

2025 Executive Leadership Team

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Public Comment

CHSP Federal Requirements

- **Data Driven Process**
- **Stakeholder coordination**
- **Performance Measures**
- **Consistent Targets**
- **Track & Evaluate Progress**
- **Update every year 5-Years**



Implementation Structure



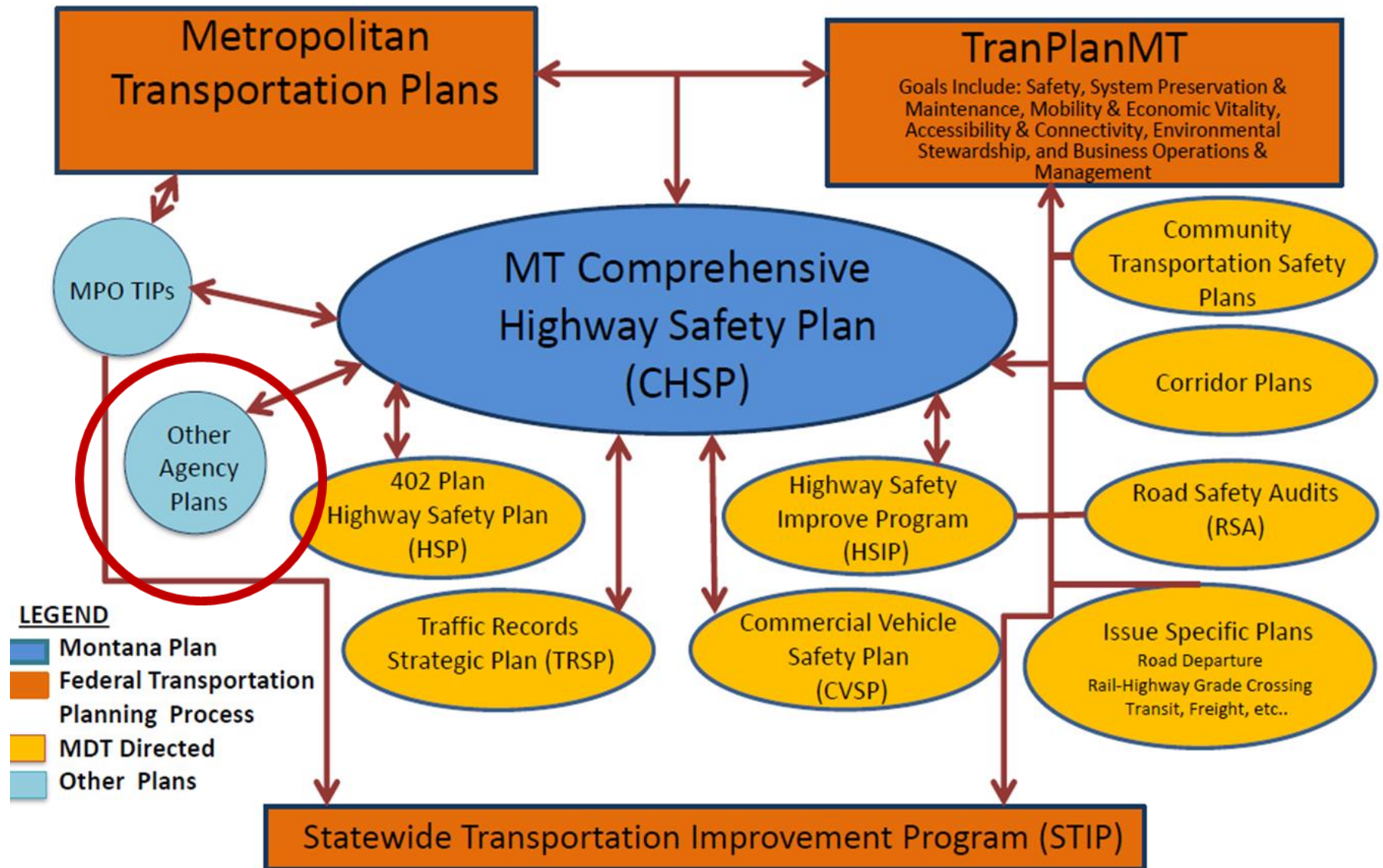
**Executive
Leadership Team**

**Advisory
Committee**

**Emphasis Area
Teams**

- **Provides leadership**
- **Prioritizes Vision Zero**
- **Commit safety resources & staff**
- **Identifies & remove barriers**
- **Incorporates safety strategies**
- **Delegate appropriate staff**
- **Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force**

