POLICY

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Highway Safety Manual Implementation

It is the policy of the Department of Transportation to incorporate safety into the project development process (planning to operations).

To implement this policy, the transportation analyst is encouraged to use the Highway Safety Manual (HSM) methods, where applicable, to measure safety benefits from proposed improvements.

The HSM methods reflect the evolution in safety analysis from descriptive (historical) methods to quantitative, predictive analyses.

In the HSM, crash frequency is the fundamental basis for safety analysis and is used to reduce crashes and/or severities through the selection of alternative treatments.

This Highway Safety Manual Implementation Policy will be integrated into the Department’s internal manuals, guidelines and related documents governing the planning, design, construction, maintenance and operation of transportation facilities.

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