

## Community Transportation Safety Planning Assistance

The *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)* increased the focus on highway safety. This federal transportation legislation established new resources and opportunities to advance highway safety in a comprehensive, strategic way.

MDT took the lead in developing the Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan which identified urban area crashes as an area of concern. Recognizing urban area crashes are most effectively addressed at a local level, MDT developed a program to provide technical and financial assistance to communities for the development of *Community Transportation Safety Plans*.

### Safety Planning

Safety planning focuses on analysis of crash data to help identify and prevent crashes related to driver behavior as well as transportation infrastructure.



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## ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

### No Local Match Required!

MDT will provide technical and financial assistance to communities for the development of Community Transportation Safety Plans (CTSP).

## PLAN DEVELOPMENT

The development of a CTSP is a community-led planning effort that brings together local safety partners to work together to address specific safety issues. A CTSP is not project specific nor is it based on infrastructure alone.



An effective, CTSP must be a coordinated, comprehensive, and data driven process that focuses on the 4E's of transportation safety – education, enforcement, engineering, and emergency medical services.

## PLANNING PROCESS

By working together, we can analyze community crash data to identify specific safety issues to be addressed. Community involvement helps determine the best strategies that will work locally to reduce the number of severe and fatal crashes.

## LOCAL COMMITMENT

A local plan sponsor will serve as the point of contact person with MDT. The plan sponsor will be responsible to coordinate CTSP development meetings, establish a safety committee that includes local safety partners, identify existing safety programs, and be responsible to track and report plan progress to MDT annually.

## BENEFIT & PURPOSE

The benefit to having various safety partners (the public, law enforcement, school districts, emergency services, city planners and engineers, elected officials, hospitals, etc.) work together to develop a safety plan is to identify ways to make your city a safer place to live and drive; provide documentation for potential grants; and combine resources to ultimately save time and money and reduce serious and fatal crashes in your community.



## Application Process

1. **Submit a written request signed by the Mayor /Commission Chair expressing interest in receiving technical and financial assistance to develop a CTSP that**
  - Describes the perceived community safety issues,
  - Describes how a safety plan would benefit your community, and
  - Identifies a “plan sponsor” who will be responsible for coordinating safety partners for the plan development and implementation, and track and report implementation progress to MDT annually.
2. **Provide letters of support from key safety stakeholders willing to participate in the CTSP development and implementation**

Additional information and examples of a CTSP can be found at:

<http://www.mdt.mt.gov/safety/plans-programs/community-plans.shtml>

Submit requests to:

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