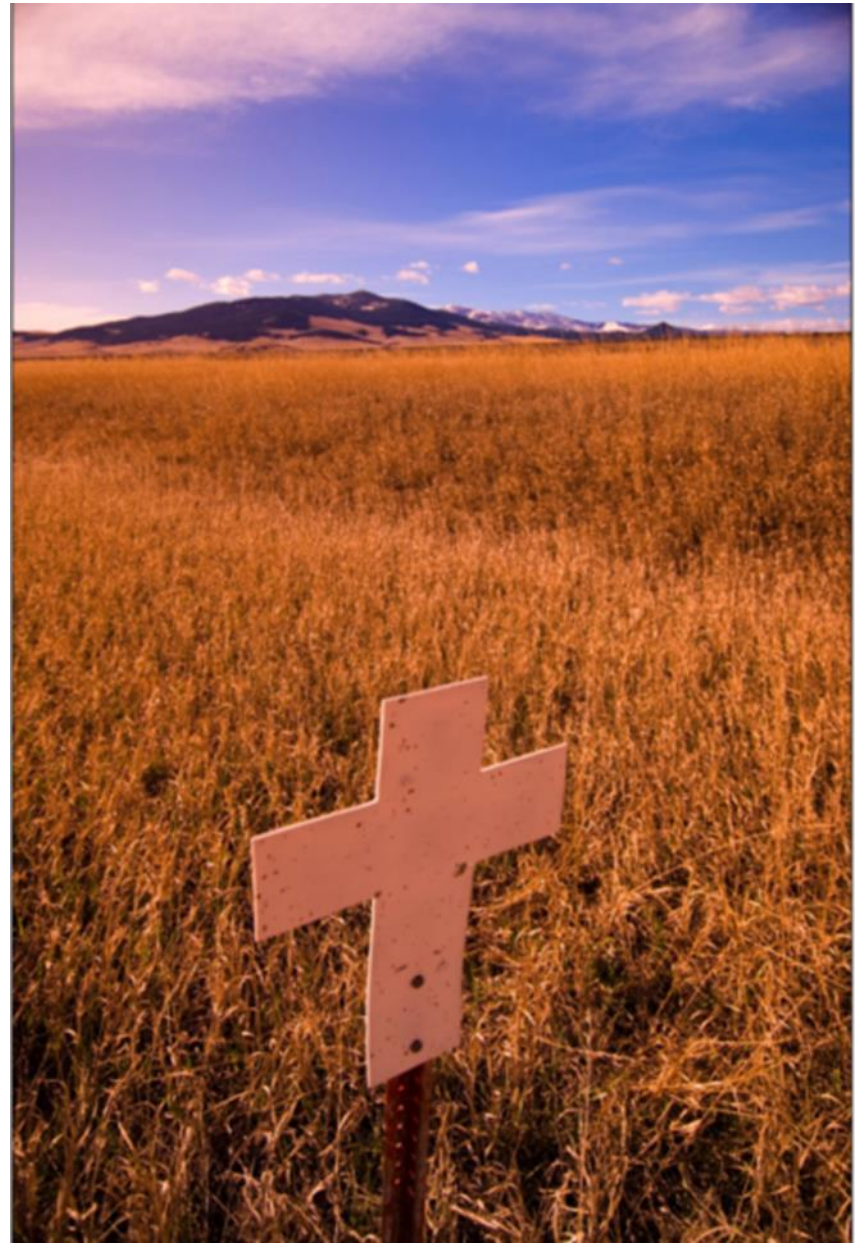
Relationship of Montana's Safety Plan (CHSP) with Agency Safety Plans & Programs



