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HSIP Purpose:

To construct highway improvements that maximize lives saved and major injuries eliminated per dollar spent.



HSIP Tunnel Vision

Other DOT&PF program funds address a wide variety of transportation needs. In contrast, HSIP funds are targeted single-mindedly at saving lives and reducing major injuries

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1. Introduction

1.1. What is the Alaska Highway Safety Improvement Program?

Alaska's Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) is a federally-mandated program managed by the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF). Its purpose is to reduce fatalities and major injuries due to crashes on Alaskan roads.

Prior to 2005 the HSIP was focused on engineering countermeasures. Congress broadened the scope of the HSIP in 2005 to include a Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP), which covers all types of highway safety countermeasures, including enforcement, education, emergency services, and engineering (the "4 Es"). This broadening of HSIP scope resulted in a division of responsibility for HSIP delivery in Alaska. Headquarters Program Development staff developed the original Strategic Highway Safety Plan in 2007. The 2011 update, renamed the Strategic Traffic Safety Plan (STSP) was finalized in March 2012. The program to implement engineering countermeasures traditionally done under the HSIP continues to be managed by headquarters and regional traffic and safety engineers.

This Handbook defines the department's program to develop, implement, and evaluate engineering countermeasures. To maintain continuity with historical usage, this program will be referred to in this manual by its traditional name, the Highway Safety Improvement Program.

Although the HSIP and STSP are managed by different groups, they are coordinated to maximize crash reduction. The HSIP is used to address many of the goals of the STSP (when doing so is cost-beneficial) and program managers consider all of the 4 E's when addressing safety problems.

The HSIP is the only Alaska highway program that evaluates its own cost-effectiveness. Completed projects are evaluated by benefit cost analysis using before and after crash data. Alaska HSIP projects have an average benefit to cost ratio weighted by project cost of 3:1. Benefit cost ratio is computed using the most recent five years' projects with three years of post-project crash data and actual construction costs. Project Benefits are evaluated with current year crash costs and Project Costs are escalated to the current year. Alaska DOT&PF reports benefit cost ratio in the annual HSIP Report.

The following excerpts are from Title 23, Part 924 of the Code of Federal Regulations, which provides the legal basis for the HSIP:

924.5 Policy

- a) Each State shall develop, implement, and evaluate on an annual basis a HSIP that has the overall objective of significantly reducing the occurrence of and the potential for fatalities and serious injuries resulting from crashes on all public roads.
- b) In order for an eligible improvement to be funded with HSIP funds, States shall first consider whether the activity maximizes opportunities to advance safety. States shall fund safety projects or activities that are most likely to reduce the number of, or potential for, fatalities and serious injuries.

924.7 Program Structure

- b) The HSIP shall include processes for the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the HSIP and SHSP.

1.2. How is the Alaska HSIP funded?

HSIP funding is apportioned every six years by Congress subject to annual obligation limits established by congressional finance committees. Since 2001, HSIP funding has been supplemented with “sanction” funding (23 U.S.C. Sections 154 and 164) which is a result of Alaska’s non-conformance with federally recommended open container and repeat offender drunk driving laws. In FFY 2014, Alaska HSIP will receive funding provided under the following United States Code Title 23 Sections:

- 130: Railroad Safety
- 148: Highway Safety Improvement Program
- 154, 164: Sanction Funding

All HSIP highway projects are funded under a single “meta” project (Need ID 19217) in the State Transportation Improvement Program. See the diagram in Section 1.5 for additional information on HSIP funding.

1.3. How are HSIP projects selected and managed?

Regional Traffic and Safety Engineers in Alaska’s three regions (Northern, Central and Southeast) identify potential project locations by the number and severity of crashes. Generally, projects are ranked by analyzing the benefit cost of specific safety-related improvements using estimated accident reduction factors and improvement costs. The regions submit the most cost effective proposed projects to the State Traffic and Safety Engineer for review.

HQ Traffic & Safety reviews the proposed new projects, works with regions to clarify project descriptions and scope, and submits recommended projects to the Federal Highway Administration for approval. Following FHWA approval of new HSIP projects, the State Traffic and Safety Engineer proposes a list of projects for funding and coordinates with HQ Project Development to prepare a funding plan for the coming federal fiscal year.

State Traffic and Safety personnel manage the federal funds for approved projects. Regional Traffic and Safety personnel work with preconstruction and construction personnel to ensure projects remain consistent with their HSIP scope throughout design and construction. The regions conduct follow-up studies to determine the effectiveness of completed projects. HQ Traffic & Safety summarizes the overall effectiveness of the statewide program in the annual HSIP Report.

1.4. How can we get the most out of the HSIP?

Highway infrastructure safety improvements are made under non-HSIP projects as well as HSIP projects. The greatest safety is achieved when both avenues have a strong safety focus. Proactively incorporating safety features in non-HSIP projects will eliminate the need for corrective HSIP projects

in the future and enable the HSIP to go further in addressing safety problems that are not reachable with non-HSIP projects. In general, HSIP effectiveness should not be diluted by diverting its funds to safety improvements that should be made under non-HSIP projects. However, HSIP participation may be considered on broader non-HSIP projects to provide safety countermeasures that are not routinely provided on similar projects.

The following excerpt from Part 924 of Title 23 of the Code of Federal Regulations supports this approach to safety project funding:

924.5 Policy

- c) Other Federal-aid funds are eligible to support and leverage the safety program. Improvements to safety features that are routinely provided as part of a broader Federal-aid project should be funded from the same source as the broader project. States should address the full scope of their safety needs and opportunities on all roadway categories by using other funding sources such as Interstate Maintenance (IM), Surface Transportation Program (STP), National Highway System (NHS), and Equity Bonus (EB) funds in addition to HSIP funds.

Independently nominated and approved HSIP work that is outside the geographical limits of non-HSIP projects can be HSIP-funded and combined with those projects, when feasible, to achieve construction administration economies of scale.

HSIP funds may be used to fund construction of cost-effective safety improvements within the project limits of broader non-HSIP projects only if approved in advance. To be considered for approval, the HSIP nominated work should be limited to improvements that would otherwise not be constructed under the broader project because they are not required by design standards and are not routinely constructed on similar projects. The HSIP nomination should describe how combining HSIP work into the broader project will provide greater cost-effectiveness than if the HSIP work were completed as a standalone project.

1.5. Project funding

FHWA-Approved HSIP Projects

Includes all projects approved by the FHWA as eligible for HSIP funding within the past two years. Approved unfunded projects more than two years old need to be reevaluated and resubmitted.

Candidate new projects should be submitted to the Regional Traffic Engineer for consideration, analysis and possible inclusion in the annual statewide submittal to the FHWA.

HSIP projects are consistent with Alaska's Strategic Traffic Safety Plan (STSP) and correct or improve a hazardous road location or feature, or address a highway safety problem. HSIP funds are eligible to fund qualified projects on all public roads, including non-State-owned public roads and roads on tribal land.

Infrastructure Projects

Includes all projects for which funding has been allocated and obligated under an annual funding plan. Infrastructure projects result in a physical or operational change to the highway facility. Projects are ranked and prioritized for funding using the ADOT&PF HSIP process.

Individual projects are funded by the umbrella Statewide HSIP STIP project. Individual projects do not appear on the STIP.

Infrastructure projects must have prior FHWA approval in order to obligate safety funds.

Non-Infrastructure Activities

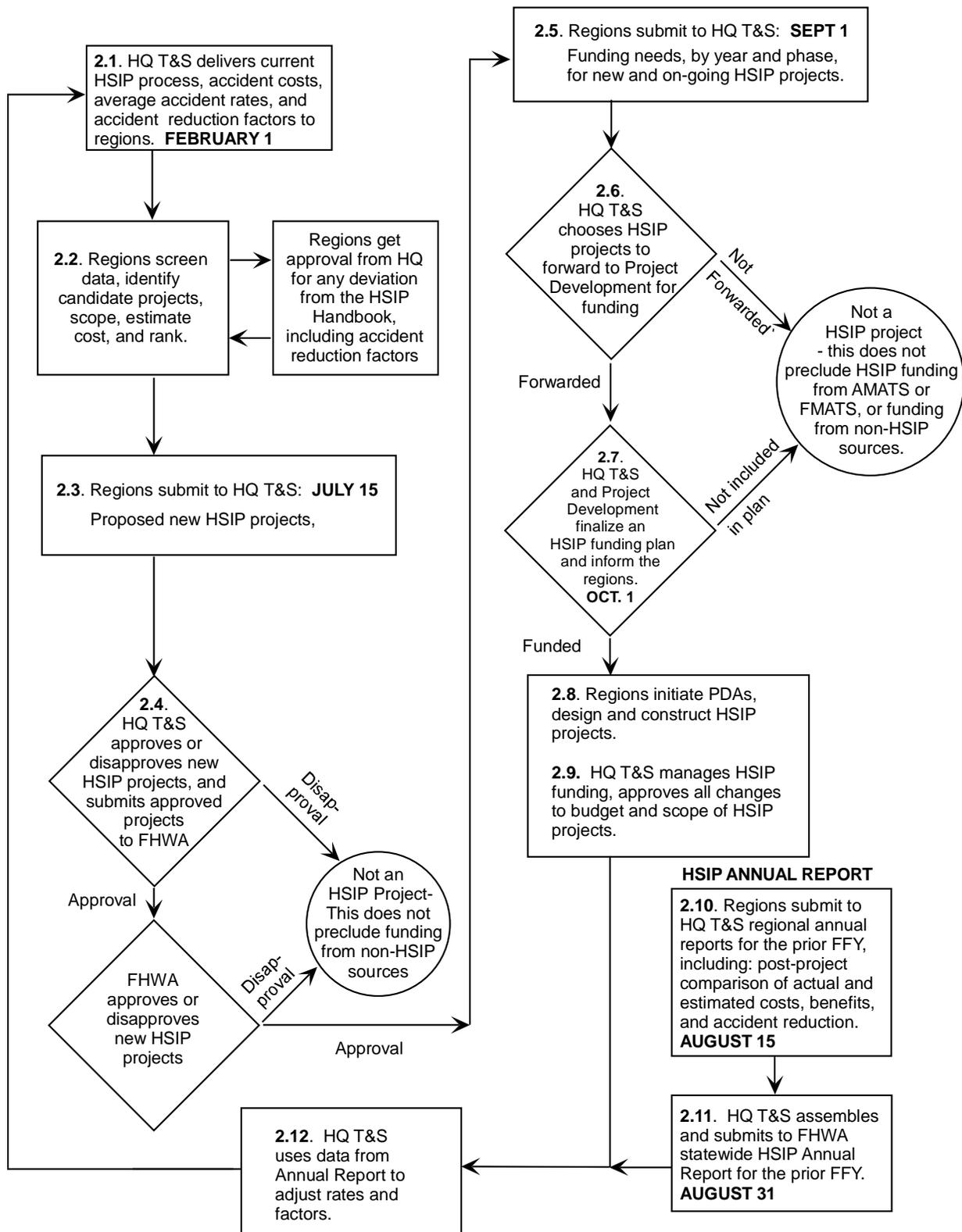
Includes non-infrastructure strategies or activities for which funding has been allocated and approved. Non-infrastructure strategies and activities do not result in a physical or operational change to the facility, and may include transportation safety planning; collection, analysis, or improvement of safety data; planning for work zone safety; road safety audits; enforcement; education; or other activities focused on reducing fatal and major injury crashes.

