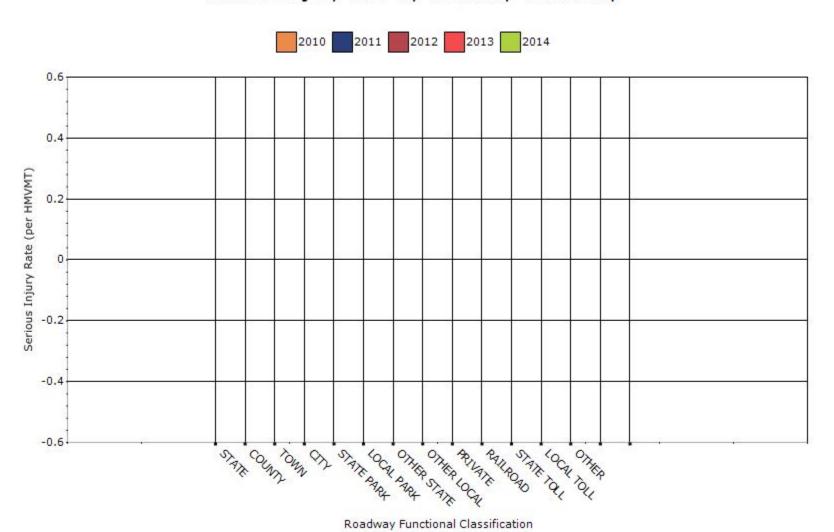
## Number of Serious Injuries by Roadway Ownership



## 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.

The crash data analysis reviewed included reported crashes from the five-year periods between the years 2007-2011 and 2010-2014. Major crashes are defined as crashes that either resulted in a fatal injury or in an incapacitating injury.

The number of major crashes five-year average has declined from 386 major crashes for the 2007-2011 period to 337 for the 2010-2014 period. This represents a 12.7% reduction in the five-year average.

Over the same two periods, there has been a 7.4% decline in the five-year average of the total number of fatalities (from 68 to 63).

In a similar manner, there has been a 15.0% reduction in the five-year average of the total number of serious injuries (from 399 to 339).

These reductions are also reflected in the fatality rate per HMVMT and for the serious injury rate per HMVMT. While the five-year average fatality rate was 0.99 for the 2007-2011 period, it is now 0.95 for the 2010-2014 period. Similarly, the serious injury rate was 5.65 for the 2007-2011 period and it is now 5.22 for the 2010-2014 period.

Over the years, leaving the road and crashes taking place at intersections have been the two crash types that have typically accounted for a large proportion of major crashes.

Very small reductions in the number of fatalities and serious injuries for these two crash types have taken place. The respective five-year averages for fatalities and serious injuries at intersections were 9.8 fatalities and 83.6 injuries for 2007-2011 and 9.2 and 76.0 for 2010-2014. For Lane departure crashes, the five-year averages for fatalities and serious injuries at were 35.0 fatalities and 178.4 injuries for 2007-2011 and 35.2 and 157.8 for 2010-2014.

The five-year average for the number of fatalities involving a pedestrian increased between the 2007-2011 period and the 2010-2014 period from 3.6 to 5.6. Similarly, the average for the number of injuries involving a pedestrian also increased from 22.8 to 25.4. On the other hand, the five-year average for the number of bicycle fatalities remained the same at around 0.2 while the number of serious injuries involving a bicyclist decreased from 10.8 to 9.0 over the same two periods.

#### **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)	0.09	0.096	0.088	0.084	0.092

Serious injury rate (per capita)	0.268	0.27	0.252	0.222	0.218
Fatality and serious injury rate (per capita)	0.356	0.366	0.34	0.304	0.308

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

The Injury A, Incapacitating Injury, category was use to represent Serious Injuries.

The number of people 65 years of age and older (per 1,000 total population) for each year was obtained from Attachment 2 of Section 142: Older Drivers and Pedestrians Special Rule Interim Guidance dated February 13, 2013.

The five year average Fatal (F) and Serious Injuries (SI) per capita for Drivers and Pedestrians 65 years of age and older for year ending in 2013 and 2011 was calculated for the following periods respectively, 2013 (2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009) and 2012 (2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007).

