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Memorandum

TO: Operations Committee

DATE: September 5, 2014

FR: Executive Director

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RE: California Strategic Highway Safety Plan Update

Caltrans is currently updating its Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP), which was first developed in 2006. The SHSP identifies key safety needs of the State, and serves to guide implementation strategies designed to address these needs. The attached fact sheet (Attachment 1) provides additional details about the SHSP update.

As part of its statewide outreach efforts, Caltrans has requested an opportunity for its SHSP consultant, Cambridge Systematics, Inc., to (1) provide an overview of the SHSP, including accomplishments since the 2006 update and (2) highlight the SHSP Update process, including upcoming engagement opportunities (e.g., statewide webinars and safety summits). In response to this request, we are pleased to inform the Committee that Cambridge Systematics, Inc. will attend the September meeting to provide an overview on efforts to date and upcoming SHSP engagement opportunities this fall.



Steve Heminger

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Attachments

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Attachment 1



California Strategic Highway Safety Plan
Updating the SHSP

California is updating our Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). The state has had great success over the last five years developing and implementing the SHSP, but now it is time to pause, evaluate, and chart a course to continue reducing traffic related fatalities and serious injuries.

Your support as professional stakeholders is critical to this process.

With your insight, commitment, and support we will be able develop a second-generation plan that will keep us focused on the right strategies to continue our safety progress. Some of our activities over the next several months include:

- Conducting an analysis of SHSP process strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) related to highway safety. We want to know what worked well under the last plan and where we need to make improvements going forward. We will be doing a series of interviews and an online survey to what our stakeholders think of our safety efforts to date.
- Collecting, analyzing, and presenting data on our most serious traffic safety problems.
- Leveraging other planned statewide and regional meetings where we will educate partners and other stakeholders about the SHSP and why we need their involvement in updating the plan.
- Promoting opportunities for input at statewide webinars and two Safety Summits where individuals will provide input on strategies to include in the plan.
- Coordinating the SHSP with other statewide plans such as the California Transportation Plan, the Highway Safety Improvement Program, and the Highway Safety Plan.
- Developing an SHSP document that will serve as our roadmap to improve traffic safety over the next five years.

Upcoming Events

Statewide Webinars	Late October 2014
Two Safety Summits (Southern and Northern CA)	Mid-November 2014

Check website for details: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/shsp/>

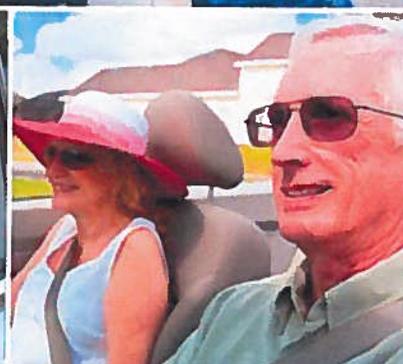
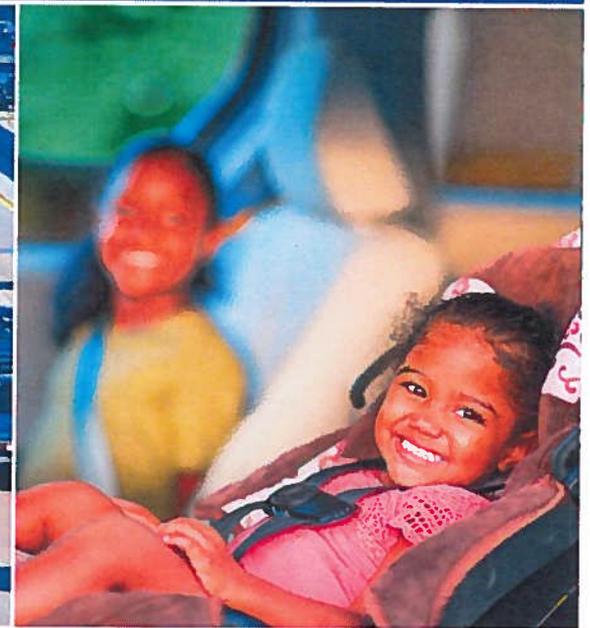
More Information

For more information on the update process and ways to get involved, contact our consultants Pam Beer pbeer@camsys.com or Audrey Wennink, awennink@camsys.com with Cambridge Systematics. If you have questions for Caltrans, contact Ursula Stuter at ursula.stuter@dot.ca.gov.