CHSP purpose

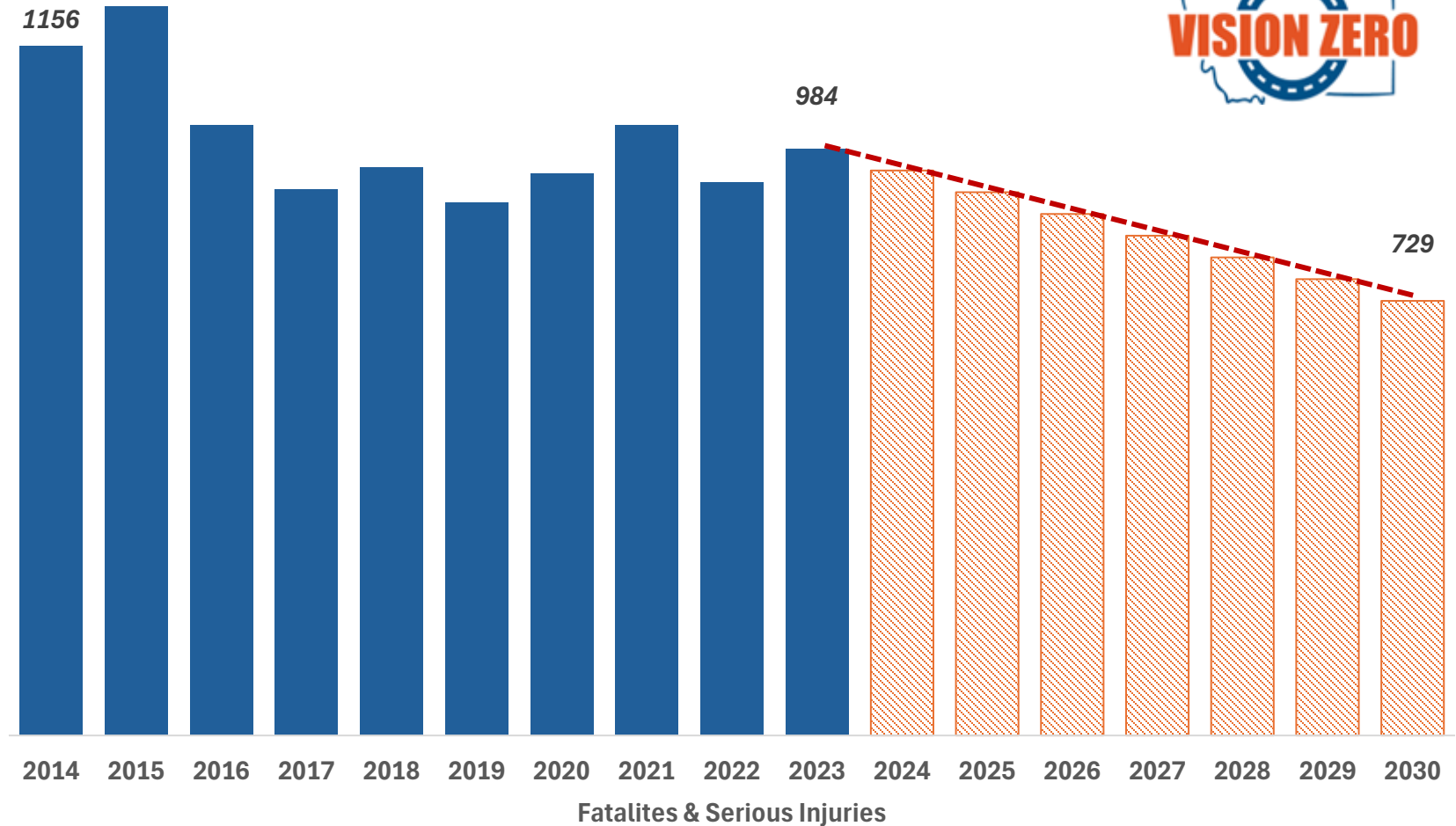
To facilitate collaboration, communication, and coordination among highway and traffic safety programs and partners to align goals and leverage resources across Montana to reduce deaths and life changing serious injuries resulting from roadway crashes.

***Vision Zero -
zero fatalities &
serious injuries on
Montana's roadways.***



Interim Goal

Reduce fatalities & serious injuries from 984 in 2023 to 729 by 2030,
towards Zero by 2050.