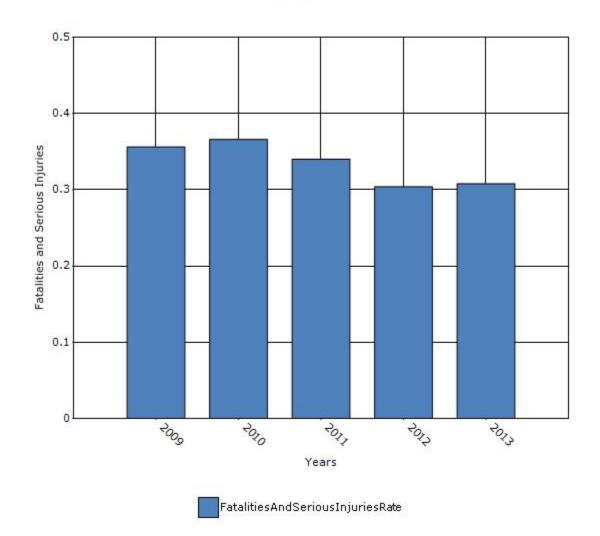
For each period, the rate was calculated by summing up the fatal and serious injuries for a given year and dividing the total for that year by the population figure for the year. The rates for the period were then summed up and divided by 5 to obtain the five year average for the two ending year (2011 and 2013).

All rates were calculated to the hundredths after the decimal point and then rounded to the nearest tenths.

The 2011 rate was 0.3 and the 2013 rate was 0.3. There is no increase and therefore the rule does not apply.

The calculations are shown on the attached document to this question.

# 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)**

What indicators of success can you use to demonstrate effectiveness and success in the Highway Safety Improvement Program?
None
Benefit/cost
Policy change
Other: Other-A reduction in the number of crashes
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
None
Other:

Briefly describe significant program changes that have occurred since the last reporting period.

The Office of Highway Safety was created within VTrans during the reporting period. The creation of this Office brought the Governor's Highway Safety Program to VTrans from the Department of Public Safety and consolidated existing sections within VTrans that dealt with crash data and safety analyses. The formation of this Office brings under one roof, the 4E's (Education, Engineering, Enforcement and Emergency Services) and creates efficiencies in implementing various programs.

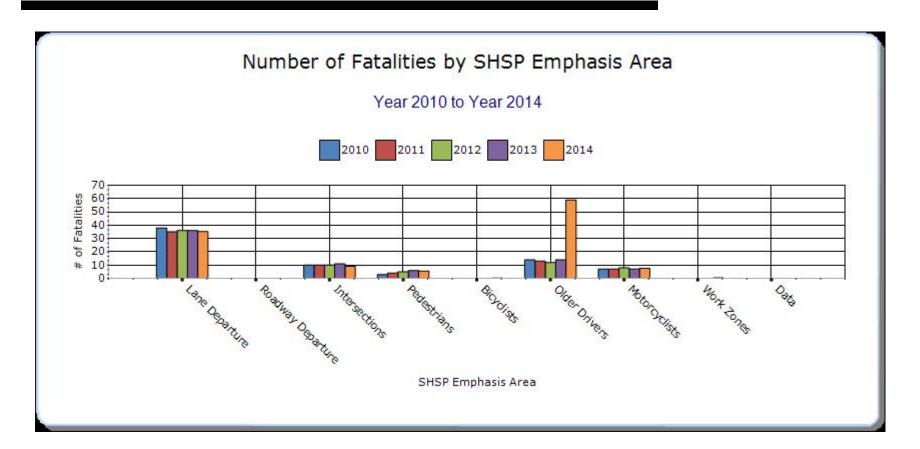
Specifically, the Office of Highway Safety is composed of the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), Vermont Highway Safety Alliance (VHSA), Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) and Highway Data.

