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OUR PLAN FOR A SAFER CALIFORNIA

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What is the SHSP?

California’s Strategic Highway Safety Plan, or SHSP, is a statewide, comprehensive, data-driven plan that provides a coordinated framework for reducing fatalities and serious injuries on California’s public roads. The SHSP establishes statewide goals, objectives, and strategies to address California’s safety needs. The SHSP initially identified 152 key actions in 16 Challenge Areas to meet these needs. In 2010, a new Challenge Area, Reduce Distracted Driving, was developed and added to the SHSP.

Why is it Needed?

Each year, Californians travel hundreds of billions of miles on public roadways. Although an overwhelming majority of these trips end without incident, many result in fatalities and serious injuries. In 2008 alone, there were 3,401 fatalities and 241,873 injuries on California roadways. Each “number” represents a precious life and loved one.

The 2005 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) established a new Highway Safety Improvement Program for the purpose of achieving a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on public roads. As required under SAFETEA-LU, the California Department of Transportation led the effort to develop California’s SHSP to identify key safety needs of the State, and strategies that address these needs. California’s SHSP was approved by the Secretary, Business, Transportation and Housing Agency September 26, 2006.

The SHSP is California’s response to the challenge of improving traffic safety and saving lives. It contains a list of actions that address California’s most pressing safety issues.

What is the Focus?

The SHSP targets public and private transportation resources in the areas where the greatest gains can be made to save lives, prevent roadway related injuries, and improve safety in the following Challenge Areas (CA):

- ❖ CA 1: Reduce Impaired Driving Related Fatalities
- ❖ CA 2: Reduce the Occurrence and Consequence of Leaving the Road and Head-on Collisions
- ❖ CA 3: Ensure Drivers are Properly Licensed
- ❖ CA 4: Increase Use of Safety Belts and Child Safety Seats
- ❖ CA 5: Improve Driver Decisions about Rights of Way and Turning
- ❖ CA 6: Reduce Young Driver Fatalities
- ❖ CA 7: Improve Intersection and Interchange Safety for Roadway Users
- ❖ CA 8: Make Walking and Street Crossing Safer
- ❖ CA 9: Improve Safety for Older Roadway Users
- ❖ CA 10: Reduce Speeding and Aggressive Driving
- ❖ CA 11: Improve Commercial Vehicle Safety
- ❖ CA 12: Improve Motorcycle Safety
- ❖ CA 13: Improve Bicycling Safety
- ❖ CA 14: Enhance Work Zone Safety
- ❖ CA 15: Improve Post Crash Survivability
- ❖ CA 16: Improve Safety Data Collection, Access, and Analysis
- ❖ CA 17: Reduce Distracted Driving



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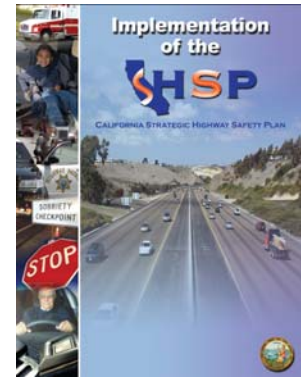
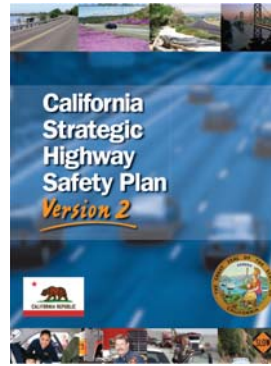
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Who is Involved?

Over 300 safety stakeholders representing 80 different public and private agencies and organizations are working together to move this plan forward. Under the direction of the SHSP Executive Leadership, and the 13-member Steering Committee, Challenge Area Teams have implemented 106 of the initial 152 actions to date, and are working towards implementing the remaining actions and developing new actions to be considered for inclusion in the SHSP.

The plan includes the most effective behavioral and infrastructure strategies, countermeasures, and actions from the 4Es of safety including engineering, enforcement, education, and emergency services.



This multi-disciplinary approach focuses on three critical elements in transportation safety, roadway, roadway user and the vehicle. By addressing these elements in a comprehensive way, California, the most populous State can lead the nation in improving traffic safety. This plan affects every California resident, whether they drive, ride a motorcycle, bicycle, or walk.

Next Steps?

The next steps include implementation of the remaining SHSP actions and implementing the new process for actions to be considered for inclusion in the SHSP. Monitoring and evaluation of actions will also be done to:

- ❖ Measure progress towards the fatality and injury reduction goals laid out in the SHSP;
- ❖ Track implementation of SHSP actions;
- ❖ Provide information to the safety stakeholders on successes and challenges in improving traffic safety on California's public roads.

As part of the continuous improvement process, the SHSP will be periodically evaluated and revised. The revision will be based on a statewide data-driven approach. Statewide goals, objectives, and strategies will be re-established and new actions will be undertaken as needed to address California's ongoing safety needs.