Community Transportation Safety Planning

The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: Α Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) increased the focus on highway safety. This federal transportation legislation established new resources and opportunities to advance highway safety in comprehensive, а strategic way.

MDT's Community Transportation Safety Planning program, allows dedicated community partners the opportunity to develop community transportation safety plans with technical assistance and financial support from MDT. The Community Transportation Safety Planning program will follow a similar approach of Montana's Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan (CHSP).



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Coordination and resource collaboration is key to addressing transportation safety in Montana's communities. By working together, safety stakeholders (the public, city planners and engineers, law enforcement, judiciary, school districts, emergency services, elected officials, hospitals, etc.) can make their city a safer place to drive and live.

Community Safety Plans are:

- ✓ Data driven
- ✓ Address transportation safety from a 4E approach: <u>E</u>ducation, <u>E</u>nforcement, <u>E</u>ngineering and <u>E</u>mergency Medical Services
- ✓ Focus on community specific safety issues
- ✓ Community led with MDT support



FUNDING

MDT is offering technical and financial transportation safety planning assistance that requires **No Local Matching Funds!**

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

By working together, we can identify, address and track specific transportation safety issues and reduce the number of severe and fatal crashes within Montana's communities.



Transportation safety planning assistance will require *no local match* funds; however, the plan sponsor *must commit* to coordinate with stakeholders, implement strategies, and track and report progress.

By working together and coordinating efforts communities can make the best use of scarce resources such as time, money and staffing.

To Apply For Assistance

Please submit:

- 1. A written request signed by the Mayor and City Commission Chairperson expressing interest in participating in the program.
- 2. A proposal packet must include:
 - a problem statement and description of perceived community safety issues
 - letters of community support and commitment of participation from key safety stakeholders
 - identified local plan sponsor responsible for implementation and tracking progress

Additional information and copies of completed plans for the City of Hamilton and the City of Shelby and Toole County are available at the following link:

> http://www.mdt.mt.gov/safety/plansprograms/community-plans.shtml

Requests can be submitted to:

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