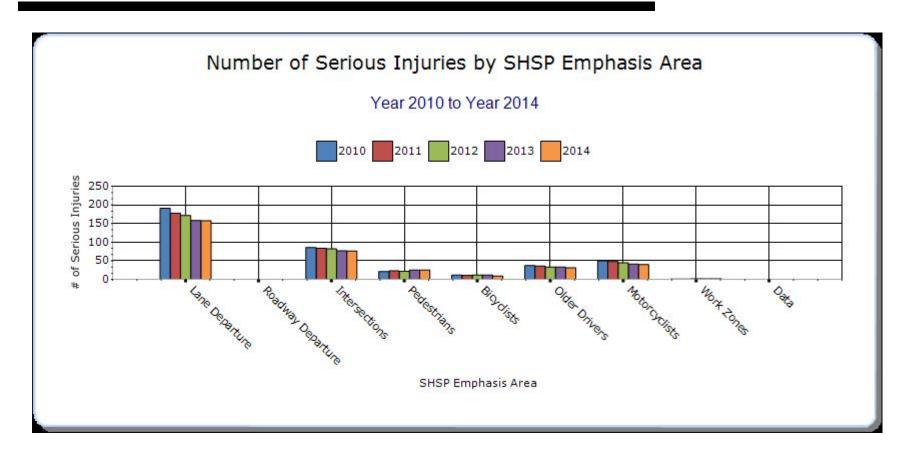
### **SHSP Emphasis Areas**

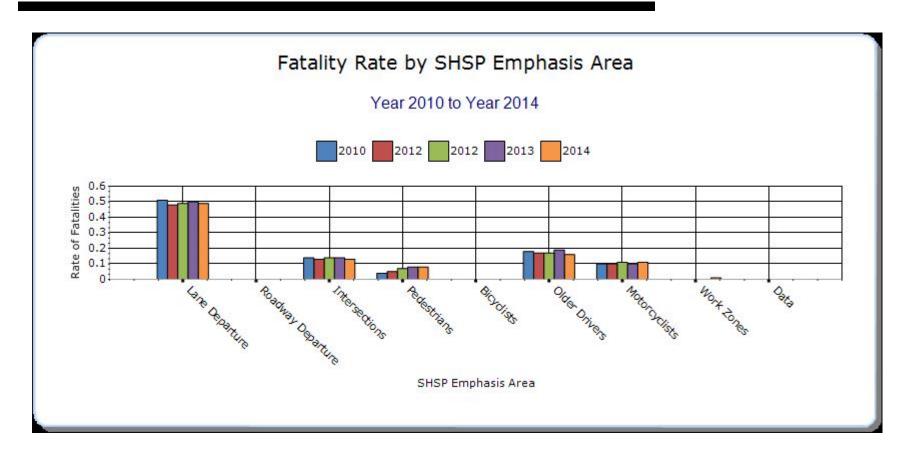
For each SHSP emphasis area that relates to the HSIP, present trends in emphasis area performance measures.

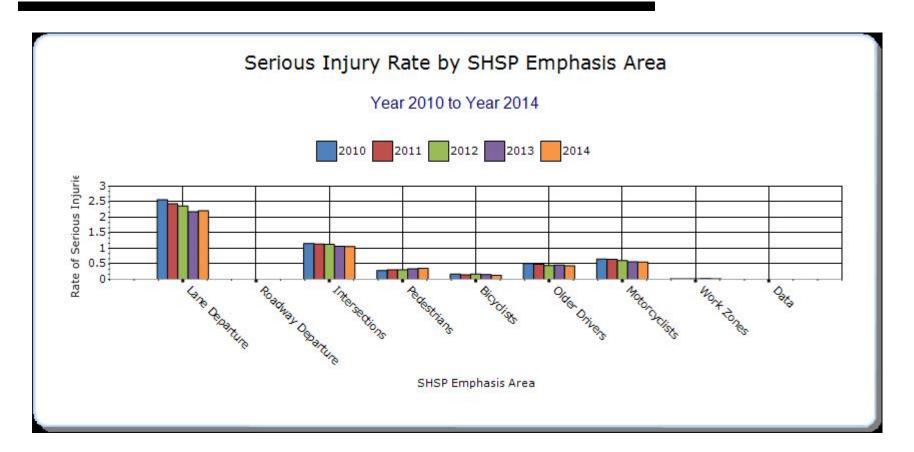
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HSIP-related SHSP Emphasis Areas	Target Crash Type	Number of fatalities	Number of serious injuries	Fatality rate (per HMVMT)	Serious injury rate (per HMVMT)	Other- 1	Other- 2	Other-
Lane Departure	All	35.2	157.8	0.49	2.21	0	0	0
Intersections	All	9.2	76	0.13	1.06	0	0	0
Pedestrians	All	5.6	25.4	0.08 0.36		0	0	0
Bicyclists	All	0.2	9	0	0.13	0	0	0
Older Drivers	All	59	31.4	0.16	0.44	0	0	0
Motorcyclists	All	7.6	40	0.11	0.56	0	0	0
Work Zones	All	0.4	1.6	0.01	0.02	0	0	0







