

Roadway Safety Foundation

Integrating Safety into Metropolitan and State Planning



Why is this important?

- μ **Each year millions of dollars are allocated through the planning process to transportation plans and projects. More safety input is needed.**
- μ **TEA 21 requires the planning process to consider projects and strategies that will increase the safety and security of the transportation system for motorized and nonmotorized users.**



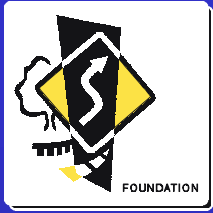
What does this mean?

- μ **Highway safety needs should be considered when selecting projects.**
- μ **Safety impacts should be considered in implementing projects.**



Current planning activities

- μ **Congestion relief, economic development and environmental impact are top priorities.**
- μ **Planners may have little experience with safety data, needs or programs.**



Safety Coalition Supports Guidance

- μ **Safety groups requested FHWA's help to develop safety guidance materials and training for planners.**
- μ **FHWA agreed to work with coalition to produce guidelines and training.**



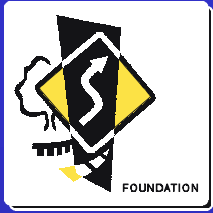
Coalition Activities

- μ **May 2000 meeting started a dialogue between the safety and planning communities.**
- μ **Participants supported developing guidelines for integrating safety in planning.**
- μ **Steering Committee established to support “safety in planning” effort.**



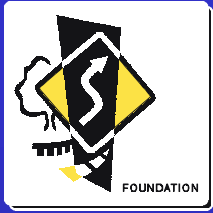
Coalition Activities

- μ Subcommittee on Safety in Transportation Planning created by Transportation Research Board (TRB)
- μ TRB Circular on Safety Conscious Planning summarizes coalition goals, activities, barriers and opportunities to promote safety integration in planning.



Steering Committee Calls for Outreach

- μ **To educate States and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPOs) on TEA 21 safety planning requirements.**
- μ **To identify “best practices” and model approaches for integrating safety.**



State Site Visits Underway

Goals:

- μ **Communication between safety and planning professionals.**
- μ **Gather information for “best practices” and model approaches.**

Recommendations tailored to each state.

More state visits planned.



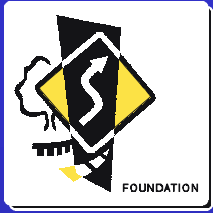
What's Next

- μ **Safety in Transportation Planning Workshop at TRB Annual Meeting on January 9th.**
- μ **A planner's guide to data analysis is being developed by FHWA.**
- μ **Information gathering will continue through state site visits.**
- μ **Guidelines and “Best Practices” will be produced in 2001.**



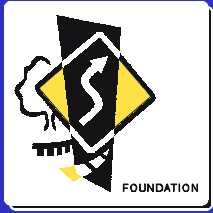
What Can You Do?

- μ **Share “best practices”, tools, and materials**
- μ **Request a state site visit**
- μ **Attend the TRB Workshop**
- μ **Join the TRB Safety in Transportation Planning Subcommittee**
- μ **Spread the word.**



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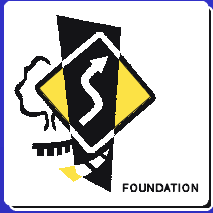
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RSF programs, publications and media campaigns are designed to improve the physical characteristics that can make roadways safer:

- μ Design and engineering**
- μ Operating conditions**
- μ Removal of roadside hazards**
- μ Effective use of safety features**



Plans for 2000 and Beyond

- μ **Roadway safety leadership awards**
- μ **Roadway safety guides for local decision makers and planners**
- μ **Safer roads for older Americans**
- μ **PSA Campaign – *It's No Accident* - Phase II**



Products and Services

- μ *Roadway Safety Reporter* – newsletter three times/year
- μ *Action Updates* – quarterly reports
- μ Website – www.roadwaysafety.org
- μ Publications – *Roadway Safety Checklist; Improving Roadway Safety: Current Issues; Read Your Road*
- μ Radio PSAs
- μ *Making Safer Roads* video
- μ *Moving Safely Across America* – CD ROM