



THE TRAFFIC SAFETY NAVIGATOR

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The Traffic Safety Navigator is the 2020–2024 California Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) e-newsletter. The newsletter provides SHSP updates along with insights into best practices for implementing strategies that achieve zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries on California’s roadways.

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NEW DATA, NEW MEMBERS AND NEW EVENTS

The spring edition of the Traffic Safety Navigator includes information on several exciting updates that strengthen the ability of the SHSP to achieve its Vision, Mission and Goal. Provisional data is now available on the Crash Data Dashboard! Read below to learn about the valuable insights this data provides, along with thoughts from SHSP member agencies about the benefits and ways that they will utilize this information. This edition’s safety spotlight provides updates on how the Fresno Council of Governments is implementing the SHSP in its jurisdiction and beyond. The SHSP Team is also thrilled to welcome new members to the Executive Leadership, Steering Committee, and Challenge Area Teams. Additionally, the SHSP Team is eager to announce an in-person event this spring, an Executive-level Transportation Safety Summit taking place in Sacramento on Wednesday, May 31.

PROVISIONAL DATA NOW AVAILABLE IN THE SHSP CRASH DATA DASHBOARD

The California SHSP is excited to announce that provisional crash data is now featured on the Crash Data Dashboard! Provisional data, also known as unfinalized data, is an incomplete dataset that is released sooner than the finalized crash dataset to provide stakeholders with more timely access to crash data. Based on historical analyses, the selected timeframe for including provisional data in the SHSP is when 95–99% of the statewide data is reported for the data categories available within the Provisional Crash Data Dashboard. It is important to note that provisional data is potentially incomplete, and could present undercounts of fatalities, serious injuries, and crashes. Provisional data is subject to updates based on the availability, accuracy, and validity of the data, including the injury severity level of specific types of crashes.

SHSP member agencies support the benefits of using provisional data:

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Caltrans is thrilled to now have provisional data included in the SHSP Crash Data Dashboard – it helps provide a glimpse into last year’s data, which we’ve never been able to do before. One of the most common things we hear from our partners is related to accessing safety data in a more timely manner – and now that this critical information is available in the Dashboard, we can use it both internally and externally to examine the most-recent trends in order to conduct preliminary analyses, determine the effectiveness of prior actions, and to further identify potential trends and corresponding strategies that can help get us to our goal of zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2050.

California Department of Public Health (CDPH)

We at CDPH are excited to see provisional data included in the Crash Data Dashboard. It will allow our transportation safety programs to observe emerging trends in crash injuries among various populations and locations in California. With this information, we can work with our transportation safety partners to direct strategies and resources where they are most urgently needed.

Including provisional data in the Crash Data Dashboard allows stakeholders access to crash data much sooner than it has traditionally been available. Certain aspects of the provisional crash data are available six months into the calendar year (around June of each year) and as more data becomes available, until the crash dataset is considered final (about 18 months to two years). Incorporating provisional data into the dashboard allows stakeholders to begin conducting preliminary analyses and potentially start to identify trends much earlier than would otherwise be possible. It is recommended that stakeholders periodically check the Crash Data Dashboard for updates to the provisional crash data.

You can view the provisional data on the [Crash Data Dashboard](#). If you don’t already have a login, it only takes a few minutes to register and create an account!

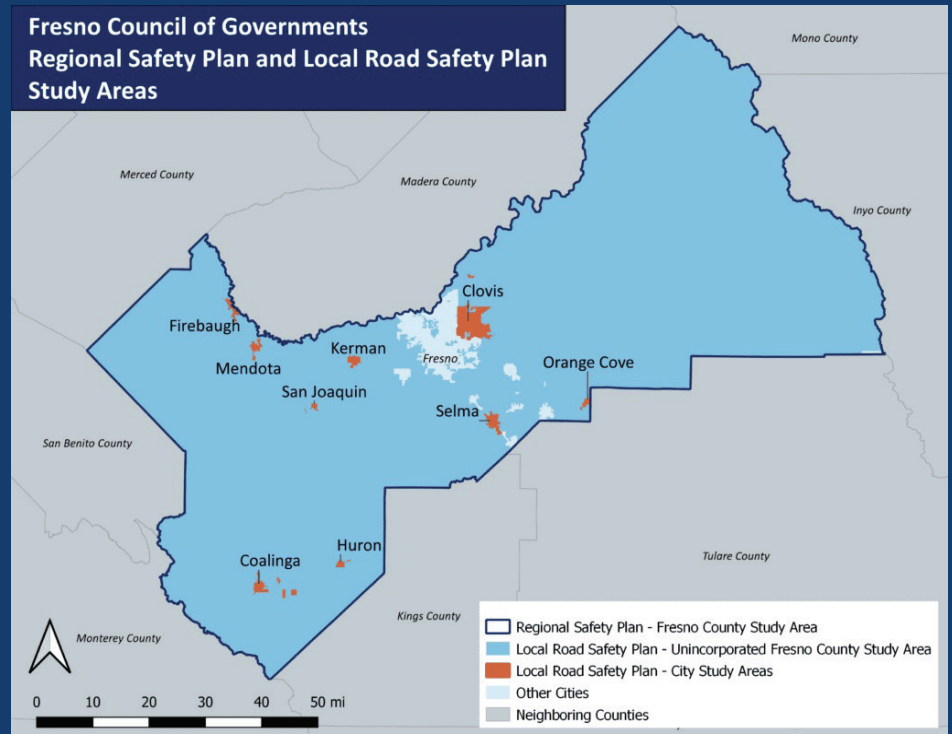
SAFETY SPOTLIGHT: FRESNO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

By Santosh Bhattarai, Fresno Council of Governments

Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) is a federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and state designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for Fresno County. Fresno COG undertakes comprehensive regional planning with an emphasis on transportation, land use, and housing, in addition to supplying technical services to its 16 member agencies.

