MEMORANDUM NO. 2

CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER MEMORANDUM

DATE: 12/19/13

SUBJECT: HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

FOR SPECIAL ATTENTION OF: District Engineers

DATE OF REVIEW: 12/19/14

COO Memo – Highway Safety Improvement Program

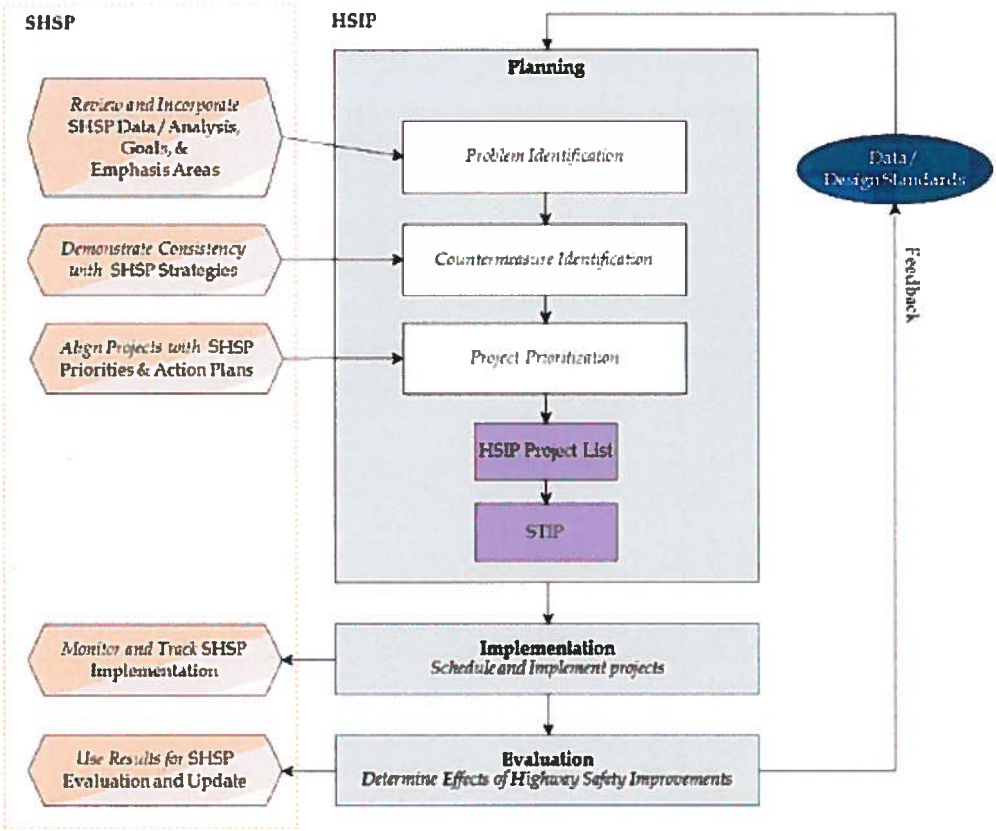
This memo supersedes paragraph 2 (Safety) of Chief Operations Officer Memorandum No. 1 (COO No. 1) dated April 18, 2012. All other portions of COO No. 1 remain in full force and effect.

*Highway Safety Improvement Program Administration:*
The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) emphasizes a safety data-driven, strategic approach to improving highway safety that focuses on eliminating deaths and serious injuries resulting from traffic crashes. To be eligible, projects must be consistent with the strategies in Idaho's Strategic Highway Safety Plan, align with the project criteria outlined in MAP-21, and must be safety data driven. Projects must correct or improve a corridor, location, or address a highway safety problem using a systemic approach.

*Highway Safety Improvement Program Project Selection:*
Highway safety improvement projects must be identified on the basis of crash experience, crash potential, crash rate, or other data-supported means. (23 USC 148(c)(2)(B)). The general framework for the identification and analysis of highway safety problems and counter-measure opportunities is defined by the Highway Safety Corridor Analysis program. This framework is consistent with general roadway safety management practices in that ITD:

- Identifies safety problems either through a safety corridor analysis, site specific locations or systemic approach;
- Identify countermeasures to address those problems;
- Create projects for construction programming; and
- Evaluate projects to determine effectiveness.

The following graphic shows how a strong underlying data driven foundation interacts with a Strategic Highway Safety Plan and the Highway Safety Improvement Program:




ITD's use of the Highway Safety Corridor planning and prioritization process should be utilized to identify locations for highway safety projects.

After the Districts and Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) have submitted the proposed projects into the program update, the projects will be combined by the Office of Transportation Investment (OTI) for review. Final review by the Division of Highways will verify the projects selected are safety data driven, align with the Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) and align with the criteria and intent of MAP-21.

The Districts are responsible for proposing eligible projects for input into the HSIP, and then submitting the selected HSIP Projects via ITIP to OTI. Projects are not final until the compiled proposed program is received from OTI, prioritized and specific projects selected, and approved by the Division of Highways.