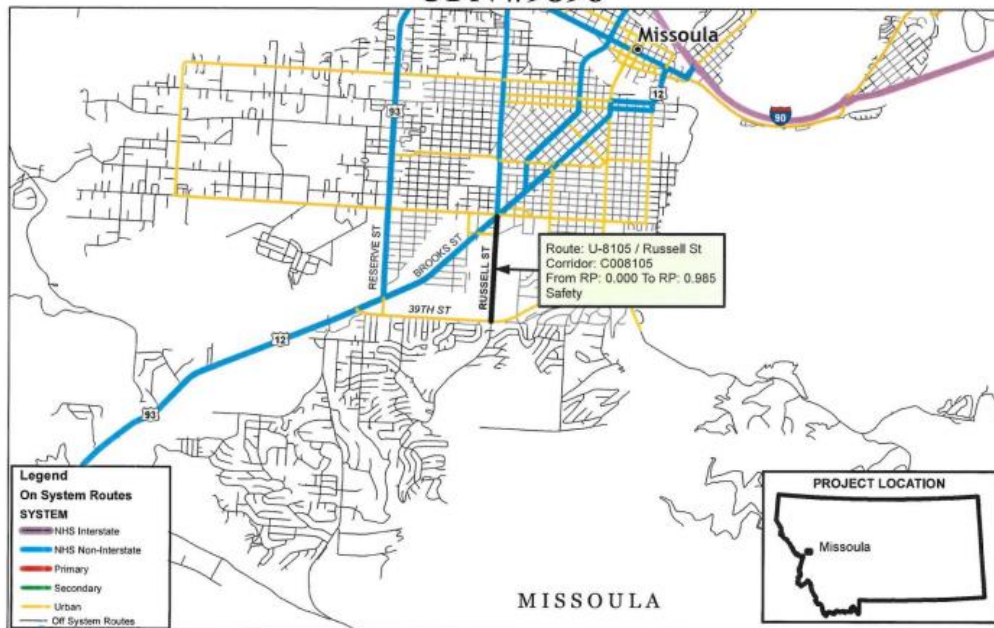
Comprehensive Approach



Roadway Departure & Intersection-related Lighting and Pedestrian Safety

- Identified crash trend on Russell St. from 39th St. to Brooks St. in Missoula
- Corridor and intersection lighting will help address nighttime crashes and provide visibility for both vehicles and pedestrians

SF 189 RUSSELL ST LIGHTING UPN #9896



Lighting can reduce
crashes up to:

42%

for nighttime injury pedestrian
crashes at intersections.¹

33-38%

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and urban intersections.^{2,1}

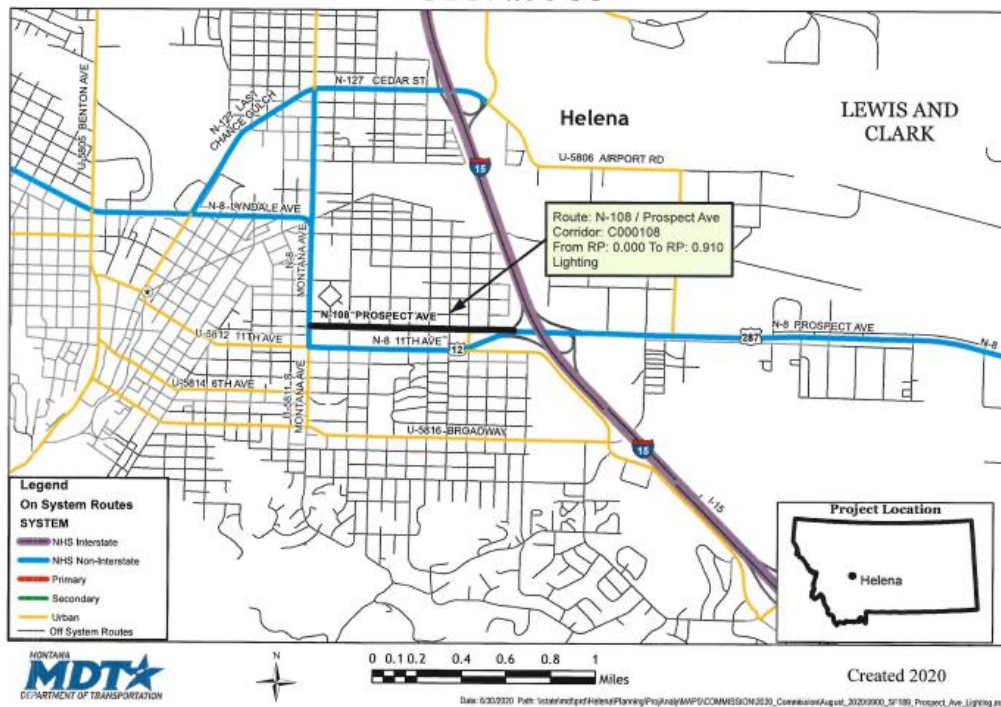
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rural and urban highways.¹