Individual activities are funded from HSIP apportionment. Individual projects do not appear on the STIP.

Non-infrastructure activities must have prior FHWA approval in order to obligate safety funds.

2. Process Steps (Keyed to the Flow Chart)

Annual HSIP Process Flow Chart



2.1. HQ provides guidance documents and crash data to Regions (February 1)

Guidance Documents – Headquarters Traffic and Safety section (HQ Traffic & Safety) publishes a revised HSIP Handbook containing current HSIP procedures, factors, average crash rates, crash costs, worksheets, etc.

Crash Data – HQ Project Development updates the Highway Analysis System (HAS), and makes crash data available on the DOT&PF Highway Data Port.

2.2. Regions identify, scope, estimate, and rank proposed new projects

Review all fatal or major injury (F&MI) crashes within the years that will be used for HSIP analysis. Determine the location of all F&MI crashes for which a location has not been provided and check, and correct if necessary, the location of those for which a location has been provided. Provide the necessary revisions to HQ Program Development so they can revise the HAS database.

After the HAS database has been updated as provided above, collect the most recent five years of regional crash data in the following reports:

- Named Intersection Report (HAS)
- Named Intersection Exception Report (HAS – lacking complete volume data). Estimate missing volume data.
- Named Segment Report (HAS)
- Named Segment Exception Report (HAS – lacking complete volume data). Estimate missing volume data.
- Sliding Spot Report – Fatal and Major Injuries Only (HAS Data analyzed using the Intersection Magic Program)

Identify high accident locations for potential new projects

- i. Identify high accident Intersections (using five years of available accident data).
 - (1) Populate the “High Accident Location Screening–Intersections” spreadsheet (or other spreadsheet using the same logic and giving the same results) with all regional “Named Intersections” in the Highway Analysis System as well as other intersections of concern. Discard the locations with less than a threshold number of accidents (threshold to be set by the regions).
 - (2) Determine the number of intersections with a safety index (ratio of actual accident rate to critical accident rate) over 0.9, or a fatality or two major injuries. These are HSIP project candidates.
 - (3) If this number of candidates is too small or too large for a region to evaluate, the number can be changed by adjusting the statistical level of confidence.
 - (4) For all HSIP intersection project candidates identified under (2) above, explain what will be done to address the safety concern or, if nothing is planned, explain why not (this

may need to be revisited when more information becomes available later in the HSIP process). Put this information in the comment column of the “High Accident Location Screening–Intersections” spreadsheet. Note that this list will be the basis for the top five percent report that will be included in the HSIP annual report (see section 2.10).

- ii. Identify High Accident Segments (using five years of available accident data).
 - (1) Populate the “High Accident Location Screening–Segments” spreadsheet (or other spreadsheet using the same logic and giving the same results).
 - (2) Segments with at least 1 fatal or 2 major injury crashes are HSIP project candidates.
 - (3) For all HSIP segment project candidates, explain what will be done to address the safety concern or, if nothing is planned, explain why not (this may need to be revisited when more information becomes available later in the HSIP process). Put this information in the comment column of the “High Accident Location Screening–Segments” spreadsheet.
- iii. Check for missed high crash intersections or segments using the Sliding Spot Report from Intersection Magic or another method. High crash intersections or segments located using the Sliding Spot Report should be screened with other locations as described in section 2.2. New high crash intersections identified using the Sliding Spot Report should be added to the Named Intersection database.
- iv. Consider high crash risk locations without crash data. Identify sites with a high potential for severe accidents that do not show up on the accident list. This is a judgment call, but some locations have evident safety problems without enough data to statistically prove it.

Scope potential new projects.

- i. Identify crash patterns.
 - (1) Create accident diagrams for all intersections that remain on the list.
 - (2) Consider using tabular analysis methods such as Excel Pivot Tables for intersections and segments.
 - (3) Identify patterns and causes for intersections and segments.
 - (4) Discard locations that do not have clear patterns.
- ii. Conduct field reviews.
- iii. Determine which high-accident and potential high-accident locations have safety problems that are feasibly correctable.
- iv. For traffic signal projects determine how many signal warrants are met in accordance with the Alaska Traffic Manual (do not submit traffic signal projects if warrants are not met).

Estimate project cost.

Rank potential new projects.

- i. Decide whether projects should be ranked or non-ranked.
Projects should be ranked unless:

- (a) There is no representative accident history, but the project improves a hazardous road location or addresses a highway safety problem, or
- (b) There is no approved accident reduction factor for the proposed countermeasure, or
- (c) Traffic volumes are too low for crash data to accurately represent hazard exposure.

Ranked projects generally have a better chance of being funded. The non-ranked category should not be used to promote projects that have little potential for cost-effective safety improvement.

- ii. Compute a benefit/cost (B/C) ratio for each project using the “Pre-Project Ranking and Post-Project Evaluation” worksheet in Appendix A. Complete all of the worksheet for ranked projects and all or as much as possible for non-ranked projects. Use accident reduction factors from the Accident Cost Reduction Factors table in Appendix A or, if not available, get approval for other factors from the State Traffic and Safety Engineer. Apply the reduction factors only to the crashes that table lists as susceptible to correction by the planned countermeasure(s). Justify accident reduction factors not available in the HSIP Handbook Appendix A using information from the CMF Clearinghouse or from state-specific experience.

If a project is non-ranked because there is no approved accident reduction factor for planned countermeasures, perform a sensitivity analysis by computing two projected benefit-cost ratios assuming crash reduction factors of 5% and 100% for crashes susceptible to correction by the proposed countermeasure(s). Submit the results using both ratios. If a project is non-ranked because crash data is not available, a sensitivity analysis is not needed, but a narrative explaining the benefits of the project is required. Systemic corridor improvement projects may be advanced as non-ranked projects where insufficient crash experience reduces cost-effectiveness of known low-cost countermeasure improvements below the threshold for ranked projects.

Solicit input on high accident locations from municipalities, other agencies, regional planning, and M&O sections, as appropriate. Work with them to identify, scope, estimate, and rank projects within municipal city limits.

2.3. Regions submit proposed HSIP projects to HQ Traffic & Safety for approval (July 15)

In addition to new projects, regions may update and resubmit previously approved projects that are two or more years old and have not received funding (that is, have not had PDAs approved). Project approvals are good for only two years – after that crash, cost, and other pertinent data need to be updated. Approved projects that are one year old may be submitted for funding under section 2.5 without updated data.

Submit the following summary information (in both hard copy and electronic form) under cover of a memo signed by the regional preconstruction engineer:

- i. Use the “High Accident Location Screening–Intersections” (or similar) spreadsheet to list all intersections with at least 1 fatal or 2 major injury crashes, or having a safety index of 0.9 or greater using a 95% level of confidence.

- ii. Use the “High Accident Location Screening–Segments” (or similar) spreadsheet to list all one-mile segments with at least 1 fatal or 2 major injury crashes (see section 2.2).
- iii. For inclusion in the Five Percent Report and for future reference (see sections 2.2 and 2.10), add a narrative to all locations on lists (i) and (ii), above, explaining how the safety concern will be addressed or, if not, why not.
- iv. Use the “Regional Proposed Project Summary” spreadsheet to list ranked projects ordered by benefit/cost ratio followed by non-ranked projects.

(1) Projects should be numbered with a 5-digit number composed as follows:

- (a) Last 2 digits of the first Federal Fiscal Year in which project design could start. For example, numbers of projects submitted in July 2011 would start with “12.” (HSIP design funding for these projects would not be available until FFY 12 at the earliest.)
- (b) Region (N, C, or S).
- (c) Rankable or Non-rankable (R or N).
- (d) A sequential number in order of computed benefit/cost for ranked projects and in order of estimated benefit/cost for non-ranked projects. Start the sequential numbers with one (1) for both the ranked and non-ranked categories.

Thus, the highest B/C Central Region project submitted in July of 2011 would be numbered 12CR1. The highest non-ranked CR project would be numbered 12CN1.

- (2) Modify the project numbers of previously submitted projects for which data and computations have been updated by appending the next fiscal year to the original number. For example, an updated project previously submitted as 10CR21, may be resubmitted in the FFY 12 proposal as 10CR21(12). Note this only applies to projects that are otherwise unchanged. If a project has been substantially changed, assign a new project number.

