## Huntsville Regional Coalition

Planning Meeting

April 30, 2015



## Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Project Purpose & Need
- Overview: AL SHSP Update & Regional Safety Action Plan Development Process
- Key Stakeholders
- Huntsville's Safety Challenges
- Data Presentation
- Action Items & Next Steps



## Introductions

#### Name

- Agency/Organization
- In your opinion, how can road safety be improved in the Huntsville region?



### Purpose & Need – MAP 21

- Opdate SHSPs every five years
- Consider additional safety factors (e.g. RSA findings, rural roads, bicyclists and pedestrians, etc.)
- Include state's definition of High Risk Rural Roads
- Include strategies to address older driver and pedestrian safety, if fatalities and serious injuries to older drivers and pedestrians have increased
- Sevaluate their SHSP on a regular basis



## **SHSP Features**

- Consultative with Multidisciplinary Groups/Agencies
- Coordinated
- Data Driven Problem Identification
- A Performance Based Approach
- Our Use of Proven Effective Strategies and Countermeasure
- Addressing 4 Es When Determining Highway Safety Strategies



## **Benefits – Join the Journey!!**

- Safer Roads and Streets
- Increased Public Support
- Access to Data and Expertise
- Potential Funding Eligibility
- Capacity Building
- Networking
- And, More!



## AL SHSP Update & Regional Safety Plan Development Process



### **SHSP Update Process**



Phase I Regional Pilots

 Pilot regional safety action plan development in two regions

Establish regional safety goals, action steps, and evaluation plan Phase II Regional Plans

> Develop regional safety action plans in remaining regions

Build support for SHSP update Phase III Statewide SHSP Update

- Overall strategy and implementation plan for state
- Encompasses various elements of regional plans



## **Regional Safety Plan Development Process**



#### **Statewide Steering Committee Meeting**

- Plan Adoption
- Statewide SHSP Development

- Identify Resource Needs
- Discuss Policy Changes



# **Key Stakeholders**



## Safety Stakeholders

#### Enforcement

- » State and local police
- Emergency Response
  - » Hospital staff, EMTs, nurses, doctors, administrators

#### Educators

 Teachers, student advisory groups, highway safety offices, enforcement, DOT

#### Engineers

» State DOT, MPO, City Public Works





## Who's Missing?

- Public Health
- Employers and Businesses
- Schools
- "Movers and Shakers" in the Region



# Huntsville's Safety Challenges



## **Questions for Consideration**

- In what specific area/mode/population is transportation safety a concern?
- What transportation safety concerns have been raised by the public?
- What are your ideas for safety solutions?



## Short-Term Safety Planning Tool Overview

#### **1. Develop Benchmarks**

- Evaluate MAP-21 Performance Measures: Number and rate of fatalities & serious injuries
- Evaluate Additional MPO Performance Measures (e.g., pedestrian and bicycle fatalities)

#### **2. Evaluate Crash Trends and Characteristics**

- Who: Driver Age, Gender
- What: Number and Type of Vehicles Involved
- Where: Crash Distribution by TAZ, Urban/Rural Geography, Route type, or Intersections
- When: Year, Month, Day, Hour
- Why: Behavioral and Environmental Factors

#### **3. Identify and Evaluate Focus Crash Types**

- Manner of Collision: Rear-End, Run off Road, Angle, Sideswipe, Head-On, Pedestrian, Bicycle, etc.
- Selection of Focus Crash Types
- Geographic Distribution of Focus Crash Type
- Evaluation of Risk Factors

#### 4. Identify and Implement Countermeasures

- Identify appropriate countermeasures for focus crash types
- Identify potential locations for implementation of countermeasures
- Work with engineering staff to implement countermeasures

## **Overview of Long-Range Safety Planning**

**1. Identify Long-Range Planning Scenarios** 

**2. Use Formulas to Predict Crash Impacts of Alternatives** 

**3. Evaluate Alternatives** 

4. Prioritize and Implement Projects

## **Data Presentation**



# Statewide and Huntsville Crashes 2010-2014





# Statewide and Huntsville Fatalities 2010-2014





# Statewide and Huntsville Severe Injuries 2010-2014





## Percent of All Crashes and Severe Crashes by Type (2010 - 2014)

Crash Type	Percent of Total Crashes	Percent of Severe Crashes
Rear-End	35.1%	15.3%
Single Vehicle (RD)	20.8%	50.7%
Side-Swipe Same Direction	7.0%	I.5%
Angle Left Turn (Frontal)	2.5%	4.9%
Angle Other	6.5%	5.6%
Angle 90 Degree	10.3%	16.8%
Side-Swipe Opposite Direction	I.6%	1.1%
Single Vehicle Other	10.4%	2.7%
Unknown	0.1%	0.1%
Head-On	2.0%	7.1%
Backing	1.3%	0.0%
Other	I.8%	2.8%
Pedestrian	0.6%	5.5%
Bicycle	0.2%	1.3%



## Total and Severe Crashes by At-Fault Driver Age (2010 – 2014)





## Total and Severe Crashes by At-Fault Driver Gender (2010 – 2014)









## Crashes by Urban/Rural Geography (2010 – 2014)





## Total and Severe Crashes by Month (2010 – 2014)





# Total and Severe Crashes by Day of Week (2010 – 2014)





### Total and Severe Crashes by Time of Day (2010 – 2014)





## Next Steps & Action Items



## **Next Steps**

- Recruit needed stakeholders
- Identify date/location for Coalition Meeting #I
- Gather additional data
- Prepare meeting materials/presentations

