

CDTC Regional Safety Action Plan & Safety Investigation Program

CDTC, with assistance from VHB Engineering and River Street Planning & Development, is developing a Regional Safety Action Plan and Safety Investigation Program for the Capital District. Specific attention will be given to local road safety.

Why a Regional Safety Action Plan?

- 1) Reduce Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes: FHWA estimates more than 40% of all fatal crashes occur on local roads. The plan will identify engineering, education, and enforcement strategies to reduce these crashes on all public roads for all road users.
- 2) Data Driven, Strategic Approach: Crash, road and other data will be used to identify, analyze and prioritize roadway safety issues and countermeasures to address them, particularly on local roads.
- 3) Integrate State Safety Plans: Safety emphasis areas in the New York State Strategic Highway Safety Plan will be reviewed and integrated into the regional plan, based on the evaluation of Capital District road safety issues.
- 4) Performance Measures: The plan will provide a framework for programming safety projects at CDTC to help the region meet safety performance targets.
- 5) New Visions 2040 Recommendation: A Regional Safety Action Plan and Safety Investigation Program is a key recommendation of CDTC's regional transportation plan.

What's in it for Local Governments?

Reducing fatal and serious injury crashes will save lives.

CDTC will identify the types of low cost safety projects that are both eligible and fundable on local roads through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). HSIP funds can be spent on any public road!

Direct participation in the planning process will increase local knowledge of federal funding requirements for safety projects, improving local government odds of being awarded funding.

Time and money can be saved when plan recommendations are implemented through reduced police resources devoted to investigations, reduced hospitalizations, lower insurance costs, reduced traffic congestion due to incidents and less frustration on the region's road system.

Crash data provided by the New York State Traffic Safety Statistical Repository and the NYSDOT Accident Location Information System.



Crash at Quail Street and Woodlawn Avenue, City of Albany
Photo Credit: Will Waldron / Times Union, July 11, 2018

41% of fatal crashes in CDTC's planning area between 2011 and 2016 occurred on local roads.

33% of local road fatal and serious injury crashes were lane departures.

15% of local road fatal and serious injury crashes involved a pedestrian and 95% of those were in urban areas.

Proposed Project Timeline:

- Project Initiated - Early 2018
- Stakeholder Meetings – May 2018
- Regional Safety Summit – June 2018
- Crash Data Analysis – Summer/Fall 2018
- Additional Public Outreach – Fall 2018
- Draft Report & Workshop – Winter 2018
- Final Report – March 2019

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