Submit the following information for each proposed project:

- i. For ranked projects, benefit/cost ratios based on safety and maintenance benefits. Do not submit ranked projects with a B/C ratio less than 0.2:1.
- ii. For non-ranked projects, a narrative explaining why they are non-ranked and how they will cost-effectively save lives and eliminate injuries. This narrative will be considered when prioritizing projects for funding. If projects are non-ranked due to lack of reported crashes, include accident reduction factors for the selected countermeasures, if available, in the narrative. Also, if projects are non-ranked due to lack of accident reduction factors for planned countermeasures, submit the sensitivity analyses described under section 2.2. Do not submit non-ranked projects for consideration if the 100% sensitivity analysis results in a B/C ratio of less than 1:1.
- iii. Safety Index for each treated intersection
- iv. The number of fatal crashes and the number of major injury crashes.
- v. Project Number

- vi. Project Cost Estimate
 - vii. A project summary including sections labeled as follows:
 - (1) Location
 - (2) Safety Problem Description
 - (3) Safety Problem Solution
 - (4) Project Description
 - (5) Other Pertinent Information (including the potential for combining projects, scheduling concerns, and project benefits not described elsewhere that may affect a project's prospects for receiving funding).
 - viii. Project ranking worksheet (submit in Excel format as well as in print and Adobe format)
 - ix. Cost estimate worksheet
 - x. Sketch of improvement
 - xi. Accident diagram (intersection improvements only): Highlight the accidents susceptible to reduction by each of the proposed improvements. Use a different color to highlight accidents susceptible to correction by each improvement. Pivot Tables or other concise tabular means may be used to illustrate crash experience and identify crashes susceptible to correction by selected countermeasures.
 - xii. Expanded tabular crash data extract from the DataPort in Excel format. Analyze with pivot tables where appropriate. Use a different color to highlight crashes susceptible to correction by each improvement.
 - xiii. Signal warrant computations for intersections to be signalized
 - xiv. If the proposed safety work is to be included under a non-HSIP project, explain why it is not funded under that project. In general, safety work should be funded under projects that encompass them, rather than through the HSIP (see section 1.4).
- 2.4. HQ Traffic & Safety evaluates proposed projects and sends approved ones to FHWA for their approval (July 31)
- HQ reviews regional projects, works with the regions to clarify any discrepancies, and asks for revisions as appropriate. If necessary, HQ will reject projects with little potential for cost-effective safety improvement.
- HQ compiles a statewide list of ranked projects, ordered by benefit/cost ratio, and a list of non-rankable projects. HQ submits the lists to the FHWA for approval by July 31, or within two weeks of receiving the last regional submittal. HQ notifies regions on receipt of FHWA approval, which makes projects eligible to receive HSIP funding.

2.5. Regions submit HSIP funding request to HQ Traffic & Safety (September 1)

Submit candidate projects for HSIP funding (in both hard copy and electronic form) under cover of a memo signed by the regional preconstruction engineer. Provide this information by completing the “Regional Proposed Project Summary” posted on the HSIP web site. List previously initiated but not completed HSIP projects at the top, followed by ranked projects in order of B/C ratio, and non-ranked projects below. Provide estimated funding (by year and phase) needed for each project. Regional Traffic and Safety personnel should consult project managers about funding and scheduling of previously initiated projects.

This submittal differs from the July 15 submittal because, among other things, it includes up to date funding needs for on-going projects, while the July 15 submittal only addresses new projects.

2.6. HQ Traffic & Safety proposes funding plan to Project Development (September 15)

HQ Traffic & Safety submits the following to Project Development by September 15:

- i. An HSIP project funding plan for the next federal fiscal year.
- ii. Estimated project scheduling and funding for the two following federal fiscal years.

HQ Traffic & Safety will prioritize projects using criteria that include:

- i. Lives saved and major injuries eliminated per dollar spent. On ranked projects, this is indicated by safety benefit-cost ratios. On non-ranked projects, this is a subjective judgment made after reviewing the narratives provided by the regions.
 - (1) Ranked projects are given higher priority for funding than non-ranked projects. Two tiers of ranked projects will be considered with the first category taking precedence over the second:
 - (a) projects with at least one fatal crash or 2 major injuries in 5 years
 - (b) projects without at least one fatal crash or 2 major injuries in 5 years
 - (2) Non-ranked projects are prioritized for funding after ranked projects. The State Traffic and Safety Engineer will prioritize the non-ranked projects based on their relative expected reduction in risk to road users.
- ii. Project deliverability based on a jurisdictions’ history in delivering projects.
- iii. Project duration. Quicker projects start saving lives and eliminating injuries sooner.
- iv. Whether project cost fits within remaining funding. For example, if there is \$500,000 left after including higher priority projects and the next best project costs \$2,000,000, it will be passed over for the next best project that costs \$500,000 or less.

Project prioritization is competitive based on each year’s available funding and quality of projects. There are no hard and fast benefit-cost or duration thresholds that determine which projects receive funding.

2.7. HQ Traffic & Safety and Project Development finalize a funding plan (October 1)

HQ Traffic & Safety will work with HQ Program Development to determine the amount of funding available and to craft the HSIP funding plan for the next federal fiscal year.

HQ Traffic & Safety will notify regional Traffic and Safety, Design, and Planning sections when Project Development approves the final funding plan.

2.8. Regions initiate Project Development Authorizations (PDAs), design, and construct HSIP projects

Regional traffic personnel work with project managers to keep HSIP projects targeted at safety improvement, cost efficient, and on schedule.

2.9. HQ Traffic and Safety manages statewide HSIP funding

HQ Traffic & Safety must approve all PDAs for HSIP projects. When there are deviations from the final funding plan, HQ Traffic & Safety will allocate HSIP funds to the regions on a project-by-project basis as follows:

i. Changes in available statewide funding:

(1) Decreases will be allocated to regions in proportion to their share of the final funding plan.

(2) Increases will be allocated based on project merit, rather than regional proportion. B/C ratio and the other factors listed in Section 2.6 will be considered when choosing projects to use the additional funds.

ii. Changes in regional requested or used funding:

(1) Requests for additional funding:

(a) Funding requests for over-runs of projects included in the final funding plan will be funded as long as funding is available within the region's allocation. Over-runs reduce funding available for the region's other projects. If Advance Construct funding is utilized, regional funding allocation for the following year will be adjusted accordingly.

(b) Funding requests for projects not in the final funding plan but included in final funding plans in one of the previous 4 years and that have had PDAs approved will be granted as long as funding is available within the region's allocation. Projects in past funding plans *more* than 4 years old and that have had PDAs approved will be handled on a case by case basis.

(c) Funding requests for projects approved by FHWA as HSIP-eligible but never funded (including projects from past funding plans that have not had PDAs approved) and

for which funding is available in the region's allocation will be handled on a case by case basis. (See Section 2.2 regarding ranking.)

- (2) Funding not fully used – Because HSIP funding is allocated for projects rather than as a regional allocation, unused funding for projects included in the final funding plan is not reserved for that region. However, if the region has other HSIP projects in the current funding plan that have over-run, the funding may be used to cover those over-runs. If not, the funds may be reallocated to another region or reserved for future year programs.

Funding not fully used includes:

- (a) funding allocated for project phases planned for the current year but unobligated because the funding was not needed to complete planned phases or a project or phase(s) was delayed into the future; and
- (b) de-obligated project funding whether or not the project is included for funding in the current year funding plan. De-obligated funding usually must be re-obligated in the same federal fiscal year as de-obligation occurs.

The HSIP Funding Plan is a multi-year plan that allocates funding for the current federal fiscal year and forecasts future funding requirements and project schedules. When current year projects or phases become delayed and funding cannot be obligated from current year projects, all regions may propose advancement of project phases identified in the funding plan scheduled for future years. In the event that multiple projects or phases compete for unobligated funding, the ranking process of section 2.6 will be used to allocate the funds. Projects without prior headquarters and FHWA approval will not be considered for obligation. All projects must first be submitted for approval and accepted for funding as outlined in sections 2.3 through 2.5.

2.10. Regions submit Annual Reports for the prior Year (August 15)

Regional Traffic and Safety Engineers submit annual reports for the prior federal fiscal year to the State Traffic and Safety Engineer by August 15. The regional reports include:

- i. HSIP Project Effectiveness Evaluation worksheet – Compute actual benefit cost and accident reduction factors for ranked HSIP projects for which there are three years of post-construction accident data available (use workbook 2: Pre-Project Ranking, Post-Project Evaluation). Use the most recent accident costs (see “Accident Cost Derivation” in Appendix A) for “before” as well as “after” accident data when computing total accidents costs. If “after” accidents deviated significantly from expectations, provide an explanation. B/C analysis is required for projects started before the current HSIP process (initiated in 1998) as well as those started after. When practical, actual benefit-costs and accident reduction factors should be computed for non-ranked as well as ranked projects. If this is not practical, include a statement explaining why not. Submit the Pre-Project Ranking, Post-Project Evaluation workbook electronically in Excel format with other report materials.
- ii. Updated historical listing of all HSIP projects in the region.

iii. HSIP Project Effectiveness Summaries for HSIP projects that are addressed under:

- (1) Section 148(g), including High Risk Rural Roads (HRRR); and
- (2) Section 130(g) Railway-Highway Crossings.

Use the worksheets illustrated in Appendix A, which are available for downloading (workbook 4: Regional HSIP Annual Report Templates).

iv. Five Percent Report - A list of five percent of locations “exhibiting the most severe safety needs”, as required by the SAFETEA-LU highway bill, 2005. Alaska has interpreted this to mean the top five percent of intersections with:

- (1) at least one fatal crash or two major injury crashes in the last five years of crash data, and which
- (2) approach or exceed computed “critical accident rates” or, in other words, have a safety index of 0.90 or more.

The top five percent shall be selected from a statewide list of intersections ordered by a weighted crash number computed by multiplying the number of fatal crashes by 2 and the number of major injury crashes by 1 and adding the two products together (use workbook 4: Regional HSIP Annual Report Templates). If two intersections have the same weighted crash number, rank the one with the higher safety index higher.

Regional Traffic and Safety Engineers shall provide a narrative for each intersection explaining what plans have been made to address the safety concerns or, if no improvements are planned, explain why not. Note that safety indices are computed each year during accident screening for new project proposals – they do not need to be computed independently for the Five Percent Report (see sections 2.2 and 2.3).

