



VISION ZERO ★

zero deaths · zero serious injuries

**MONTANA DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal & State Legislation and the CHSP Moving Forward
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Safety Initiatives

- Differential Speed Limit
- Primary Seat Belt Law

Upcoming Legislation

Montana's Differential Speed Limits

- Montana is the only state with differential speed limits on two lane roadways.
- Uniform speed should reduce long lines &
- Reduce high-risk passing behavior
- Most road users are supportive of uniform two lane speed limit of 65 mph.
- Trucking industry is supportive of uniform speeds.



Based on collective findings the uniform speed limits are recommended for two-lane highways.

**Buckle up or become a
projectile weapon that can
kill anyone in the car.**

ALWAYS BUCKLE UP



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Montana Roadway Fatalities, 2017

- 186 fatalities on Montana's Roadways
- 84 of those fatalities were not wearing a seatbelt
- 76 of those occurred in rural crashes
- 55 of the 84 unrestrained fatalities were ejected
- **\$ 1.5 million** is the average cost associated with one fatality on Montana's roads.



The Vision for Montana is Zero- Zero Fatalities and Zero Serious Injuries on all public road in Montana.



CHSP Moving Forward

2020 CHSP update

- Include stakeholders
- Coordination with HSIP, HSP, CVSP
- Consider other safety plans
- Consistent goals & objectives
- Data Driven

Federal Outlook

Challenges:

- FAST Act expires September 30, 2020
- Declining revenues to Highway Trust Fund
 - Outlays outpacing revenues
 - General fund transfers since 2008

What are we doing?

- Engaged in national policy discussion
- Participating in alternate revenue research
- Optimal fund plan & diligent cash mgmt



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One life lost is one too many.

"The Department of Transportation and our partners are united in our mission to save lives on Montana roads."

—Mike Tooley, MDT Director

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