

THE TRAFFIC SAFETY NAVIGATOR

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The Traffic Safety Navigator is the 2025–2029 California Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) e-newsletter. The newsletter provides SHSP updates along with insights into best practices for implementing strategies that achieve zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries on California's roadways.

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THE 2025–2029 SHSP HAS BEEN SIGNED!

SHSP leadership is pleased to share that with the approval of multiple partner agencies at the federal, state, regional, local, and tribal levels, California State Transportation Agency Secretary **Toks Omishakin** has officially signed the [2025–2029 Strategic Highway Safety Plan](#) (SHSP). This SHSP signifies California's commitment to institutionalizing the Safe System Approach, which provides an enhanced strategy for addressing road safety by examining and improving every part that makes up the road system. Everyone has the right to travel safely on our roads, regardless of race, socioeconomic status, gender, age, ability, or geographic location.

Consistent with the prior SHSP, California safety leaders adopted a two-plan approach to implement the road safety strategies detailed by the 2025–2029 SHSP. The corresponding Implementation Plan will identify detailed actions and a process for analysis, evaluation, and stakeholder input during the life of the Plan. Read more below for updates on the status of the Implementation Plan, new opportunities for collaboration during this SHSP, enhancements to the Crash Data Dashboard, and updates from SHSP stakeholder AARP.

THE SHSP'S COLLABORATIVE ACTION DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

The Implementation Plan of the 2025–2029 California SHSP is a strategic roadmap outlining prioritized actions, strategies, and collaborative efforts to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries on California's roadways, in alignment with the State's Strategic Highway Safety Plan. The Implementation Plan has reached several key milestones, shaped by extensive stakeholder engagement and collaboration. This inclusive process brought together experts, agencies, and organizations, whose valuable review and comments informed refinements and improvements to the Implementation Plan. The combined efforts ensured a united vision for safe and accessible roads for all road users in California.

A critical achievement in this process was the approval of the first three high-impact actions outlined in the Plan. On May 7, Executive Leadership voted unanimously to approve actions to reduce lane departures in rural tribal areas; create a multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency DUI task force; and support the Forwarded Actions for Speeding Tickets ([FAST](#)) Pilot Program. These actions stand as pivotal steps toward implementing practical, life-saving strategies and reflect the commitment of all contributors to enhance safety for all modes of travel on California's public roadways.

Challenge Area meetings have also resumed, marking another significant step forward in implementing the 2025–2029 SHSP. In March, an initial series of meetings with each Challenge Area Team highlighted the new SHSP, action development process, and provided an opportunity to discuss potential actions.

Challenge Area Team members have proposed brand new actions, many of which were reviewed, revised, and refined during an Action Development Workshop held in June. This workshop was an amazing opportunity to foster innovation and collaboration across diverse sectors of roadway safety.

There is still time to get involved and help shape additional actions as part of the 2025–2029 SHSP. The SHSP Team encourages individuals, professionals, and organizations to join the Challenge Area Teams to help shape California's SHSP efforts. Your voice matters in this collaborative process, and your contribution could lead to impactful actions that safeguard road users across the state. Together, we will achieve the goal of zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all of California's public roadways.

Let's make a difference — sign up for a Challenge Area Team today and help turn vision into action!

[Sign Up](#)

WELCOME NEW SHSP MEMBERS!

Join the SHSP Team in welcoming three new organizations to the Executive Leadership and Steering Committees! To help bring additional expertise and increase stakeholder representation across different safety areas, the [Autonomous Vehicle Industry Association \(AVIA\)](#), [California County Planning Directors Association \(CCPDA\)](#), and [California Transportation Commission \(CTC\)](#) are now part of each committee as advisory members.