We currently report intersections only – we don’t report high crash segments. However, we will be able to report segments in the future if we acquire a computer program that will:

- 1) Perform “sliding spot” analysis of crash locations,
- 2) Exclude “named intersections” from the analysis
- 3) Filter and report by crash severity

2.11. HQ Traffic & Safety publishes statewide HSIP Annual Report for the prior FFY (August 31)

HQ Traffic & Safety submits a statewide HSIP report for the prior federal fiscal year to the FHWA by August 31. The report consists of three parts with content as defined in the guidance memorandum of May 11, 2010 by Joseph Toole, FHWA Associate Administrator for Safety.

i. HSIP Report - Addresses intersections and road segments as required under 23 U.S.C. Section 148(g), and includes the High Risk Rural Roads Program (HRRRP). The report includes sections on progress in implementing HSIP projects; program effectiveness; project evaluation; a narrative addressing HRRRP implementation, methodology, and effectiveness; and an explanation of how HSIP projects tie in with Alaska’s Strategic Traffic Safety Plan (STSP).

- ii. Railroad-Highway Crossing Report – Addresses railroad-highway crossings as required under 23 U.S.C. 130(g). The report includes sections on: general program information; and project metrics.
- iii. Five Percent Report - Lists the top five percent of hazardous locations in the state as required under 23 U.S.C. 148(c)(1)(D). The report includes sections on: potential remedies to the locations identified, estimated costs for the remedies, and impediments to implementation of remedies other than cost. The five percent report also describes the extent of coverage of the crash data system.

HQ Traffic & Safety publishes the HSIP Annual Report and the complete regional reports and the HSIP Handbook includes as appendices. They also archive and post HSIP documents on the web.

2.12. HQ Traffic & Safety uses evaluation data to adjust next year's factors

HQ Traffic & Safety analyzes crash reduction data from completed projects and uses the results to adjust the factors for the following year's HSIP.

Note on Electronic Document Transmittal

Submit all HSIP documents as electronic Adobe Acrobat PDF files, as well as on paper. Submit the Pre-Project Ranking, Post-Project Evaluation, Regional Proposed Project Summary, and Annual Report worksheets in Excel format, also.

Appendix A. HSIP Worksheets

HSIP Process Automation Tools and Submittal Templates (available online)

1. High Accident Location Screening
 - Formulas and Factors
 - Segment Screening
 - Intersection Screening

2. Pre-Project Ranking, Post-Project Evaluation
 - Pre-Project Ranking: Predicted Benefit Cost Ratio
 - Post-Project Evaluation: Computation of Actual B/C and Accident Reduction Factors-Input
 - Post-Project Evaluation: Actual Accident Reduction Factors - Results
 - Post-Project Effectiveness Evaluation: Actual Benefit Cost Ratios

3. Regional Proposed Project Summary

4. Regional HSIP Annual Report
 - HSIP Project Effectiveness Summary (Section 148)—Highways and High Risk Rural Roads
 - HSIP Project Categories
 - HSIP Project Effectiveness Summary (Section 130)—Railroad-Highway Crossings
 - Five Percent Report

HSIP Data (for use with the Pre-Project Ranking and Post-Project Evaluation spreadsheet)

- Accident Cost Reduction Factors
- Accident Cost Derivation
- Project Life and M&O Costs for Various Improvements

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High Accident Location Screening Process
Formulas and Factors
For the FFY '14 HSIP

Statewide Average Intersection Accident Rates

| Type No | Intersection Type | | Rate |
|---------|-------------------|-------------|------|
| 1 | Signalized | 2 Approach* | 1.13 |
| 2 | | 3 Approach* | 0.99 |
| 3 | | 4 Approach* | 1.47 |
| 4 | All Way STOP | All | 0.72 |
| 5 | Two Way STOP | 2 Approach* | 0.46 |
| 6 | | 3 Approach* | 0.48 |
| 7 | | 4 Approach* | 0.56 |

Statewide Average Segment Accident Rates

| Type No | Segment Type | | Rate |
|---------|--------------|---------------------|------|
| 1 | Urban | 2 Lane | 1.43 |
| 2 | | 4 or more undivided | 1.83 |
| 3 | | 4 or more divided | 1.20 |
| 4 | | Freeway | 0.88 |
| 5 | Rural | 2 Lane | 2.0 |
| 6 | | 4 or more undivided | 1.7 |
| 7 | | 4 or more divided | 1.6 |
| 8 | | Freeway | 1.1 |

***Approach:** A leg of an intersection that carries traffic approaching the intersection. For example, a 4-legged intersection of 2 one-way roads has 2 approaches as defined here.

SOURCE OF DATA:

AVERAGE ACCIDENT RATES: Intersection: AK Statewide HAS data 2006-10 for all intersection types. Segment: Urban - AK Statewide HAS data 2006-2010; Rural - NY State averages 2006-10.

ACCIDENT COSTS: Based on 2009 federal Value of Statistical Life (VSL) cost data inflated to current year. Accident Costs are weighted and proportioned using Alaska accident experience to smooth costs (see Accident Cost Derivation Spreadsheet).

FORMULA FOR CRITICAL ACCIDENT RATES:

$$R_c = R_a + k * (\text{square root}(R_a/M)) + 1/(2M)$$

Where R_c = The critical accident rate

R_a = The statewide average accident rate for the intersection or segment type

k = A probability constant (see table below)

M = Millions of entering vehicles (intersections) or Millions of vehicle-miles (segments).

Source: NorthWestern University Traffic Institute Workbook for the "Identification and Treatment of High Hazard Locations" Course given in Anchorage 2/24 - 2/26/98. Page 8 of Section 3442 RV (Tab 5). Originally from NCHRP 162.

"k" Factors

| Confidence | k |
|------------|-------|
| 90.0% | 1.282 |
| 95.0% | 1.645 |
| 99.5% | 2.576 |
| 99.9% | 3.090 |

Accident Costs (AK 2006-2010 Acc. Data)

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Property Damage Only: | \$14,000 |
| Minor Injury: | \$140,000 |
| Major Injury: | \$702,000 |
| Fatality: | \$1,404,000 |

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Project Ranking Worksheet

Red fields are input fields.
Black fields are fixed,
computed, or derived.

| | | | |
|--------------------|---|-------|----------|
| HSIP Project Name: | Test Intersection - Regional Project for the Betterment of All Mankind | | |
| Analysis Period: | 1/1/06 | to | 12/31/10 |
| Form Completed by: | Joe Traffic | Date: | 5/1/13 |

| Miscellaneous Data | |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Rate of Return: | 3% |
| No of years of accident analysis | 5 |

| Accident Cost Data | |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Accident Severity | Accident Cost |
| Property Damage Only: | \$14,000 |
| Minor Injury: | \$140,000 |
| Major Injury: | \$702,000 |
| Fatality: | \$1,404,000 |

Predicted Change in Accidents due to Improvement(s)

| Imprv Type Num | Improvement | Type of Accident Susceptible to Reduction or Increase due to Improvement | Reduction Factor (+ or -) | No of Acc.s Susceptible to Reduction or Increase | | | |
|--|---|---|---------------------------|--|--------|--------|-----|
| | | | | PDO | Min | Maj | Fat |
| 108 | Intersection Illumination | Night Accidents at unlighted intersections | -50% | 6 | 2 | 1 | |
| 101.3 | Install Lt Turn Pocket at Rural, Unsignalized Intersection (Major Road Approach Only) | Rear-ends and side-swipes involving turning cars making the target movement | -60% | 5 | 2 | 2 | |
| 109 | New Traffic Signal | Angle accidents Rear-end accidents (expected to increase) | -60% 25% | 10 6 | 5 5 | 1 | |
| Total Accidents Susceptible to Reduction or Increase: | | | | 27 | 14 | 4 | |
| Predicted Change in Accidents: | | | | -11 | -4.0 | -2.3 | |
| Predicted Change in Accident Cost (\$1,000): | | | | -147 | -553 | -1,615 | |

Benefit/Cost of Improvements (Safety and M&O Benefits Only)

| Improvement | Total Proj Cost (K) | Ann M/O Cost (K) | Life of Impvmt (yrs) | Predicted Change in Accidents | | | | Predicted Change in Accident Cost | Annualized Safety and M&O Benefits | Annualized Constr. and M&O Costs | Benefit Cost (Safety and M&O Benefits only) |
|---|---------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|------|------|-----|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| | | | | PDO | Min | Maj | Fat | | | | |
| Intersection Illumination | 100 | 1.0 | 15 | -3.0 | -1.0 | -0.5 | | -\$533,000 | \$106,600 | \$9,377 | 11.4 : 1 |
| Install Lt Turn Pocket at Rural, Unsignalized Intersection (Major Road Approach Only) | 300 | 0.5 | 10 | -3.0 | -1.2 | -1.2 | | -\$1,052,400 | \$210,480 | \$35,669 | 5.9 : 1 |
| New Traffic Signal | 400 | 10.0 | 10 | -4.5 | -1.8 | -0.6 | | -\$729,200 | \$145,840 | \$56,892 | 2.6 : 1 |
| Subtotals: | | | | -10.5 | -4.0 | -2.3 | | | | | |
| Totals/Averages: | 800 | 11.5 | 10.6 | -16.8 | | | | -\$2,314,600 | \$462,920 | \$101,938 | 4.54 : 1 |

Benefit Cost Formula (Safety and M&O Benefits Only)

B/C Ratio =
$$\frac{\text{(Estimated Annual Reduction in Accident Cost)} + \text{(Decrease in Ann Maintenance Cost, 0 if increase)}}{\text{(Annualized Construction cost)} + \text{(Increase in Ann Maintenance cost, 0 if decrease)}}$$

Combined Effects of Multiple Countermeasures

$$ARF_{combined} = \left[1 - \left(1 - \frac{ARF_1}{100} \right) \left(1 - \frac{ARF_2}{100} \right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{ARF_n}{100} \right) \right] \times 100$$

Compute a combined Accident Reduction Factor only for crash types jointly influenced by dissimilar improvements at the location of interest. Consider limitations of this formula as discussed in TRB Special Report 214 Designing Safer Roads, 1987, pg. 253-255.