Roadway Departure & Intersection-related Lighting and Pedestrian Safety

- Identified crash trend on Prospect Ave. from Fee St. to Montana Ave. in Helena
- Corridor and intersection lighting will help address nighttime crashes and provide visibility for both vehicles and pedestrians

SF189 PROSPECT AVE LIGHTING UPN #9900



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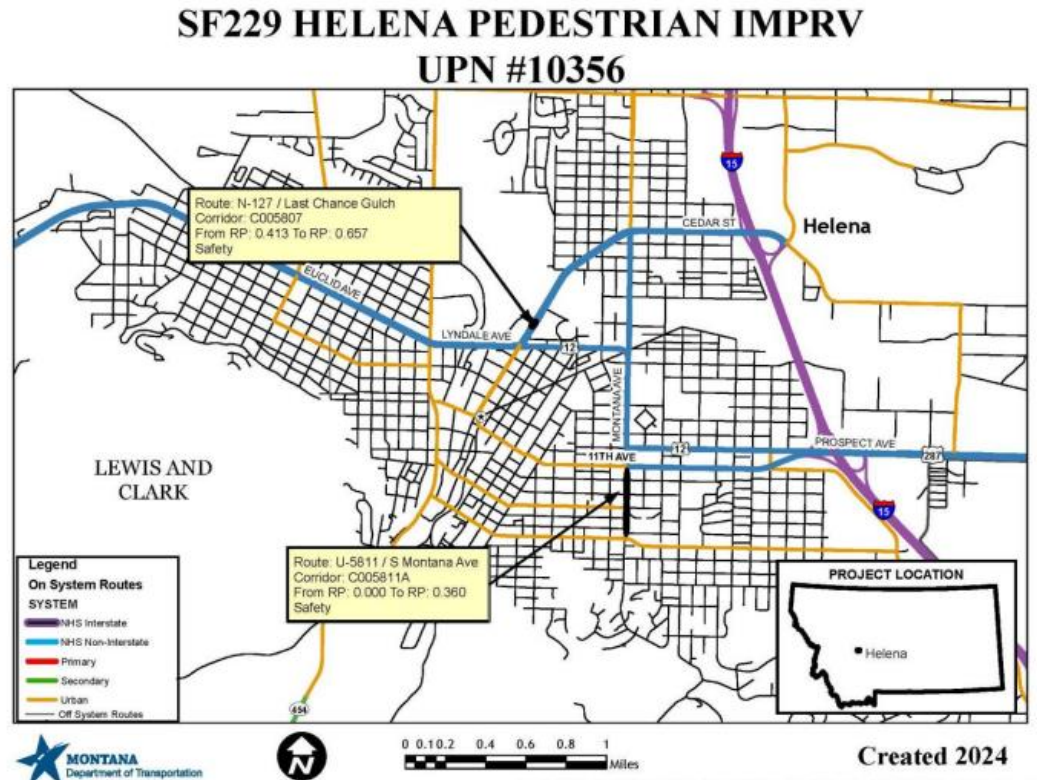
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Roadway Departure & Intersection-related Lighting and Pedestrian Safety

Identified crash trends at two locations in Helena

- Last Chance Gulch pedestrian crossing between Centennial Park and Memorial Park
- Montana Ave. from 11th Ave. to Broadway St. at Intersections with 9th Ave., 8th Ave., 5th Ave., and Breckenridge St.



Roadway Departure & Intersection-related Lighting and Pedestrian Safety

Improvements to address pedestrian safety

- Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) installed
- Signing and striping, median islands, and ADA upgrades

RRFBs can
reduce crashes
up to:

47%

for pedestrian crashes.⁴

RRFBs can
increase
motorist
yielding rates up
to:

98%

(varies by speed limit, number
of lanes, crossing distance, and
time of day).³



Intersection of 11th Ave. and N Sanders St., Helena.