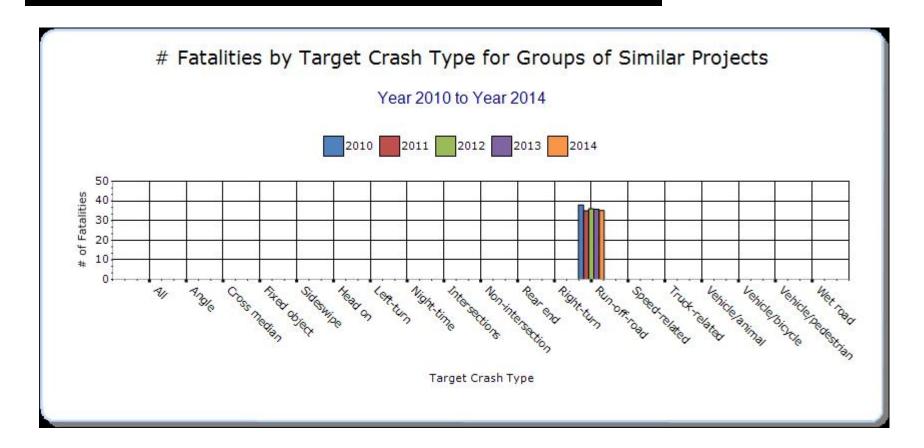


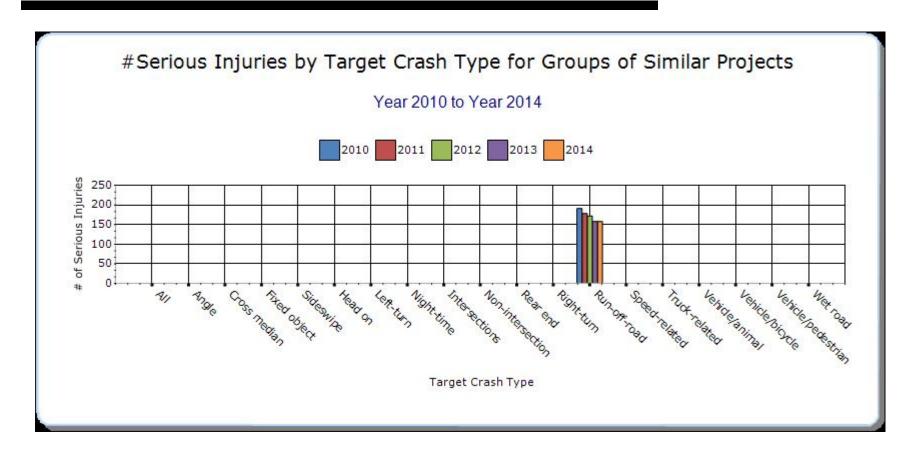
## **Groups of similar project types**

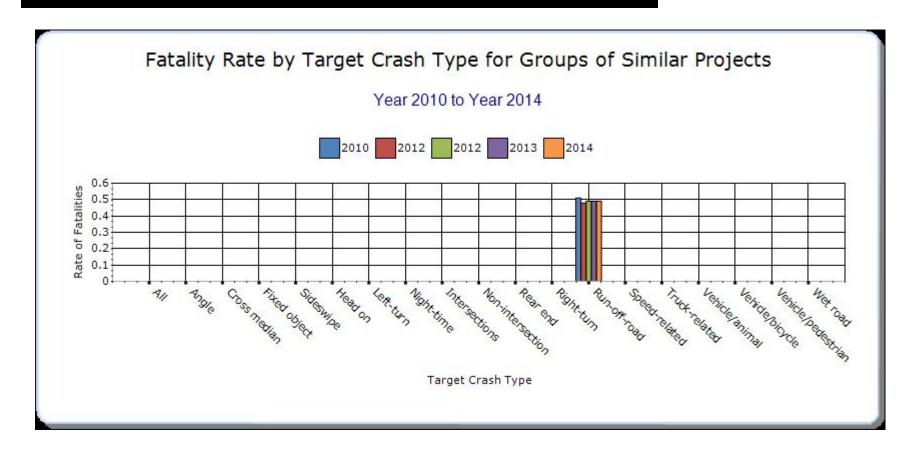
Present the overall effectiveness of groups of similar types of projects.