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Computation of Actual B/C and Accident Reduction Factors - INPUT

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computed, or derived.

| | | | | | |
|--------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------|-------|------------------|
| HSIP Project Name: | Test Intersection - Regional Project for the Betterment of All Mankind | Form Completed by: | Joe Traffic | Date: | 7/15/2019 |
|--------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------|-------|------------------|

| Project Identification Data | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Construction Project Name: | Test Construction Project |
| Federal Project Number: | TEST-PROJ-1 |
| State (AKSAS) Proj. Number: | 12345 |

| Miscellaneous Data | |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| Rate of Return: | 3% |
| Intersection (I) or Segment (S) | 1 |
| If Segment, Length in Miles: | |
| Date Construction Began: | 4/30/12 |
| Date Project Accepted for Traffic: | 11/1/13 |

| Accident Cost Data | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Accident Severity | Accident Cost |
| Property Damage Only: | \$14,000 |
| Minor Injury: | \$140,000 |
| Major Injury: | \$702,000 |
| Fatality: | \$1,404,000 |

| ACCIDENT HISTORY (All Accidents) | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------|----------|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|---------|
| Period | Begin Date | End Date | No of Years | PDO | Min | Maj | Fat | Total | Avg ADT |
| 1) Before (HSIP Analysis Period) | 1/1/06 | 12/31/10 | 5.0 | 29 | 12 | 6 | | 47 | 10000 |
| 2) Before-Interim | 1/1/11 | 12/31/14 | 2.0 | 12 | 3 | 3 | | 18 | 10500 |
| 1 and 2 Combined | 1/1/06 | 12/31/14 | 7.0 | 41 | 15 | 9 | | 65 | 10143 |
| 3) After | 1/1/15 | 12/31/17 | 3.0 | 13 | 6 | 2 | | 21 | 11000 |

| Accident Trend | |
|---|--------------------|
| Trend Control Area: | Mjr City / Borough |
| Accident Rate change from Before Period (1+2) to After Period (3) | 0.0% |

| ACCIDENT HISTORY (Accidents Susceptible to Reduction or Increase) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Improvement | Type of Accident Susceptible to Reduction or Increase Due to Improvement | BEFORE (1+2) | | | | | | | | AFTER (3) | | | | | | | | |
| | | HSIP Analysis Period | | | | Interim | | | | Total No of Acc | Total Acc Cost (\$K) | 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2017 | | | | Total No of Acc | Total Acc Cost (\$K) | |
| | | 1/1/2006 to 12/31/2010 | | | | 1/1/2011 to 12/31/2014 | | | | | | PDO | Min | Maj | Fat | | | |
| | | PDO | Min | Maj | Fat | PDO | Min | Maj | Fat | | | | | | | | | |
| Intersection Illumination | Night Accidents at unlighted intersections | 6 | 2 | 1 | | 2 | | 1 | | 12 | 1796 | 2 | | | | 2 | 28 | |
| Install Lt Turn Pocket at Rural, Unsignalized Intersection (Major Road Approach Only) | Rear-ends and side-swipes involving turning cars making the target movement | 5 | 2 | 2 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 12 | 2610 | 1 | | 1 | | 2 | 716 | |
| New Traffic Signal | Angle accidents | 10 | 5 | 1 | | 6 | 2 | | | 24 | 1906 | 3 | 1 | | | 4 | 182 | |
| | Rear-end accidents (expected to increase) | 6 | 5 | | | 2 | | 1 | | 14 | 1514 | 5 | 2 | 1 | | 8 | 1052 | |
| Totals / Averages: | | 27 | 14 | 4 | | 11 | 3 | 3 | | 62 | 7826 | 11 | 3 | 2 | | 16 | 1978 | |
| Total Accident Costs: | | | | | | | | | | | \$7,826,000 | | | | | | | \$1,978,000 |

* The "Before - Interim" time period extends from the end of the HSIP analysis period to the start of construction. Only full data years should be used. Use of partial years will skew results. Set Trend to 0% in the absence of a significant change in area-wide crash rate between the Before/Interim period and the After period.

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Computation of Actual Accident Reduction Factors - RESULTS

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|----------|---|--------------------|-------------|-------|-----------|
| Project: | Test Intersection - Regional Project for the Betterment of All Mankind | Form Completed by: | Joe Traffic | Date: | 7/15/2019 |
|----------|---|--------------------|-------------|-------|-----------|

| Change in Total Accidents | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------|----------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Period | Begin Date | End Date | No of Accidents | Accident Cost | Accident Rate | Accident Cost per Ent Veh or Veh-Mile | Percent Change | | | | |
| | | | | | | | From - To | Accident Rate | Statistically Significant? | Accident Cost/Veh | |
| 1) Before (HSIP Analysis Period) | 1/1/06 | 12/31/10 | 47 | \$6,298,000 | 2.58 | \$0.35 | 1 to 2 | -8.8% | No | 1.8% | |
| 2) Before-Interim | 1/1/11 | 12/31/14 | 18 | \$2,694,000 | 2.35 | \$0.35 | 2 to 3 | -25.8% | No | -42.7% | |
| 1 and 2 Combined | 1/1/06 | 12/31/14 | 65 | \$8,992,000 | 2.51 | \$0.35 | (1+2) to 3 | -30.5% | Yes | -42.0% | |
| 3) After | 1/1/15 | 12/31/17 | 21 | \$2,426,000 | 1.74 | \$0.20 | | | | | |

| Change in Accidents Susceptible to Reduction or Increase | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------|--|
| Improvement | Type of Accident Susceptible to Reduction or Increase due to Improvement | BEFORE (1+2) | | AFTER (3) | | Accident RATE Reduction Factor | | | | Acc COST Reduction Factor | | | |
| | | No of Acc per Year | Acc Cost /yr (\$K) | No of Acc per Year | Acc Cost /yr (\$K) | Change in acc/yr | Adj for Vol | Stat. Significant? | Adj. for Trend | Change in acc cost/yr | Adj for Vol & Trend | Predicted | |
| Intersection Illumination | Night Accidents at unlighted intersections | 1.71 | 257 | 0.67 | 9 | -61% | -64.1% | YES | -64.1% | -96% | -97% | -50% | |
| Install Lt Turn Pocket at Rural, Unsignalized Intersection (Major Road Approach Only) | Rear-ends and side-swipes involving turning cars making the target movement | 1.71 | 373 | 0.67 | 239 | -61% | -64.1% | YES | -64% | -36% | -41% | -60% | |
| New Traffic Signal | Angle accidents | 3.43 | 272 | 1.33 | 61 | -61% | -64.1% | YES | -64% | -78% | -79% | -60% | |
| | Rear-end accidents (expected to increase) | 2.00 | 216 | 2.67 | 351 | 33% | 22.9% | NO | 23% | 62% | 49% | 25% | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Other Factors which may have impacted accident frequency - (Provide explanation here if "After" accidents deviated significantly from those predicted):

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Computation of Actual Benefit/Cost Ratio

Red fields are input fields. Black fields are fixed, computed, or derived.

Use the same accident costs for both before and after accidents when comparing actual vs predicted B/C and accident reduction.

| | |
|----------------------------------|---|
| HSIP Project Name: | Test Intersection - Regional Project for the Betterment of All Mankind |
| Construction Project Name: | Test Construction Project |
| Const. Project Number (Federal): | TEST-PROJ-1 |
| Const. Project Number (AKSAS): | 12345 |
| Form Completed by: | Joe Traffic |
| Date: | 7/15/2019 |

| Financial/Time Factors | |
|---|------|
| Rate of Return (from Project Ranking worksheet): | 3% |
| Average Life of Improvement (from Project Ranking worksheet): | 10.6 |
| Length of "After" evaluation period (years) (from Post Eval Input worksheet): | 3.0 |

| Actual B/C (Acc and M&O Benefits Only) | |
|--|------------------|
| Total Project Development and Construction Cost: | \$950,000 |
| Annual M&O Cost or Saving (from HSIP Project Ranking worksheet): | \$11,500 |
| Annualized Construction and M&O Costs: | \$117,241 |
| Projected Accident Cost in "After" period at "Before" rate (susceptible accidents only): | \$3,354,000 |
| Actual Accident Cost during "After" period (susceptible accidents only): | \$1,978,000 |
| Unadjusted Accident Cost Reduction: | \$1,376,000 |
| Accident Cost Reduction adjusted for accident trend: | \$1,376,000 |
| Annualized Safety and M&O Benefits | \$458,667 |
| Actual Benefit Cost Ratio (Accident and M&O Costs Only): | 3.91 : 1 |

| Comparison of Actual vs Predicted | | | |
|---|------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Total Project Development and Construction Cost: | Predicted: | \$800,000 | Difference: +19% |
| | Actual: | \$950,000 | |
| Annualized Safety and M&O Benefits: | Predicted: | \$462,920 | Difference: -1% |
| | Actual: | \$458,667 | |
| Project Benefit-Cost Ratio (Not Including Delay): | Predicted: | 4.54 : 1 | Difference: -13% |
| | Actual: | 3.91 : 1 | |

FFY 2014 Proposed HSIP Projects - _____ Region

| | Project Name: | Project Type | | | AKSAS No. | HSIP Project Number | B/C | Safety Index | Acc. Susc. to Corr. | | | | Region | Phase | Federal Fiscal Year | | | Constr by M&O? | Bundle? | Project Description |
|---|---------------|--------------|----|-----|-----------|---------------------|-----|--------------|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|--------|-------|---------------------|------|------|----------------|---------|---------------------|
| | | New | FO | UFO | | | | | PDO | MIN | MJR | FAT | | | 14 | 15 | 16 | | | |
| 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 7 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | Total | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 7 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | Total | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 7 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | Total | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 7 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | Total | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 7 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | Total | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 7 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | Total | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| 7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 7 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | Total | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | | | |
| 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 7 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | Total | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | | | |

**HSIP Project Effectiveness Summary (Section 148)
Covering projects with 3 or more years of available post-project crash data & not previously reported**

Section 148 HSIP Projects (not including HRRR)

| Region | Location ¹ | FHWA Rd Functional Classification ² | Improvement Type ³ | Total Project Cost ⁴ | BEFORE & INTERIM Data (Years vary) ⁵ | | | | | AFTER Crash Data (3 years) | | | | Evaluation Results (B/C Ratio) ⁶ |
|--------|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|----------------|--------------|-----|-------|----------------------------|----------------|--------------|-----|---|
| | | | | | Fatal | Serious Injury | Other Injury | PDO | Years | Fatal | Serious Injury | Other Injury | PDO | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Section 148 HSIP Projects - High Risk Rural Roads (HRRR) only

| Region | Location ¹ | FHWA Rd Functional Classification ² | Improvement Type ³ | Total Project Cost ⁴ | BEFORE & INTERIM Data (Years vary) ⁵ | | | | | AFTER Crash Data (3 years) | | | | Evaluation Results (B/C Ratio) ⁶ |
|--------|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|----------------|--------------|-----|-------|----------------------------|----------------|--------------|-----|---|
| | | | | | Fatal | Serious Injury | Other Injury | PDO | Years | Fatal | Serious Injury | Other Injury | PDO | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

1. Location/identifier for project: basic information on where the project occurred
2. Use DOT&PF Data Port (<http://dataport.dot.state.ak.us/>), *Route Log and Attribute Report by CDS Route Number* to obtain route functional classification: principal arterials, minor arterial roads, collector roads and local streets. (For reference, see *FHWA Functional Classification Guidelines* at http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/fcsec2_1.htm)
3. Type of improvement: coded based on the information in HSIP Project Categories. NOTE that four items from the SAFETEA-LU "included project list" for HSIP (Section 148 (a) (2)) are NOT included here (3 related to highway rail crossings and 1 related to high-risk rural roads) as these activities will be reported separately. If multiple improvements were encompassed in one project, use as many categories as necessary.
4. Cost of improvement: cost to implement the improvement
5. Includes crashes from before and "interim" time periods.
6. Enter actual benefit cost ratios from the Alaska HSIP post-project evaluation process.

