

**CHSP Roadway Departure & Intersection Crashes**  
**Emphasis Area**  
**Virtual Meeting**  
Thursday, August 19, 2021  
10:30 a.m.- noon



**VISION ZERO**  
zero deaths - zero serious injuries  
**MONTANA DEPARTMENT  
OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Attendees:**

John Althof, Rail Highway Safety, Traffic & Safety (T&S) Engineering, MDT  
Patricia Burke, Safety Engineer, T&S, Engineering, MDT  
Mark Keeffe, Data Analyst, SHTSS, MDT  
Shari Graham, EMS Systems Manager- Department of Public Health & Human Services  
David Gray, Transportation Planner- Infrastructure and Mobility Planning, Missoula MPO  
Karen Grosulak-McCord, State Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator, Multimodal-Planning, MDT  
Chad Newman, Law Enforcement Liaison, SHTSS, MDT  
Matt Ulberg, Director, Montana Local Transportation Assistance Program (LTAP), MSU

**Meeting Purpose – Strategy Updates, Activity/ Project Status, Next Steps**

**Strategy 1: Reduce and mitigate roadway departure crashes through data driven problem identification and the use of best practices.**

- Update - Tricia Burke - Currently staff are completing field reviews. HSIP Program is on-going.

**Strategy 2: Reduce and mitigate speed-related roadway departure/intersection crashes**

- Update- Chad Newman - Law enforcement has been more active issuing citations. The STEP program saw an increase in hours from the May mobilization.

**Strategy 3: Reduce roadway departure and intersection crashes through traffic safety education**

- Email from Carl Peil - AARP's in-person classes are now postponed until October 1, 2021.
- Update- John Althof - OLS is still trying to fill the vacant coordinator position. September 20-24 is Rail Safety Week. Media campaign push is planned.
- Update-Karen Grosulak-McCord - MDT Bike/ Ped program is providing 'Bike on Roads" signs for several events, distributing safety educational material, guest speaker at St Peter's Hospital - "Stepping On" Class to discuss non-motorized safety for seniors. Ramping up back to school - social media posts on Back to School.

**Strategy 4: Reduce and mitigate intersection crashes through data-driven problem identification and the use of best practices.**

- Update - David Gray- Missoula is implementing Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan based on Twenty is Plenty approach. Currently there are approximately 8 temp traffic circles and approximately 8 sets of temporary bulb-outs in place on local streets that act as collector streets.

**Strategy 5: Continue to improve the accuracy, completeness, integration, timeliness, uniformity, collection, and accessibility of safety (fatality and serious injury, traffic, and roadway) data used in traffic safety analysis**

- Update- Tricia Burke - new software is proceeding as planned. Currently MDT staff are doing user acceptance testing. It is anticipated to go live by end of the year.

**Strategy 6: Support and increase enforcement of proper road use behaviors by all road users (motorized and nonmotorized) identified through crash data.**

- Update - Mark Keeffe & Chad Newman - maps are currently being finished to share with MHP.

**Strategy 7: Explore and implement best practices for reducing roadway departure, including distracted and fatigued driving, in addition to other behavioral factors.**

- RFPs for the centerline research project are currently being reviewed by the Technical Committee.
- 2021 Leg Session, HJ 10, Provide for an interim study regarding autonomous vehicle use in Montana, sponsored by Denley Loge (R) HD 14, became law. <https://leg.mt.gov/bills/2021/billpdf/HJ0010.pdf> MDT is monitoring. An Interim Legislative Committee has been identified.

**Meeting Adjourned**