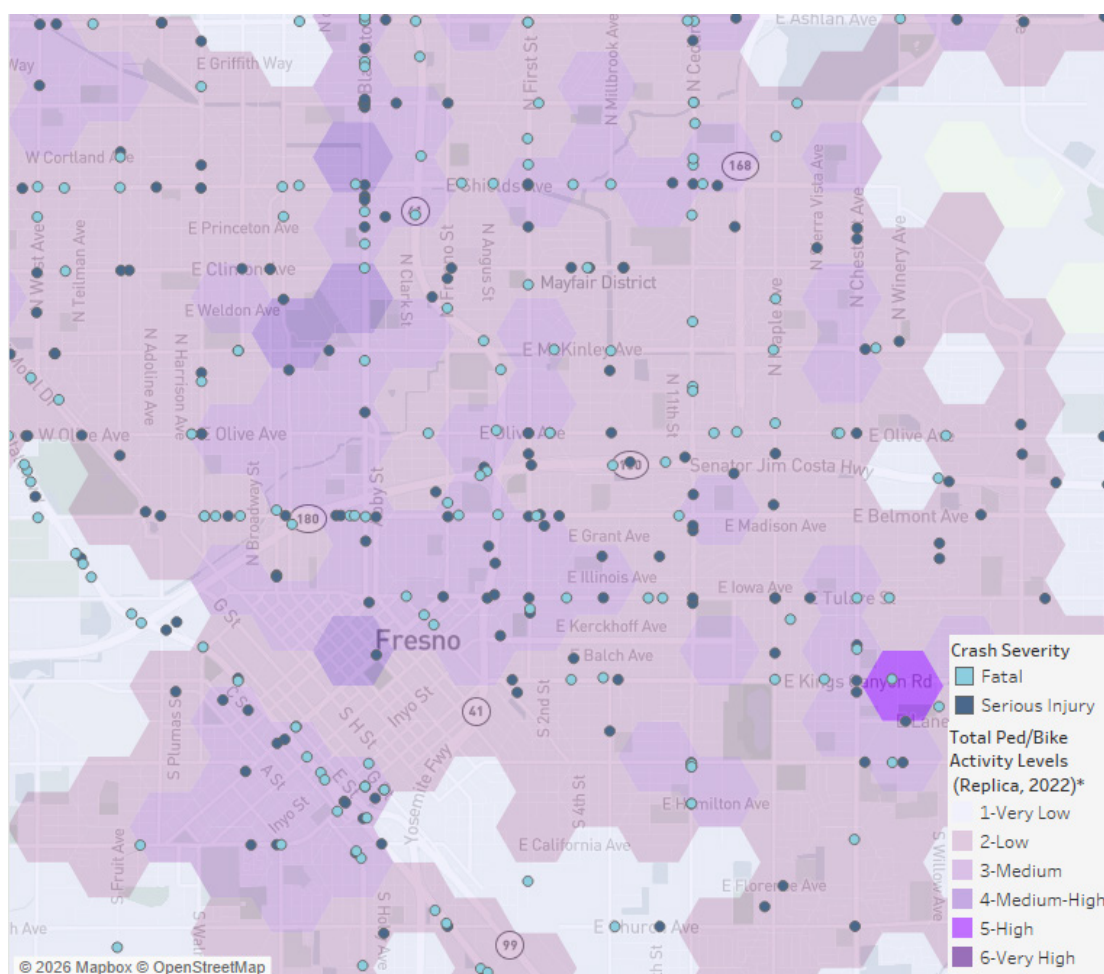
AVIA advocates for American leadership in the safe and timely deployment of autonomous driving technology, and brings the needed connected vehicle/autonomous vehicle (CV/AV) manufacturer perspective to the SHSP. Their perspective is crucial to the Emerging Technologies Challenge Area, and helps provide expertise when applying the Safe System Approach (SSA) Element of Safe Vehicles. CCPDA is a vital link between all California Counties to coordinate best management practices in the field of planning. Their expertise and local agency land use planning perspective helps when applying the new sixth SSA element of Safer Land Use to both urban and rural contexts in California. CTC is responsible for programming and allocating funds for the construction of highway, passenger rail, transit and active transportation improvements throughout California. Their perspective helps strengthen the ties between the SHSP's transportation/traffic safety planning practices and California's funding/programming and project delivery processes.

With these three organizations added, there are now a total of 30 that participate on the SHSP governing committees, helping create a diversity of viewpoints and organizational types for guiding the work of the SHSP for California. For a complete listing of all Executive Leadership and Steering Committee members, visit the [SHSP Partners page](#).

NEW DATA AVAILABLE IN CRASH DATA DASHBOARD

The [Crash Data Dashboard](#) now has several new features! In partnership with the UC Berkeley Safe Transportation Research & Education Center (SafeTREC), roadway functional classification information is now available. This data allows for analyzing crash data and demographic information against roadway functional classification, or roadway type, such as interstates/freeways, arterials, and local roadways.

The dashboard also now contains telematics data on the updated map page. This data, provided by Replica, highlights pedestrian and bicyclist activity across the state. An example of the telematics data found on the dashboard in the city of Fresno is pictured below.