Highway Safety Improvement Project Categories

The following is a complete extract from 23 USC Section 148 Highway Safety Improvement Program (a) Definitions, as amended by MAP-21 legislation under Section 1112 Highway Safety Improvement Program.

(4) HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘highway safety improvement project’ means strategies, activities, and projects on a public road that are consistent with a State strategic highway safety plan and—

(i) correct or improve a hazardous road location or feature; or

(ii) address a highway safety problem.

(B) INCLUSIONS.—The term ‘highway safety improvement project’ includes, but is not limited to, a project for 1 or more of the following:

(i) An intersection safety improvement.

(ii) Pavement and shoulder widening (including addition of a passing lane to remedy an unsafe condition).

(iii) Installation of rumble strips or another warning device, if the rumble strips or other warning devices do not adversely affect the safety or mobility of bicyclists and pedestrians, including persons with disabilities.

(iv) Installation of a skid-resistant surface at an intersection or other location with a high frequency of crashes.

(v) An improvement for pedestrian or bicyclist safety or safety of persons with disabilities.

(vi) Construction and improvement of a railway-highway grade crossing safety feature, including installation of protective devices.

(vii) The conduct of a model traffic enforcement activity at a railway-highway crossing.

(viii) Construction of a traffic calming feature.

(ix) Elimination of a roadside hazard.

(x) Installation, replacement, and other improvement of highway signage and pavement markings, or a project to maintain minimum levels of retroreflectivity, that addresses a highway safety problem consistent with a State strategic highway safety plan.

(xi) Installation of a priority control system for emergency vehicles at signalized intersections.

(xii) Installation of a traffic control or other warning device at a location with high crash potential.

(xiii) Transportation safety planning.

(xiv) Collection, analysis, and improvement of safety data.

(xv) Planning integrated interoperable emergency communications equipment, operational activities, or traffic enforcement activities (including police assistance) relating to work zone safety.

(xvi) Installation of guardrails, barriers (including barriers between construction work zones and traffic lanes for the safety of road users and workers), and crash attenuators.

(xvii) The addition or retrofitting of structures or other measures to eliminate or reduce crashes involving vehicles and wildlife.

(xviii) Installation of yellow-green signs and signals at pedestrian and bicycle crossings and in school zones.

(xix) Construction and operational improvements on high risk rural roads.

(xx) Geometric improvements to a road for safety purposes that improve safety.

(xxi) A road safety audit.

(xxii) Roadway safety infrastructure improvements consistent with the recommendations included in the publication of the Federal Highway Administration entitled ‘Highway Design Handbook for Older Drivers and Pedestrians’ (FHWA–RD–01–103), dated May 2001 or as subsequently revised and updated.

(xxiii) Truck parking facilities eligible for funding under section 1401 of the MAP–21.

(xxiv) Systemic safety improvements.

Guidance from FHWA has not been issued at the date of this publication. When issued, FHWA guidance will supercede this direct quote from the federal statute.

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Intersections with the Greatest Safety Needs
 (Top 5% of Intersections in Each Region with a Safety Index Greater than 0.9
 and at least one Fatal crash or two Major Injury crashes)

| Location | Region | Crashes | | Ranking | | Potential Remedies | Estimated Costs | Implementation Impediments | Comments |
|----------|--------|---------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|----------|
| | | Fatal | Major Injury | (Fx2 + MIx1) | Safety Index | | | | |
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Primary Sort Value: (F x 2) + (MI x 1)
 Secondary Sort Value: Safety Index (Actual Crash Rate / Critical Crash Rate).

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| Imprvmt Type Number | Type of Improvement / Accident Types Susceptible to Reduction | Acc. Cost Rdctn. Factor | Comments |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|
| 100 | INTERSECTION AND TRAFFIC CONTROL | | |
| 101 | New Turn Lane | | |
| 101.1 | Install Left-turn Lane at Rural, Unsignalized, 3-Leg Intersection (Major Road Approach, Only) | -55% | |
| 101.2 | Install Left-turn Lane at Urban, Unsignalized Intersection (Major Road Approach, Only) | -50% | |
| 101.3 | Install Left-turn Lane at Rural, Unsignalized Intersection (Major Road Approach, Only) | -60% | |
| 101.4 | Install Right-turn Lane at Urban, Signalized Intersection | -10% | |
| 101.5 | Install Right-turn Lane at Rural, Signalized Intersection | -20% | |
| 101.6 | Install Right-turn Lane at Urban, Unsignalized Intersection (Major Road Approach, Only) | -10% | |
| 101.7 | Install Right-turn Lane at Rural, Unsignalized Intersection (Major Road Approach, Only) | -25% | |
| 101.8 | Install Left-turn Lane at Rural or Urban Signalized Intersection Rear-ends and side-swipes involving turning cars making the target movement (this does not include adding lanes to existing turn pockets or to adding lanes on approaches controlled by STOP signs) | -15% | |
| 102 | Increase Turn Lane Length Rear-end accidents involving vehicles waiting to enter turn lane | -15% | Intended for locations where the existing turn pocket is lengthened to accommodate the turning lane demand, eliminating turning traffic which backs up into the thru lanes. |
| 103 | Install Two-Way Left Turn Lane All accidents involving the target left turns: angle, sideswipe, and rear end. Only applies to accidents for which no turning lane currently exists. | CLICK HERE for TWLTL Spreadsheet Solution | Best Practice is to treat CRF as a function as described in Research Results Digest 299. |
| 104 | Acceleration lane for right turning traffic from side street Multi-car accidents involving through traffic and vehicles making the target movement | -10% | |
| 105 | Improve Sight Distance at Intersection Multi-car angle accidents involving vehicles on the limited sight distance approach | -10% | |
| 106 | Improvement 106 (Install Stop Ahead or Yield Ahead signs) removed from Accident Cost Reduction Factor table due to inconclusive study results. | | |
| 107 | Change Two Way Stop to All-Way Stop Control Angle accidents | -70% | |
| 108 | Intersection Illumination Night Accidents at unlighted intersections | -50% | |
| 109 | New Traffic Signal Angle Accidents Rear-end Accidents (expected to increase) | -60% +25% | |

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|---------------------------|--|----------------------------|--|
| 110 | Enlarge 8 inch Traffic Signal Head to 12 inches All rear end and right angle accidents | -10% | |
| 111 | Improve Signal Display | | Reductions are independent of number of signal heads converted or added. |
| 111.1 | Conversion of Side-Mounted Signals to Overhead Signals | -40% | |
| 111.2 | Increase number of signal heads | -10% | |
| 111.3 | Add 3-inch yellow retroreflective sheeting to signal backplates All rear end and angle accidents involving the target approach | -15% | |
| 112 | Left-Turn Phase Traffic Signal Modifications | | |
| 112.1 | Permissive (green ball) to Permissive (flashing yellow arrow) | -20% | |
| 112.2 | Permissive (green ball) to Protected-Permissive (flashing yellow arrow) | -40% | |
| 112.3 | Protected-Permissive (5-section with green ball and arrows) to Protected-Permissive (flashing yellow arrow) | -30% | |
| 112.4 | Protected-Permissive (5-section with green ball and arrows) to Protected-Only (all arrows) Angle accidents involving the target left turn movement | -60% | |
| 113 | Install Curb Bulb Across Intersection From Multi-Lane Approach with Mandatory Turning Lane Accidents involving vehicle failing to make turn in mandatory turn lane to be blocked by curb bulb | -70% | Intended to address accidents involving vehicle failing to make turn in mandatory turn lane. |
| 114 | Install Overhead Lane Use Control Signs Accidents involving vehicles that attempt to make a movement that is prohibited from their lane | -70% | Intended to address accidents involving vehicle failing to make turn in mandatory turn lane. |
| 115 | Rumble strips on approaches to intersections Non ice/snow accidents on the target approach caused by cars failing to stop | -80% | |
| 116 | Active Advance Warning Flashers Rear end and angle accidents involving vehicles on the target approach | -25% | |
| 117 | Install Intersection Flashing Beacon All right angle accidents involving vehicles on target intersection approaches | -30% | |
| 118 | Install a Single-Lane Roundabout | | No change in safety |
| 118.1 | Replace Signal or Two-Way STOP-Controlled 4-Leg Intersections with a Single-Lane Roundabout | -75% | |
| 118.2 | Replace Signal or STOP-Controlled (on one approach) 3-Leg Intersections with a Single-Lane Roundabout | -30% | |
| 118.3 | Replace an All-Way Stop Control Intersection with a Single-Lane Roundabout All Intersection accidents | 0% | |
| 119 | Improvement 119 has been intentionally left blank | | |

