



Strategic Highway Safety Plan

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Infrastructure Focus Group Meeting



May 12, 2011

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Meeting Place: AOT-Montpelier, Board Room

Meeting called by:	Bruce Nyquist	Type of meeting:	Monthly Focus Group Meeting
Facilitator:	Bruce Nyquist	Note taker:	Eleni Churchill/Susan Clark
Attendees:	Amy Gamble, Bruce Lierman, Eleni Churchill, Jon Kaplan, Josh Schultz, Henry Hinirchsen, Susan Clark		

Bruce opened with introductions, a description of the SHSP organizational structure, and the purpose of the Infrastructure Focus Group which is to address the SHSP CEAs involving infrastructure.

Group reviewed "Output" for CEAs 1, 3, and 7 involving infrastructure as described in the CEA handout and the recommendations on simplifying the strategies by combining similar items. Obstacles experienced in achieving some of the strategies were identified with the resulting decisions on how to handle the strategy in the future. Data needs for each strategy were listed in a second handout. Safety is handled two ways with infrastructure projects. VTrans, through its various safety programs, identifies site specific (spot) improvements and in addition it incorporates safety construction practices on all projects (systematic approach).

Topics identified for further consideration by the Infrastructure Group:

- Program and funding for safety projects on urban local roads. HRRR addresses rural, local roads but there is no program for urban.
- Find ways to engage the local governments (municipalities) on safety issues
- Rumble strips and the impact on bicyclists and motorcyclists
- Bicycle traffic at intersections
- How do we incorporate bike/pedestrian improvements into the strategies
- Develop strategy for advancing a culture of safety among other groups and encouraging their own infrastructure safety improvements (including other VTrans Divisions and Sections).

Bruce closed with a description of VTrans Safety Day (May 18th, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm) activities.

Agenda items for June meeting to include:

- Review of a crash report
- Focus on reviewing, revising and consolidating the strategies under the relevant CEAs
- Discuss ways to influence and change the culture around safety

Homework Items:

- ✚ Everyone
 - Review strategies and provide comments

- Think about any safety improvements that you are doing or methods you encounter as you travel around the State and bring these ideas to the next meeting.
- What do we need for data to see if we are succeeding?
- ✚ Bruce to get copy of crash report for the next meeting.
- ✚ Eleni to send Doodle Poll for next monthly meeting time.