Replica is a synthetic data source that aggregates various data inputs such as location-based services, Census Data, and community destinations to estimate pedestrian and bicyclist activity in specific locations. This allows for proactive safety analyses, going beyond the review of reactive crash data in isolation. Explore these new data features on the [Crash Data Dashboard](#).

SAFETY SPOTLIGHT: AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS (AARP)

By Bob Prath, AARP, Livable Communities Team Member, AARP California

[AARP California](#) is proud to support and actively participate in the development and implementation of the California Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). AARP recognizes that transportation safety is about far more than automobiles — it is about creating streets, sidewalks, intersections, and mobility systems that safely serve people of all ages, abilities, and modes of travel. For more than 45 years, AARP's Driver Safety Program has helped over 20 million older adults remain safe, confident, and independent through nationally recognized programs such as [AARP Smart Driver](#) and [CarFit](#).

At the same time, AARP has championed safer walking, bicycling, and transit environments through community walk audits, demonstration projects, and Community Challenge grants that improve crosswalks, lighting, accessibility, traffic calming, and neighborhood connectivity. AARP also provides free livability toolkits that help communities conduct walk audits, bike audits, and temporary “pop-up” safety demonstrations designed to identify and address dangerous roadway conditions.

AARP California has also been a consistent advocate for Complete Streets policies. In 2008, it co-sponsored Assembly Bill 1358, landmark legislation requiring cities and counties to plan for balanced, multimodal transportation networks that safely accommodate all road users. That advocacy continues today through support for Senate Bill 960, which strengthened California's commitment to Complete Streets by moving the state beyond policy guidance toward measurable implementation and accountability.

Through participation on the SHSP Steering Committee, the [Zero Fatalities Task Force](#), and related safety initiatives, AARP California remains deeply committed to helping build safer, healthier, and more accessible communities statewide — so every Californian, whether walking, driving, bicycling, rolling, or taking transit, can travel safely and confidently. Learn more about how AARP is working to create more livable communities for all — through efforts like accessible and affordable age-friendly transportation — on the [AARP website](#).

GET INVOLVED AND SHSP RESOURCES

CHECK OUT THE SHSP CRASH DATA DASHBOARD



The California SHSP Crash Data Dashboard was developed to provide SHSP implementers with direct access to crash data to support data-driven implementation of the SHSP. The dashboard currently uses finalized crash data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) and the Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS) and allows users to customize reports by location and other characteristics, including whether a fatal or serious injury crash was within five miles of a tribal boundary. The SHSP Team is excited to share that the Dashboard has now been updated with the latest SWITRS crash data available, including the finalized 2023 data, located in the 2014–2023 Dashboard, as well as Provisional 2024 data. Additional updates include a new option to filter data by an urban or rural area, improved design to the map page, and pedestrian and bicyclist telematics data from the SHSP partners at Replica. If you are unfamiliar with the Crash Data Dashboard, it only takes a few minutes to register and create an account; there is a user guide and videos available in both English and Spanish.

View Dashboard

High Priority Areas



Bicyclists



Pedestrians



Impaired Driving



Intersections



Lane Departures



Speed
Management/
Aggressive
Driving

(Active Transportation)

Focus Areas



Aging Drivers



Commercial
Vehicles



Distracted
Driving



Driver Licensing



Emergency
Response



Emerging
Technologies



Motorcyclists



Occupant
Protection



Work Zones



Young Drivers



WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU

The SHSP is just the start. We all need to work together to implement the actions developed in the SHSP. Involvement in an SHSP Challenge Area Team is a direct way to influence countermeasures selected to improve safety. Volunteers are needed for all Challenge Areas. Join today!

Get Involved

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU



Tell us about your successful implementation of traffic safety countermeasures! We will be highlighting success stories on the SHSP website and in future newsletters.

Share Your Story

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 21, 2026, National Blood Summit, InterContinental San Antonio Riverwalk, San Antonio, TX

Presented by the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC), the National Blood Summit is a premier gathering of national leaders in prehospital, hospital, and military medicine focused on advancing blood research, program development, implementation strategies, and system-wide integration. This one-day event delivers cutting-edge discussions on transfusion practices, trauma system coordination, and operational innovations that improve survival and expand blood readiness nationwide. Learn more on the [STRAC website](#).