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|---------------------------|--|---|---|
| 120 | Improvement 120 (Intersection Skid Reduction Treatments) was removed from Accident CRF Table because improvement of pavement traction is not easily quantifiable. | | |
| 200 | STRUCTURES | | |
| 201 | Replace or Widen Narrow Bridge Head-ons, Sideswipes, collisions with fixed objects on bridge or approaches | Use CRF computation: $CRF = 9.20 - 8.93 \frac{W_{before}}{W_{after}} + 10.68 \frac{W_{after}}{W_{before}}$ The variable W_{before} is the bridge shoulder width (feet) before widening. The variable W_{after} is the final bridge shoulder width (feet). The resulting dependent variable CRF is in percent. | |
| 202 | Construct Interchange All intersection accidents | CLICK HERE for Interchange Safety Analysis Tool (ISAT) Spreadsheet | Detailed Analysis. CLICK HERE Interchange Safety Analysis Tool Manual |
| 300 | ROADWAY AND ROADSIDE | | |
| 301 | Widen Shoulder Run-off-road, head-on, opposite-direction sideswipe, and same direction sideswipe accidents within the widened segment | CLICK HERE for Shoulder Width Spreadsheet Solution | Best Practice is to treat CRF as a function as described in FHWA-RD-99-207 |
| 302 | Widen Travel Lanes to PreConstruction Manual Standard Run-off-road, head-on, opposite-direction sideswipe, and same direction sideswipe accidents within the widened segment | CLICK HERE for Lane Width Spreadsheet Solution | Best Practice is to treat CRF as a function as described in FHWA-RD-99-207 |
| 303 | Install Median Barrier Accidents within the median or resulting from vehicles crossing the median in which there are major or fatal injuries | -90% | |
| 304 | Install Raised Median | | |
| 304.1 | Install Raised Median on Undivided Street | -20% | |
| 304.2 | Install Raised Median to Replace Two Way Left Turn Lane Cross over and segment access-related vehicle collisions. Target crashes do not include vehicle-crossing pedestrian collisions. (See Improvement 406 - Pedestrian Refuge Islands.) | -15% | |
| 305 | Close Median Opening REDUCES: Accidents involving vehicles making the movement(s) to be closed INCREASES: New accidents caused by diverted traffic (Note: closing problem movements does not guarantee accident reduction. It is possible that more accidents will be caused by diversion than happened at the median opening.) | -90% Increase Varies | Examine alternative routes, likely accident rates at intersections along those routes, estimate the number of accidents along those routes, and apply those accidents as an adjustment to the accidents expected to be reduced by -90%. Submit documentation of assumptions and computations. |
| | Examine alternative routes for traffic diverted by the median closure. Estimate likely changes in volume at intersections along diversion routes. Using those volumes and existing accident rates, estimate the number of accidents at those intersections. Apply those accidents as an adjustment to the accidents at the project location which are expected to be reduced by CRF=-90%. Submit documentation of assumptions and computations with the project description and ranking worksheet. | | |
| 306 | Install Rumble Strips on shoulders | | |
| 306.1 | Two-lane rural highways (50 MPH and above) | -20% | |
| 306.2 | Four-lane rural highways (50 MPH and above) Non ice/snow run off the road accidents | -10% | |

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|---------------------------|---|--|--|
| 307 | Flatten Horizontal Curves All non-intersection accidents within the realigned segment | CLICK HERE for Horz Curve Spreadsheet Solution | Best Practice is to treat CRF as a function as described in FHWA-RD-99-207 |
| 308 | Flatten Crest Vertical Curves All non-intersection accidents within the realigned segment | Use Formula from Appendix E, pg 265, of TRB Special report 214 | |
| 309 through 313 | When applying roadside treatment improvements 309 through 313 individually, apply the Accident Cost Reduction Factor or computational method described for that improvement. When applying two or more roadside treatments in combination, use Roadside Safety Analysis Program (RSAP) to determine the crash cost reduction effectiveness. When using RSAP compare various treatment options against the no treatment option to find the percent change in crash cost. | | |
| 309 | Relocate Non-Crashworthy Utility Poles from within to beyond clear zone. Collisions with the poles to be relocated | Varies: Use Roadside Safety Analysis Program | Create "no-build alternative" (existing conditions) and "relocate utility poles" alternative. Run program to estimate CCRF. Use HSIPHB severity costs. |
| 310 | Flatten or Regrade Side Slopes All Run-off-the-road accidents | CLICK HERE for Slope Flattening Spreadsheet Solution | Best Practice is to use before/after table presented in NCHRP 617 |
| 311 | Install Shoulder Guardrail Single car run-off-the-road accidents that would have been contained by the rail and resulted in fatal, major, or minor injuries. | -45% | |
| 312 | Remove Obstacles Collisions with the obstacle to be removed | -100% | |
| 313 | Install Impact Attenuators on rigid objects Fatal and major injury collisions with the object to be shielded | -70% | |
| 314 | New Curve Warning Signs and Delineators All non-intersection accidents within the target curve | -20% | |
| 315 | Signs, markings, delineators at narrow bridges All Accidents on bridge and within 300 ft of bridge termini | -50% | |
| 316 | Install New Continuous Illumination Night Accidents on currently unlighted segments to receive lighting (exclude accidents at intersections that currently have street lights) | -25% | |
| 317 | Install Centerline Rumble Strips (50 MPH and above) All non-ice/snow head-on and sideswipe accidents on rural 2-lane roads. | -25% | |
| 318 | Install Safety Edge on shoulder edge of pavement All accidents on rural 2-lane roads. | -5% | |
| 400 | PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY | | |
| 401 | Construct Sidewalk Accidents between vehicles and pedestrians walking on shoulder | -75% | |
| 402 | Construct Pedestrian and Bicycle Overpass/Underpass Accidents between vehicles and bikes or pedestrians at the Xing the OP or UP will replace | -100% | Only apply the Acc. CRF to likely users of the underpass or overpass |

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|---------------------------|---|----------------------------|--|
| 403 | Install Countdown Timer Pedestrian Signals Accidents between vehicles and pedestrians crossing at the signal | -25% | |
| 404 | Install Mid-block Signal Controlled Pedestrian Crossings Target crashes between pedestrians and vehicles at the unsignalized location where the pedestrian crossing will be installed. Do not install too close to an existing traffic signal. | -12% | |
| 405 | Install Raised Pedestrian Crossings (Speed Tables) Target crashes between pedestrians and vehicles at the location where the raised pedestrian crossing it to be installed. Do not install too close to an existing traffic signal. | -12% | |
| 406 | Install Pedestrian Refuge Islands | | |
| 406.1 | Install Raised Median as Refuge at Marked Crosswalk | -45% | |
| 406.2 | Install Raised Median as Refuge at Unmarked Crosswalk Target crashes between pedestrians and vehicles at an unsignalized pedestrian crossing. | -40% | |
| 407 | Install Dedicated Bicycle Lanes Target crashes between vehicles and cyclists on a roadway without a rideable shoulder or bike lane. | -10% | |
| 408 | Install Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon Target crashes between major street vehicles and pedestrains crossing uncontrolled major street locations within 150' location of proposed beacon. | -55% | |
| 500 | RAILROAD-HIGHWAY CROSSINGS | | |
| 501 | Upgrade from RR signs to flashers Accidents involving trains and highway vehicles | -50% | |
| 502 | Upgrade from RR signs to gates & flashers Accidents involving trains and highway vehicles | -67% | |
| 503 | Upgrade from RR flashers to gates Accidents involving trains and highway vehicles | -45% | |
| 504 | Construct RR Grade Separation Accidents involving trains and highway vehicles | -100% | |
| 505 | Install RR Crossing Illumination Accidents involving trains and highway vehicles | -25% | |
| 506 | Improve RR Crossing Sight Distance Accidents involving trains and highway vehicles | -25% | 25% Acc. CRF only used if full recommended sight distance is achieved with the improvement |
| 900 | CUSTOM IMPROVEMENTS | | |
| 999 | Custom Improvement - Requires HQ Approval Accident Types by discussion with ST&SE | - % | Reduction factor(s) on approved basis |

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Accident Cost Derivation
for Analysis of FFY '14 HSIP Projects

Updated 02/22/13

Accident Cost Source and Adjustment to 2013

| Accident Category <i>FHWA Memo 3/18/09</i> | Accident Categories (AK) | Accident Costs | | | Proportion of PDO Cost (Actual) |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------|---|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | | FHWA 03/18/09 | AK Categories Adj for fatalities/crash | Inflated to Current Yr | |
| Property Damage Only: | PDO: | \$ 4,615 | \$ 5,077 | \$ 5,325 | 1 |
| Possible Injury (C) | | \$ 43,846 | | | |
| | Min Inj: | | \$ 69,808 | \$ 73,222 | 13.75 |
| Non-Incapacitating Injury (B) | | \$ 83,077 | | | |
| Incapacitating Injury (A) | | \$ 415,385 | | | |
| | Maj Inj: | | \$ 456,923 | \$ 479,271 | 90 |
| Fatality: | Fatality: | \$ 6,000,000 | \$ 6,600,000 | \$ 6,922,806 | 1300 |

| GDP Implicit Price Deflator | |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| 09 GDP IPD ('09 dollars): | 109.5 |
| 12 GDP IPD ('12 dollars): | 114.9 |
| Cost Inflation: | 4.89% |

GDP IPD: Gross Domestic Product Implicit Price Deflator. 2000=100.00

The GDP IPDs shown are 4-quarter averages.

Accident Cost Proportioning (to reduce the impact of random severe crashes)

| Accident Category | Accident 5 Yr Avg (2006 - 2010) | Total Cost (Using Costs Inflated to 2012 from Above) | Proportion of PDO Cost (Input) | Adjusted Costs | Adjusted Costs-Rounded (Use for Analysis) |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Property Damage Only: | 8,368 | \$ 44,561,572 | | \$ 14,044 | \$ 14,000 |
| Minor Injury: | 3,050 | \$ 223,327,073 | 10 | \$ 140,444 | \$ 140,000 |
| Major Injury: | 362 | \$ 173,496,180 | 50 | \$ 702,218 | \$ 702,000 |
| Fatality: | 65 | \$ 449,982,418 | 100 | \$ 1,404,436 | \$ 1,404,000 |
| Total Accident Cost: | 11845 | \$ 891,367,243 | | \$ 891,367,243 | \$ 889,536,000 |

Adjust for Fatalities per Fatal Crash

1.10

Adjustment applied to FHWA Value for a Statistical Life, then distributed to other severity categories.

