Urban Area Crashes Emphasis Area

Overview of Issues and Approach

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Urban Area Crashes The Problem

- Over half of all crashes in Montana occur in urban areas
- Approximately 19 percent of all fatal crashes and 47 percent of all injury crashes in Montana occur in urban areas
- Although primarily a rural state, over half of Montana's population lives in an urban area (as of 2000 U.S. Census)





Urban Area Crashes The Approach

- Montana is committed to addressing all aspects of transportation safety
- In 2010, MDT established a pilot program for individual communities to request technical and financial support to develop their own Community Transportation Safety Plan (CTSP)
 - Communities submit a written request with a problem statement, letters of community support, and identification of a local sponsor
 - Technical and financial support is provided but managed by the recipient community
- Local sponsor is responsible for coordinating plan development and overseeing implementation of the plan





Urban Area Crashes Participating Communities

Two communities initially participated in the program and developed plans:

- Shelby-Toole County
- Hamilton

Two additional communities are now participating in the program:

- Butte-Silver Bow (begun March, 2012)
- Bozeman (will begin in July, 2012)





Urban Area Crashes The Process

- Using a process similar to the development of the CHSP,
 development of CTSPs involve the following:
 - » Obtain stakeholder input through a steering committee
 - » Review data and trends
 - » Establish an overall goal
 - » Identify Emphasis Areas
 - » Review best practices addressing the "4 E's" of safety engineering, education, enforcement, and emergency response
 - Convene a community transportation safety summit
 - » Identify strategies and action steps
 - » Develop an implementation plan and reporting/monitoring process





Urban Area Crashes The Results

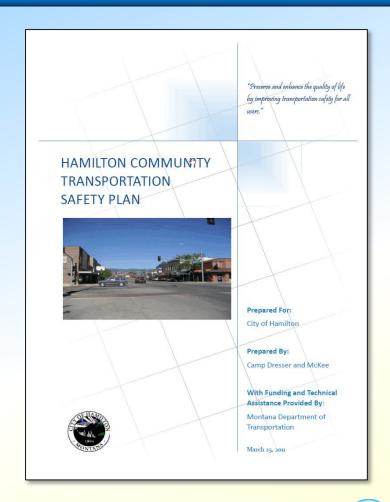


Shelby-Toole County

Community Transportation Safety
Plan



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Urban Area Crashes The Results (continued)

- Shelby-Toole County Emphasis Areas
 - » Inattentive/distracted driving
 - » Impaired driving
- Hamilton Emphasis Areas
 - » Vulnerable users (older drivers, younger drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians)
 - » User behavior (impaired driving, safety device usage, distracted driving)
 - » Problem locations





Urban Area Crashes The Results (continued)

- Butte-Silver Bow Emphasis Areas
 - » Young Drivers
 - » Inattentive Driving
 - » Safety Belts/Occupant Protection
 - » Intersections





Urban Area Crashes Butte-Silver Bow CTSP Next Steps

- Community Transportation Safety Summit will be held on June 19
- Identify strategies to address the four Emphasis Areas
- Develop an Action Plan to implement strategies
- Establish a means of sustaining efforts and monitoring outcomes





Urban Area Crashes Feedback from the Communities

- Communities were impressed that there was broad participation from a variety of sectors
- Included participation from judges, law enforcement and prosecutors
- CTSP provided a constructive and feasible plan of action with community support
- Efforts are being sustained





Urban Area Crashes Next Steps

- MDT is currently soliciting next round of applications for support – THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY IN YOUR COMMUNITY!
- Talk to your local officials if you are interested in applying and encourage them to follow-up with MDT





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