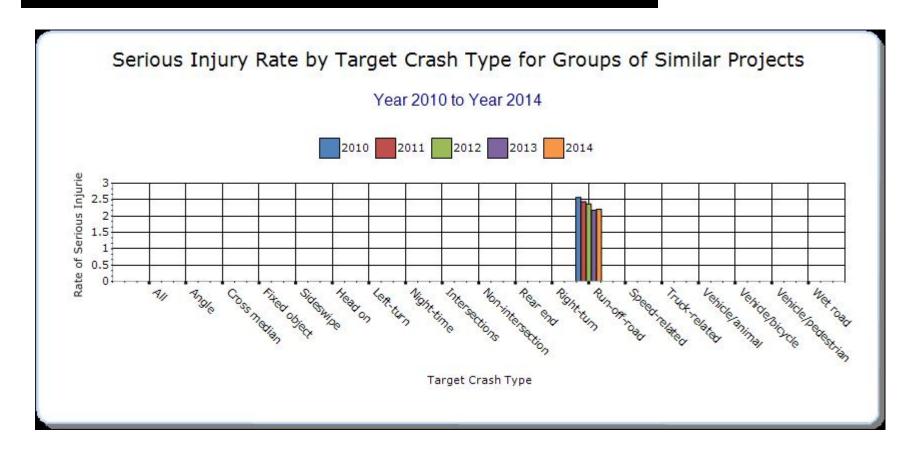
### Year - 2014

HSIP Sub-program	Target	Number of	Number of	Fatality rate (per	Serious injury rate	Other-	Other-	Other-
Types	Crash Type	fatalities	serious injuries	HMVMT)	) (per HMVMT)		2	3
Low-Cost Spot Improvements	Run-off- road	35.2	157.8	0.49	2.21	0	0	0