When past accident history is used to predict future accident costs at a location (as we do in the HSIP), adjustment to actual accident cost is necessary. If this is not done, rare and random severe accidents can attract a disproportionate share of safety funding even though they are not a good indicator of future accident experience. While the difference between a fatal accident and a property-damage-only accident might be measured in microseconds or depend on non-road-related factors such as driver health or vehicle condition, the ratio of actual cost between the two is 1300 to 1. Using the full cost of fatal and severe accidents would result in misallocation of highway safety funds. Accident cost adjustment should reduce, but not eliminate, the impact of severity on predicted future accident cost. Too much value assigned to severe accidents results in safety improvements where there is little likelihood of future accidents. Too little results in high speed roads with histories of severe accidents being given no more priority than low speed roads with no severe accidents.

We have adjusted the relative value of PDO, minor injury, major injury, and fatal accidents to correspond with pre-set proportions while still adding up to the same statewide total accident cost. PDO accidents are both the most common and least-reliably reported. Reporting can vary widely between communities and over time due to changes in reporting thresholds. Because of this and the low severity level, PDO accidents have been assigned a value 1/10 that of minor injury crashes. The SAFETEA-LU highway bill requires HSIP programs to be targeted at major injuries and fatalities. This emphasis on severe crashes is provided by making major injury crashes 50 times and fatal crashes 100 times the value of a PDO, which strikes a balance between "Chasing fatalities" (making the costs too high) and not weighing crash severity highly enough.

Adjusted accident costs need to be grounded in reality. Although we can re-allocate the cost between severity categories, we should not overstate or understate the total accident cost in the state. Aside from minor rounding, the adjusted costs shown here result in an exact match of total statewide accident costs using the average accident numbers from 2004 through 2008 (the latest five-year period available).

The FHWA's advisory memo dated March 18, 2009, "Treatment of the Economic Value of a Statistical Life in Departmental Analyses,--2009 Annual Revision" (an update of a Feb 5, 2008 memo) estimates the economic value of preventing a human fatality at \$6.0 million dollars, and instructs that accident costs for injuries of varying severity should be estimated in accordance with percentages provided in FHWA's Technical Advisory T7570.2, October, 1994. On an annual basis, those costs are temporally adjusted using the Gross Domestic Product Implicit Price Deflator. Because the 2008 FHWA advisory gave the cost of a fatality rather than the cost of a fatal crash, we increased the cost to account for the fact that some fatal crashes have multiple fatalities. As of January 2011, the 2009 advisory memo has not been revised.

When accident costs are used to assess post-project accident reduction, the same accident costs should be used for both the before and after periods.

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Project Life and M&O Costs
for Various Improvements

| Imprv. No. | Type of Improvement | Project Life (From 1996 HSIP Annual Report) | M&O Cost (From ADOT&PF Sources) | |
|---|--|---|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Amount | per Unit |
| INTERSECTION AND TRAFFIC CONTROL | | | | |
| 101 | New Turning Lanes | 10 | \$6,000.00 | lane-mile/Year |
| 102 | Increase Turn Lane Length | 10 | \$6,000.00 | lane-mile/Year |
| 103 | Two-Way Left Turn Lane | 10 | \$6,000.00 | lane-mile/Year |
| 104 | Acceleration lane for right turning traffic from side street | 10 | \$6,000.00 | lane-mile/Year |
| 105 | Improve Sight Distance at Intersection | 10 | \$0.00 | |
| 107 | Change Two Way Stop to All-Way Stop Control | 6 | \$80.00 | sign/year |
| 108 | Intersection Illumination | 15 | \$270.00 | lum/year |
| 109 | New Traffic Signal | 10 | \$10,000.00 | each/year |
| 110 | Enlarge 8 inch Traffic Signal Head to 12 inches | 10 | \$0.00 | |
| 111.1 | Conversion of Side-Mounted Signals to Overhead Signals | 10 | \$0.00 | |
| 111.2 | Increase number of signal heads | 10 | \$50.00 | each/year |
| 112 | Left-Turn Phase Traffic Signal Modifications | 10 | \$0.00 | |
| 113 | Install Curb Bulb Across Intersection From Multi-Lane Approach with Mandatory Turning Lane | 20 | \$1.00 | linear ft/year |
| 114 | Install Overhead Lane Use Control Signs | 6 | \$80.00 | sign/year |
| 115 | Rumble strips on approaches to intersections | 10 | \$0.00 | |
| 116 | Active Advance Warning Flashers | 10 | \$2,500.00 | each/year |
| 117 | Install Intersection Flashing Beacon | 10 | \$2,500.00 | each/year |
| 118 | Replace a Signal or STOP controlled intersection with a Single-Lane Roundabout | 20 | \$0.00 | |
| | Channelization | 10 | \$100.00 | short median/yr |
| | Improve Sight Distance | 10 | \$0.00 | |
| | Small Traffic Signs | 6 | \$80.00 | sign/year |
| | Large Traffic Signs (over 50 sf) | 6 | \$830.00 | sign/year |
| | Replacement of existing large and small traffic signs. | 6 | \$0.00 | |
| | Pavement Markings | 2 | \$0.00 | |
| | Flexible Delineators | 2 | \$10.00 | delin./yar |
| STRUCTURES | | | | |
| 201 | Replace Narrow Bridge | 20 | \$0.00 | |
| 201 | Widen Narrow Bridge | 20 | \$0.25 | square ft/year |
| 202 | Construct Interchange | 30 | \$1,000.00 | each/year |
| | Construct New Bridge (where there was none) | 30 | \$0.25 | square ft/year |
| | Replace or Improve Minor Structure | 20 | \$0.00 | |
| | Upgrade Bridge Rail | 10 | \$0.00 | |
| ROADWAY AND ROADSIDE | | | | |
| 301 | Widen Shoulder | 20 | \$500.00 | per foot-mile/year |
| 302 | Widen Travel Lanes to PreConstruction Manual Standard | 20 | \$500.00 | per foot-mile/year |
| 303 | Install Median Barrier | 20 | \$1.00 | linear ft/year |
| 304 | Install Raised Median | 20 | \$1.00 | linear ft/year |
| 305 | Close Median Opening | 10 | \$0.00 | |
| 306 | Install Rumble Strips on shoulders | 10 | \$0.00 | |
| 307 | Flatten Horizontal Curves | 20 | \$0.00 | |
| 308 | Flatten Crest Vertical Curves | 20 | \$0.00 | |
| 309 | Relocate Non-Crashworthy Utility Poles from within to beyond clear zone. | 20 | \$0.00 | |
| 310 | Flatten or Regrade Side Slopes | 20 | \$0.00 | |

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|--------------------------------------|---|---|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Amount | per Unit |
| 311 | Install Shoulder Guardrail | 10 | \$1.00 | linear ft/year |
| 312 | Remove Obstacles | 20 | \$0.00 | |
| 313 | Install Impact Attenuators on rigid objects | 10 | \$200.00 | each/year |
| 314 | New Curve Warning Signs and Delineators | 6 | \$80.00 | sign/year |
| 315 | Signs, markings, delineators at narrow bridges | 6 | \$80.00 | sign/year |
| 316 | Install New Continuous Illumination | 15 | \$270.00 | lum/year |
| 317 | Install Centerline Rumble Strips (45 MPH and above) | 10 | \$0.00 | |
| | Add Lanes | 20 | \$6,000.00 | lane-mile/year |
| | Install Breakaway Sign Supports | 10 | \$0.00 | |
| | Install Breakaway Utility Poles | 10 | \$0.00 | |
| | Install Guardrail End Treatment | 10 | \$100.00 | each/year |
| | Upgrade Guardrail | 10 | \$0.00 | |
| | Upgrade Median Barrier | 15 | \$0.00 | |
| | Install Bridge Approach Guardrail Transition | 10 | \$0.00 | |
| PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY | | | | |
| 401 | Construct Sidewalk | 20 | \$0.20 | linear ft/year |
| 402 | Construct Pedestrian and Bicycle Overpass/Underpass | 30 | \$0.25 | square ft/year |
| 403 | Install Countdown Timer Pedestrian Signals | 10 | \$0.00 | |
| 404 | Install Mid-block Signal Controlled Pedestrian Crossings | 10 | \$2,500.00 | each/year |
| 405 | Install Raised Pedestrian Crossings (Speed Tables) | 20 | \$0.00 | |
| 406 | Install Pedestrian Refuge Islands | 20 | \$1.00 | linear ft/year |
| 407 | Install Dedicated Bicycle Lanes | 20 | \$500.00 | per foot-mile/year |
| | Install Fencing and Pedestrian Barrier | 10 | \$0.20 | linear ft/year |
| | Other Non-construction Bikeway Improvements | 20 | \$0.00 | |
| 408 | Install Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon | 10 | \$2,000.00 | each/year |
| RAILROAD-HIGHWAY CROSSINGS | | | | |
| 501 | Upgrade from RR signs to flashers | 10 | \$3,000.00 | each/year |
| 502 | Upgrade from RR signs to gates & flashers | 10 | \$6,000.00 | each/year |
| 503 | Upgrade from RR flashers to gates | 10 | \$3,000.00 | each/year |
| 504 | Construct RR Grade Separation | 30 | \$1,000.00 | each/year |
| 505 | Install RR Crossing Illumination | 10 | \$270.00 | lum/year |
| 506 | Improve RR Crossing Sight Distance | 10 | \$0.00 | |
| | Install RR Signs and Markings Assbly where there was none | 10 | \$200.00 | each/year |
| | Install RR Crossbucks | 10 | \$50.00 | each/year |
| | Install New RR Track Circuitry | 10 | \$0.00 | |
| | Improve RR Crossing Surface | 10 | \$0.00 | |
| | Improve RR Crossing Alignment | 10 | \$0.00 | |
| | Relocate or Consolidate RR Crossings | 30 | \$0.00 | |
| | Relocate Highway to Eliminate RR Crossing | 30 | \$0.00 | |