

Snapshots of the Iowa Older Driver Forum

*Beginning An Action Plan for
Lifelong Safe Mobility Decisions*



Iowa



Forum

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Iowa SMS*



Background

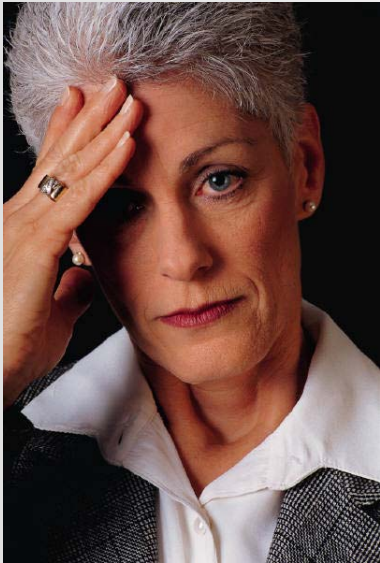
- **SMS** was the catalyst –
(A multidisciplinary and multi-agency partnership, addressing all areas of highway safety)
- **SMS** members have identified “Older Drivers” as a priority area in their “Toolbox” of safety strategies
- **SMS** members joined with those outside “traditional” highway safety to address older driver concerns and solutions



Forum Goals

- Raising public awareness
- Listening to our older Iowans
- Connecting practitioners and experts involved in older driver decisions

Safe Mobility Decisions...



- What Do We Know About Aging?
- How Valuable is Safe Mobility
- Why Worry about Older Drivers?
- What Decisions Are to be Made?
 - Transportation Systems
 - Licensing and Public Education
 - Medical
 - Senior Services
 - Community
 - Family
- Who will make the decisions?

The following snapshots capture the content and tone of the event.



Art Linkletter

Entertains and Encourages



Art was sponsored by FHWA as a key public awareness element.



**This business of aging and quality of life isn't just about how many years old you are
– the real question is not how old are you – but how are you old?**

-Art Linkletter

National Perspectives



**Iowa DOT Video, data,
and personal stories**



**Medical and
Engineering
Breakout
Discussions**



Licensing, Services, Data, Demographics and Demonstrations





**FHWA and Iowa Roadway
Design for Older Drivers**

Interactive Driving Challenges

Highway Signs and Markings

... Then and Now



**Lincoln Highway
History
New Products**





Older Iowans
Open Microphone
Video Critique
Breakouts
Discussion of Priorities

Tools Presented at the Forum

- **The Graying Of Iowa And The Nation – What The Data Tells Us**
(Older Driver Data Executive Summary)
- **Choices Not Chances** DOT preview video about Iowa Driver Licensing and older drivers
(Available late 2002)
- **Resources for Wise Choices: Strategies for Older Drivers and Those Who Care About Them**
(Draft decision-making guide)

Forum Outcomes

- Public Awareness
- Recommendations for actions by individuals and agencies
- A report to the Governor

Potential Future Outcomes

- Resources and information to help aging drivers, their families and communities make good decisions
- Regional follow-ups
- New policies and initiatives