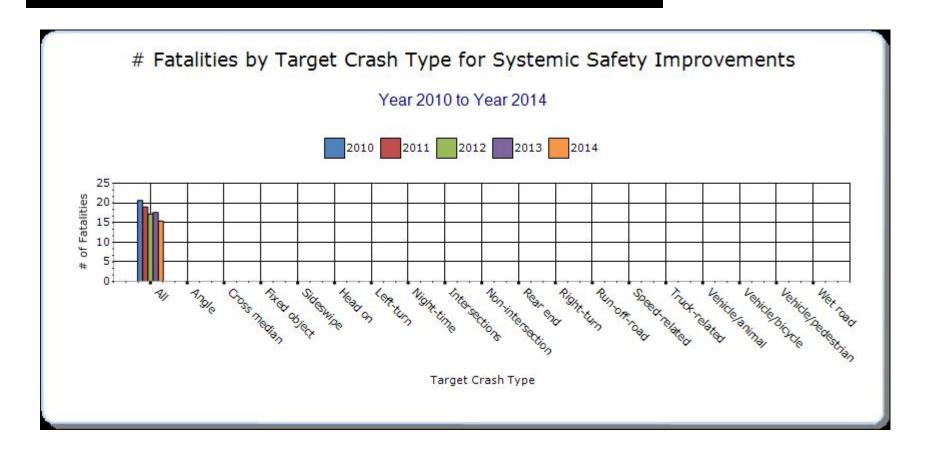


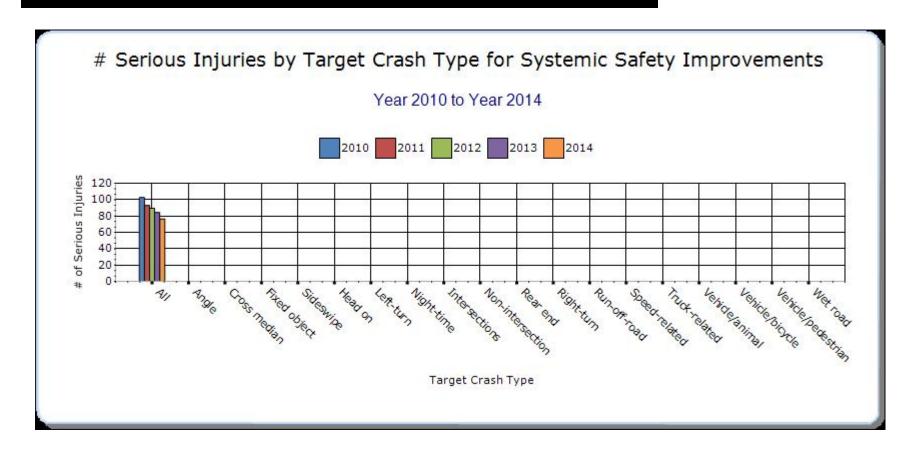
### **Systemic Treatments**

Present the overall effectiveness of systemic treatments.

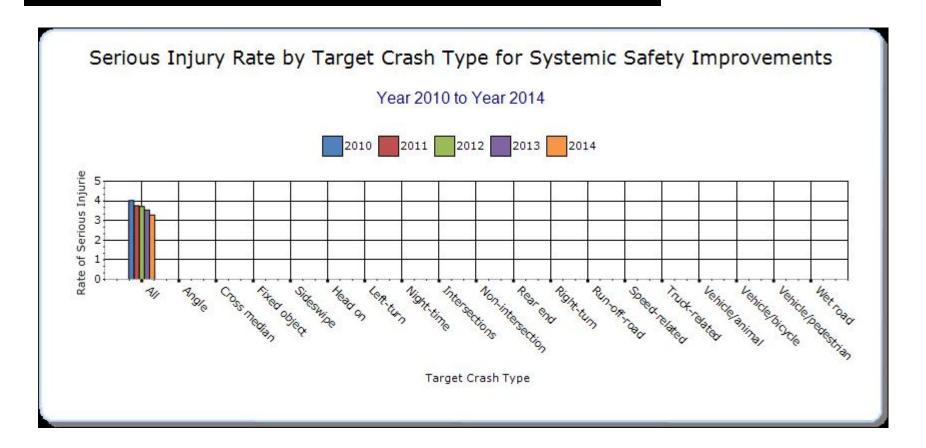
### Year - 2014

Systemic improvement	Target Crash Type	Number of fatalities	Number of serious injuries	Fatality rate (per HMVMT)	, , ,		Other- 2	Other-
Install/Improve Signing	All	15.4	76.4	0.66	3.29	0	0	0









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

Of the seven emphasis areas identified in the SHSP, lane departure crashes and intersection crashes are the two areas that specifically relate to engineering and the HSIP.

The current SHSP has target reductions for intersection and lane departure major crashes that have been set at 10% of 2012 thresholds. In terms of numbers, this represents a five-year target of 72 major crashes for intersection crashes and a five-year average target of 186 major crashes for lane departure crashes.

The latest five-year average (2010-2014) for lane departure crashes is 173 major crashes, which is below the SHSP target of 186 major crashes.

For the emphasis area concerning intersections, the latest five-year average is 73 major crashes. This five-year average is just above the SHSP target of 72 major crashes at intersections.

Overall, the SHSP has the goal of reducing major crashes by 10% by 2016. The baseline five-year average from the 2008-2012 period for fatal and serious injury crashes is 376 major crashes. The current five-year average (2010-2014) is 337 major crashes and is just below the 2016 five-year target of 338 major crashes.

### **Project Evaluation**

Provide project evaluation data for completed projects (optional).

Location	Functional	Improvement	Improvement	Bef-	Bef-	Bef-All	Bef-	Bef-	Aft-	Aft-	Aft-All	Aft-	Aft-	Evaluation
	Class	Category	Туре	Fatal	Serious	Injuries	PDO	Total	Fatal	Serious	Injuries	PDO	Total	Results
					Injury					Injury				(Benefit/
														Cost Ratio)

### **Optional Attachments**

Sections Files Attached

Program Structure: Program Methodology <u>2014 HRRR TPI Task Prioritization</u>

Methodology.pdf

Progress in Achieving Safety Performance Targets:

**Application of Special Rules** 

**Question 27 Calculations.xls** 

### 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 non-infrastructure 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.