Source: Google Maps

Emergency Response- Post Crash Care

DPHHS Training

- 6 Prehospital Life Support (PHLT) training courses
 - 69 students completed
 - 5 new PHTLS instructors
- T.E.A.M. course training
 - 11 training courses
 - 161 participants



MDTs EMS Grants Program

- Fort Benton Memorial Ambulance - mobile 2-way radios
- Fort Ellis Fire - mobile 2-way radios
- Troy Volunteer Ambulance - extraction tool set & Lifepack monitor
- Powder River County EMS –a Broadus Stairchair, a training stimulator, and chest compression system
- Glendive Ambulance- power load cot

Objective: Reduction of morbidity and mortality of the Montana motor vehicle crash victim



Unrestrained Vehicle Occupant Emphasis Area

Continued Educational Outreach

- 4 BUMT coalition cover 56 counties
- Partner with Safe Kids Yellowstone County & Greater Gallatin Safety Coalition



Child Passenger Safety Certification Training & inspection stations.

- Technician Recertification 48%

Purchase & distribution of child safety seats, FFY 2024

- 590 car seats

Ongoing seatbelt education & awareness efforts

- 2024 seat belt observation of 79.23%

Objective: Reduce Unrestrained Vehicle Occupant Fatalities and Serious Injuries.

Unrestrained Vehicle Occupants- SOAR

- 48 Tribal CPS techs
- SOAR Sports Campaign
- MT Drive Tribal Teen week
- 4 Tribal Driver's Ed Instructors



Fort Belknap Lady Thunderbirds

Unrestrained Vehicle Occupant

HB586-Generally revise Child Restraint Law

Montana's Revised Child Passenger Safety Law

MT HB586 [Bill Explorer](#)



Rear-Facing	Forward-Facing	Booster
Birth to age 2	Age 2 until 4	Age 4 until 9

- Parents and caregivers may choose to keep children in each stage longer for best practice protection and pre-crash positioning
- Fine of \$100, with a 7-day waiver if a car seat is acquired or installed correctly
- Seats must be used and installed according to manufacturer instructions
- Exemptions include motor home, bus, taxi, ambulance, emergency vehicle, or for a child who because of a physical or medical condition or body size cannot be placed in a child safety restraint system

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

Teen Peer-to-Peer Accomplishments

Partners with FCCLA to promote teen traffic safety.

- Relevant to their peers/ community
 - Seat belt use
 - Distracted driving
 - Drowsy driving
 - Impaired driving



Power FCCLA

Impaired Driving Team Accomplishments



STEP activities

- 3 National Mobilizations
- 9 HVE events

SETT

- 4th of July,
- St Patrick's Day in Butte
- Beartooth Rally/ Iron Horse Rodeo- Billings & Yellowstone County
- State Fair- Great Falls & Cascade County
- Labor Day Mobilization
- Griz/Cat Football- Bozeman
- Winterfest Carnival in Whitefish/ Flathead County



Montana's Statewide Impaired Driving Strategic Plan



- Following 23 CFR 1300.23
- Montana is classified as a High Range State for Alcohol-Impaired Driving Fatalities.
- States with a .60 or higher for the average alcohol-impaired driving fatality rate.
- Montana is at a .68 for 2020-2022 Fatality Analysis Report System (FARS) data.
- ***Average impaired driving fatality rate means*** the number of fatalities in motor vehicle crashes involving a driver with a blood alcohol concentration of at least 0.08 percent for every 100,000,000 vehicle miles traveled, based on the most recently reported three calendar years of final data from the FARS.



High Range = Extra Requirements

- ✓ Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force/Executive Leadership Team (ELT)
- ✓ Impaired Driving Emphasis Area is working group
- ✓ Statewide Impaired Driving Plan that includes:
 - Must follow NHTSA's Highway Safety Program Guideline on Impaired Driving. (coincides with ID EA Work Plan)
 - NHTSA Impaired Driving Assessment – Response to Recommendations
 - Projects implementing impaired driving activities/funding.

Impaired Driving Assessment

- Conducted on November 14-18th, 2022
- Over 60 Montana safety partners interviewed
- Ten (10) priority recommendations and twenty-five (25) lower tier recommendations



Impaired Driving Projects/Funding for Federal Fiscal Year 2026

- MDT will utilize NHTSA funds for 14 projects which include impaired driving strategies.
- Multiple subrecipients within projects.
- Projects align with NHTSA's 2023 *Countermeasures That Work*



Statewide Impaired Driving Strategic Plan Overview & Approval

Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan information

<http://www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/plans/chsp.shtml>

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