OUR PLAN FOR A SAFER CALIFORNIA

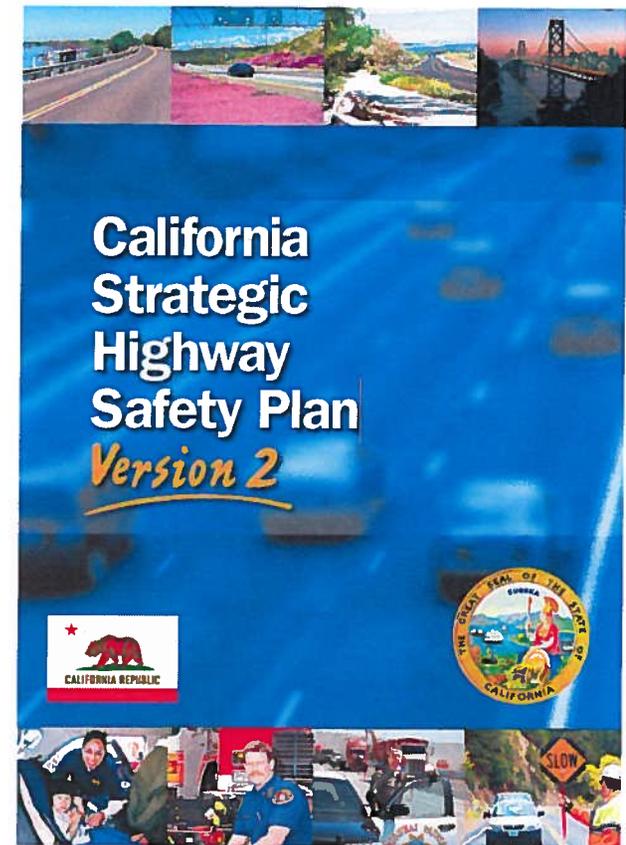
California Strategic Highway Safety Plan Update



Metropolitan Transportation Commission
September 12, 2014

SHSP Overview

- Guides safety activities for all roadway users
- Addresses safety on all public roads
- Strategic, data-driven process
- Federal requirement



• Human Costs

- ◆ Over 2,500 people die
- ◆ Nearly 11,000 are seriously injured

• Economic Costs

- ◆ More than \$22 million
- ◆ \$608 per capita
- ◆ Less funding for other community priorities



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Some SHSP Partners



California STRONG
Helping Families, Communities and
Businesses Grow Financially



**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**



- **Reduce crash number and severity on all public roads**
 - ◆ **Demographic groups, i.e.,**
 - Older/younger drivers
 - ◆ **Infrastructure, i.e.,**
 - Intersections
 - Roadway departure
 - ◆ **Behaviors, i.e.,**
 - Impaired driving
 - Seat belt use
 - ◆ **Mode types, i.e.,**
 - Commercial vehicles
 - Bicycles
 - Motorcycles
 - Pedestrians
 - ◆ **Foundational systems**
 - Crash data
 - Emergency response



