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CTSP GOAL

The establishment of an overall goal for the CTSP is important because the community and the Safety Oversight Committee (SOC) must articulate what it is striving for relative to comprehensive transportation safety. The development of the goal was based on a facilitated discussion of the public's and the SOC's safety areas to be considered.

To capture all the elements discussed and provide an overarching safety goal for the community of Hamilton to strive for, the SOC identified the following goal for improving safety in their community:

“Preserve and enhance the quality of life by improving transportation safety for all users.”

What is a Community Transportation Safety Plan?

The MDT developed a Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan to address the state's highway safety needs and reduce the number of crashes and their consequences on Montana's roads. Individual Community Transportation Safety Plans follow the model of the Montana Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan and identify statistically-based transportation safety concerns and needs within individual communities. *It is important to note that the Community Transportation Safety Plan is developed as a planning tool for communities to implement and improve the transportation safety in their area.* The Community Transportation Safety Plan (CTSP) uses the 4 E's of safety (Education, Enforcement, Emergency Services, and Engineering) to identify strategies to improve safety in the areas of highest concern in the community.

CTSP Planning Process

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Who led the development of the CTSP?

The first step in developing the CTSP was to form a Safety Oversight Committee. The City of Hamilton, as the project sponsor, identified many community safety stakeholders with specific responsibilities for managing and supporting safety at the local level.

What was the process by which this study was developed?

To develop the CTSP, the stakeholders were asked to identify perceived safety-related problems facing the City of Hamilton. Because the intent of the CTSP is a data-driven planning process, crash data available through MDT and the Hamilton Police Department was analyzed and reviewed to validate the stakeholders' safety concerns and to look for additional safety outliers demonstrating the need for additional or extended safety efforts in the community. The safety data showed that there were identifiable

problems and trends to be addressed in Hamilton. The crash trends include high incidents of older and younger driver crashes, high incidence of inattentive and careless driving and multiple-vehicle crashes. Comprehensive analysis of this crash data resulted in identification of three emphasis areas as the focus of the Hamilton CTSP.

Emphasis Area #1: Vulnerable Users

- Older Drivers
- Young Drivers
- Bicyclists/Pedestrians

Emphasis Area #2: User Behavior

- Alcohol/Drug Impaired Driving
- Safety Device Usage
- Distracted Driving

Emphasis Area #3: Problem Locations

What does this mean to Hamilton?

For each of the emphasis areas, a champion has been identified to lead the team of stakeholders in implementing strategies and tracking progress to achieve the overall goal of the plan. Champions for each emphasis area are as follows:



Meeting with City Council

Q: When will the City Council discuss the CTSP?

A: *The meeting with City Council is:*

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Hamilton City Hall

223 South 2nd Street, Hamilton

Meeting time: 7:00-7:30 PM

The public is encouraged and welcome to attend. We hope to see you there!

CTSP Champions:

Emphasis Area 1 – Vulnerable Users

Dennis Stranger, Hamilton Community Development and Planning Department

Emphasis Area 2 – User Behavior

Ryan Oster, Hamilton Police Department.

Emphasis Area 3 – Problem Locations

Keith Smith, Hamilton Public Works Department



Implementation of the CTSP

Q: How does Hamilton move forward having this plan in hand?

An implementation plan has been developed for each emphasis area that includes potential actions steps for implementation, the stakeholder groups needed for successful implementation, the resources needed to implement the strategies, timelines and performance measures to determine success.

A primary consideration is that there has to be flexibility, but progress must continue to carry forward the CTSP momentum that has been established as the Emphasis Area teams begin their dialogue and work to implement the strategies. Champions will report to the SOC, and the plan sponsor will track progress and report annually to MDT.

CTSP CRASH FACT #1

The highest percent involvement in crashes in Hamilton is 15- to 19-year olds.

Source: MDT Crash Data 2010

CTSP CRASH FACT #2

The highest percentage of younger driver crashes occurs during the months of July and August.

Source: MDT Crash Data 2010

CTSP CRASH FACT #3

Hamilton has a higher occurrence of crashes involving the older driver population when compared to other Montana communities of similar size.

Source: MDT Crash Data 2010

What is coming next?

A draft of the Community Transportation Safety Plan is currently out for review by the SOC. The final CTSP is expected to be available on the project website starting March 28, 2011.

To maintain momentum, Hamilton must continue this process to improve safety. The strategies shown in this document are achievable with the commitment of active stakeholders operating under the designated Emphasis Area "Champion".

As there are three identified Emphasis Areas, it is recommended that each Emphasis Area champion convene quarterly meetings beginning in June, 2011 to review potential strategies, identify potential stakeholders, and search for strategy leaders that may be willing to lead particular strategies.

Tracking and reporting implementation progress of emphasis area strategies and performance measures to MDT will be done by the Plan Sponsor on an annual basis. The Plan Sponsor will update the CTSP as warranted to improve safety and reduce the number and severity of crashes in Hamilton.



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How can I stay informed and be a part of the process?

To keep the public informed about the study, project information is being published on the study web site, local media venues, and this newsletter. The public may also provide input or questions by contacting to SOC Champions:

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