August 2–5, 2026, Association of Transportation Safety Information Professionals (ATSIP): Traffic Records Forum, Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, New Orleans, LA

The Traffic Records Forum is for data analysts, state and local law enforcement officials, engineers, motor vehicle officials, emergency medical services providers, judicial administrators, and highway safety professionals from across the United States and international communities. Attendees can participate in sessions for the latest safety data collection methods and best practices and learn how to improve the accuracy of traffic records and highway safety data, become acquainted with new technologies and ideas, network with a variety of transportation and highway safety professionals, discover how better data can help save lives, and more. To register, visit the [ATSIP website](#).

**August 21–23, 2026, International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP):
Impaired Driving & Traffic Safety (IDTS) Conference, Hilton Anaheim, Anaheim, CA**

The IDTS Conference is the largest training conference for drug recognition experts and traffic safety professionals. Join traffic safety professionals from around the world to share knowledge about effective and proven approaches for improving road safety, the latest science on alcohol and drug impaired driving enforcement, how technology can be leveraged to make communities safer, and how agencies can use traffic safety education to engage and build trust with their communities. Conference attendees include drug recognition experts, law enforcement officers (state police, highway patrol, county, municipal, governmental, sheriffs, and other agencies), crash investigators, supervisors/administrators, prosecutors, toxicologists, laboratory personnel, traffic safety professionals, among others. Learn more on the [IACP website](#).

**August 26–28, 2026, Kidz in Motion Conference, Wilmington Convention Center,
Wilmington, NC**

Kidz in Motion fosters child passenger safety (CPS) through education, best practices and technological advancements through its annual networking conference. The conference features workshops by and for everyone in the CPS family: public health, fire, EMS, law enforcement, volunteers, manufacturers, hospitals, researchers, engineers, advocates, and local/state/national departments of transportation. It offers a unique mix of grassroots advocates presenting side-by-side with nationally-recognized leaders, inviting unlimited networking and professional relationships. Learn more on the [Kidz in Motion website](#).

**August 29–September 2, 2026, Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA):
Annual Meeting, Hyatt Regency, Minneapolis, MN**

The GHSA Annual Meeting provides access to the nation's top roadway safety, government, business, nonprofit, and community leaders across a range of educational and social events. The GHSA Annual Meeting features a wide range of engaging and informative educational sessions covering persistent and emerging safety issues. These sessions vary in format from widely-attended keynote speeches to in-depth workshops, so attendees can learn and share in multiple ways. Learn more on the [GHSA website](#).

November 16–18, 2026, California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Traffic Safety Summit, San Diego, CA

The OTS is committed to making California roads safe for everyone. The OTS supports a variety of impactful initiatives from its partners and allied agencies, including community outreach programs, educational workshops, and traffic safety events. Save the date for its upcoming Traffic Safety Summit in San Diego this fall. Additional details will be announced on the [OTS website](#).

California Highway Patrol (CHP) California Motorcyclist Safety Program (CMSP)

The Motorcyclist Training Course (MTC) is a 15-hour course that includes 5 hours of classroom instruction and 10 hours of actual riding. The MTC is mandatory for those under the age of 21, but is also recommended to those 21 and older who are seeking to obtain a motorcycle endorsement on their California driver license. Learn more on the [CHP CMSP website](#).



SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE TOPICS?

We want to know what topics are of interest to California! Complete our simple feedback form to provide suggestions on future newsletter topics.

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WHAT IS THE SHSP?

The California Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) is a comprehensive, statewide road safety plan which provides a collaborative framework for eliminating fatalities and serious injuries across all travel modes and on all public roads. The SHSP utilizes a data-driven process to identify key safety needs and guides resource and investment decisions that provide the greatest potential to achieve the plan's goal of zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all of California's public roadways. Started in 2005, the SHSP is updated regularly to ensure continued progress and to meet changing safety needs. Currently, over 1,700 safety stakeholders from over 600 public and private agencies and organizations work together on this effort under the guidance of the SHSP Executive Leadership and Steering Committees. The California SHSP is aligning its activities and actions with California's Safe System Approach, which identifies six interconnected elements to achieve the goal of zero fatalities and serious injuries:

- **Safe Roads**
- **Safe Vehicles**
- **Safe Speeds**
- **Post-Crash Care**
- **Safe Road Users**
- **Safer Land Use**



VISION

Safe and accessible roads for all road users in California



MISSION

Collaborate to enhance safety for all modes of travel on California's public roadways



GOAL

Zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all of California's public roadways

[Learn More](#)

More Information

For more information about the California SHSP, please visit <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/safety-programs/shsp>

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