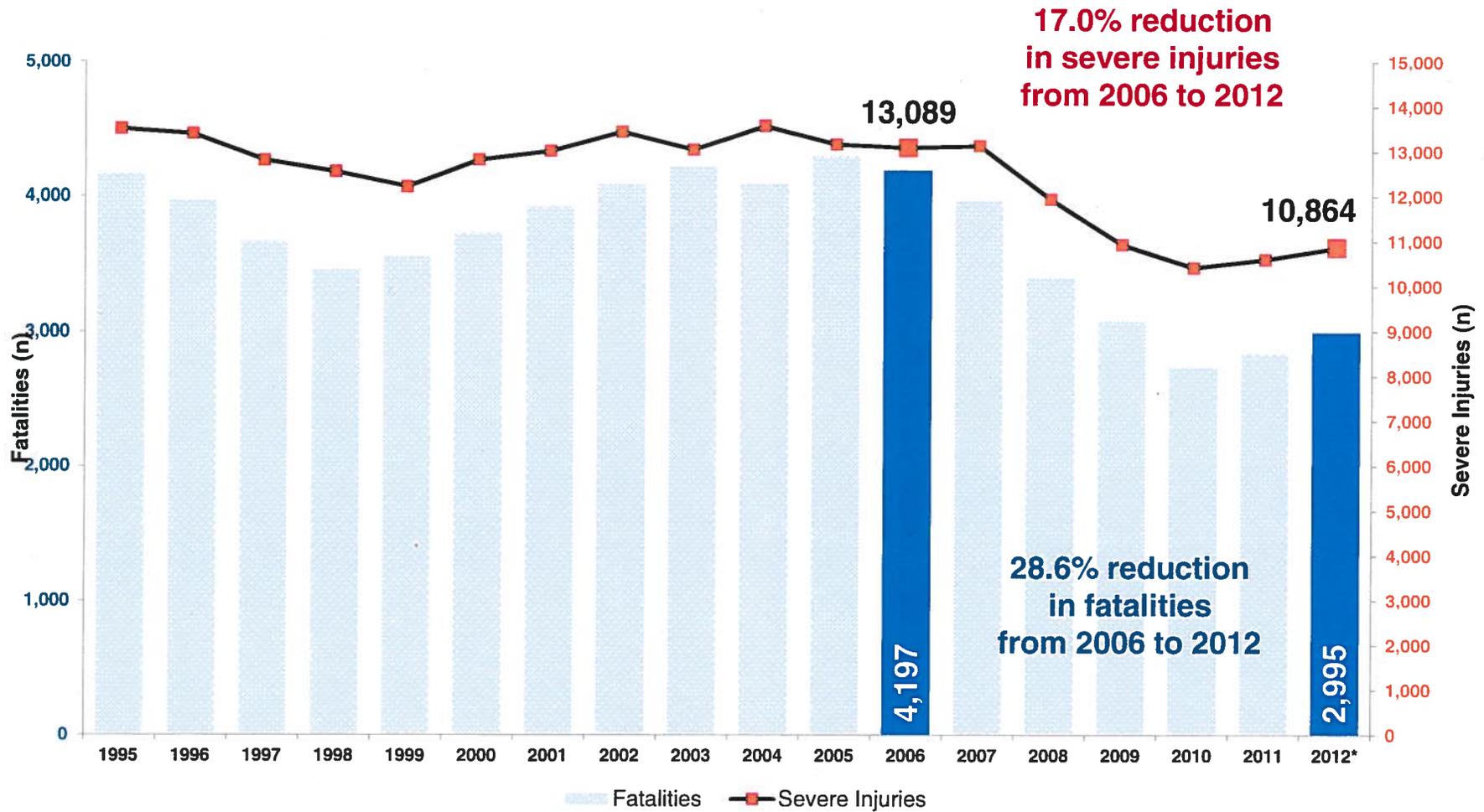
SHSP Process

- **Engages hundreds of partners statewide**
- **Multidisciplinary process - 4Es**
 - ◆ **Enforcement**
 - ◆ **Education**
 - ◆ **Engineering**
 - ◆ **Emergency response**
- **Focuses resources on the greatest safety problems**



OUR PLAN FOR A SAFER CALIFORNIA

Progress Since 2006





Need for the Update

- **On California roadways in 2012 there were**
 - ◆ 2,995 fatalities
 - ◆ 10,864 severe injuries

- **Still an unacceptable toll**
 - ◆ Public health
 - ◆ Quality of life
 - ◆ Economic impacts

• 177 actions since 2006 plan completed

Added after 2006:
27 Actions

◆ Completed because of the SHSP

◆ Examples

- ➔ Impaired Driving
 - Implement and maintain the Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor program.
 - Provided over 180 training programs for more than 6,000 prosecutors and law enforcement officers since 2007
- ➔ Intersections
 - Review high-crash intersections and implement appropriate safety countermeasures.
 - Online tool (through SafeTrec) now available for local agency use on on local roadways





The Update Process

• Ideas and commitment from broad range of partners

- ◆ Elected officials
- ◆ Planners
- ◆ Advocates
- ◆ Tribes
- ◆ Law Enforcement
- ◆ Educators
- ◆ Emergency Medical Services
- ◆ Engineers
- ◆ Public Health
- ◆ Public Works
- ◆ Government
- ◆ Community Stakeholders



Get Involved!

• Fall Outreach Events

◆ Statewide Webinars - **Late October 2014**

- Discuss specific crash factors
- Seek input on strategies for new plan

◆ Two Safety Summits - **Mid November 2014**

- Los Angeles and Sacramento
- Workshop format to develop safety strategies

• Encourage staff involvement



Contact Us

SHSP Web Site

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/shsp/>

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