Fresno COG addresses traffic safety in the region by developing various safety plans and setting the annual safety targets under FHWA's Transportation Performance Management (TPM) approach.

Fresno COG has been leading the safety efforts in the San Joaquin Valley and California, in part by representing the RTPA group on the SHSP Steering Committee and Executive Leadership. In order to advance safety projects in the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), Fresno COG developed a regional implementation mechanism through the COG's funding process. Fresno COG completed the development of a Regional Safety Plan (RSP) and Multi-Jurisdictional Local Road Safety Plan (MLRSP) last year, and both identified the priority locations for safety projects in the Fresno area. These plans include the development of a regional safety analysis tool, engineering countermeasures, and educational campaign materials, along with enforcement and emergency response strategies. With the development of local road safety plans (LRSPs) for ten jurisdictions, all of the local agencies in Fresno County are now eligible for Caltrans' Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding. To learn more, please visit fresnocog.org.



WELCOME NEW SHSP MEMBERS

Welcome to the newest members of the SHSP Executive Leadership and/or Steering Committees, California Walks and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)! MADD, now a member of both the Executive Leadership and Steering Committees, is the nation's largest nonprofit working to end drunk driving,

help fight drugged driving, support the victims of these violent crimes, and prevent underage drinking. California Walks, now a member of the Steering Committee, partners with state agencies, organizations and local communities to establish and strengthen policies and practices that support pedestrian safety and healthy, walkable communities.

The SHSP Team is also excited to welcome more than **57** new members to various Challenge Area Teams, who were inspired to join after attending the SHSP Virtual Fall Regional Workshops. The SHSP Team is thrilled to have new members representing all 5 Es, including Education, Enforcement, Engineering, Emergency Response, and Emerging Technologies, from various organizations across the state of California joining the SHSP to help achieve the SHSP Goal of Zero Fatalities and Serious Injuries.

GET INVOLVED AND SHSP RESOURCES



CHECK OUT THE SHSP CRASH DATA DASHBOARD

The California SHSP Crash Data Dashboard was developed to provide SHSP implementers with direct access to crash data to support data-driven implementation of the SHSP. The dashboard currently uses finalized crash data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) and the Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS) and allows users to customize reports by location and other characteristics, including whether a fatal or serious injury crash was within five miles of a tribal boundary.

The Crash Data Dashboard now includes a guidebook and instructional videos in English and Spanish.

[View Dashboard](#)



WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU

The SHSP is just the start. The 5 Es need to work together to implement the actions developed in the SHSP. Involvement in an SHSP Challenge Area Team is a direct way to influence countermeasures selected to improve safety. Volunteers are needed for all Challenge Areas.

[Get Involved](#)



SHARE YOUR STORIES

We want to know about your successful implementation of traffic safety countermeasures! We will be highlighting success stories on the SHSP website and in future newsletters.

[Share Your Story](#)



UPCOMING AND RECENT EVENTS

- April 2–4, Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities, Seattle, WA
eventscribe.net/2023/Lifesavers
- May 31, SHSP Transportation Safety Summit, Sacramento, CA
dot.ca.gov/programs/safety-programs/shsp/summit
Executive Management from all organizations involved in transportation safety are encouraged to join their peers for an opportunity to engage with federal, state, regional, and local agencies to strengthen partnerships, share best practices, and solicit input on the implementation of the SHSP.



SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE TOPICS?

We want to know what topics are of interest to California! Complete our simple feedback form to provide suggestions on future e-newsletter topics.

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WHAT IS THE SHSP?

The California Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) is a comprehensive, statewide transportation safety plan which provides a framework for achieving zero fatalities and serious injuries across all travel modes and on all public roads. Started in 2005, the SHSP is updated regularly to ensure continued progress and to meet changing safety needs. Currently, over 580 safety stakeholders from over 230 public and private agencies and organizations work together on this effort under the guidance of the SHSP Executive Leadership and SHSP Steering Committees. The SHSP addresses the 5 Es: Education, Enforcement, Engineering, Emergency Response, and Emerging Technologies. In summer 2020, state transportation leaders recognized a bolder and more focused approach was necessary to combat the rise in fatalities and serious injuries that have occurred on California roadways since 2010. Four new Guiding Principles have been incorporated into the SHSP update process to further improve safety:

- 1. Integrate Equity**
- 2. Implement a Safe System Approach**
- 3. Double Down on What Works**
- 4. Accelerate Advanced Technology**



VISION

Safe public roads across California



MISSION

Ensure safety for all modes of travel on California's public roads



GOAL

Zero Fatalities and Serious Injuries

[Learn More](#)

More Information

For more information about the California SHSP, please visit <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/safety-programs/shsp>

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