









# 6th Annual South Dakota Tribal Transportation Safety Summit Mobridge, South Dakota October 14-15, 2015

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#### **Introductions**

The 6th Annual South Dakota Tribal Transportation Safety Summit (Summit) was hosted by the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe on October 14-15, 2015, at the Grand River Casino in Mobridge, South Dakota. This annual event provides an opportunity for Tribes, the State of South Dakota, and federal agencies to jointly address transportation safety on Tribal lands. Participating in the Summit provides a way for Tribes to collaborate on the effective practices used to address challenges in providing safe transportation on their respective reservations and government agencies to align their safety priorities with Tribal needs.

The 6th Annual Summit was a collaborative effort by representatives from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Northern Plains Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP), South Dakota Department of Public Safety (DPS), South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT), and the nine South Dakota Tribes.



**Figure 1:** The Grand River Casino and Hotel was the venue for the 6th Annual South Dakota Tribal Transportation Safety Summit.

#### **Summit Overview**

The purpose of the annual Summit is to allow Tribes and agencies to exchange information and ideas to improve Tribal transportation safety. The Tribal Transportation Safety Summit Planning Committee invited representatives from nine Tribes located throughout South Dakota to share ideas, resources, and concerns with each other and state and federal agencies. Together, Tribes and agencies identify opportunities for working together to reduce the severity and number of crashes on reservation motorized and non-motorized transportation networks. The goal of this collaboration is to engage Tribal leaders working toward the common goal of improving safety, quality of life and transportation networks for drivers and pedestrians.

#### Summit Goals and Recommendations

Each year, goals and recommendations from the previous year's Summit are reviewed. Goals and recommendations from the 6th Annual Summit included the following:

- Transit Safety
- Tribal Transportation Program—Safety Program
- Update on Tribal Crash Reporting
- Work Zone Safety and Maintenance Practices
- Tribal Tourism and Safety
- Update on the Process for Tribal Involvement in County Signing Projects
- Motor Carrier and Truck Traffic Safety

#### 2015 South Dakota Tribal Transportation Summit Topics

Each year's Summit topics evolve as funding resources change, new challenges arise and new innovative solutions are introduced. Discussion topics for this year's Summit included the following:

- Highway Safety Media Campaigns
- Tribal Transportation Project Updates
- Wildlife-Vehicle Collision Research Project
- Horizontal Curves
- Seatbelt Usage
- Tribal Safety Plans
- Traffic Incident Management
- Tribal Crash Reporting

#### Welcome, Opening Prayer and Introductions

Opening remarks were provided by Leah Fool Bear of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe followed by an opening prayer offered by Dakota Longbrake of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. Members of the South Dakota American Legion presented the colors and placed the flags in the meeting room. The opening ceremony concluded with an Honor song presented by members of the South Dakota American Legion.



Figure 2: Members of the South Dakota American Legion presented the colors.

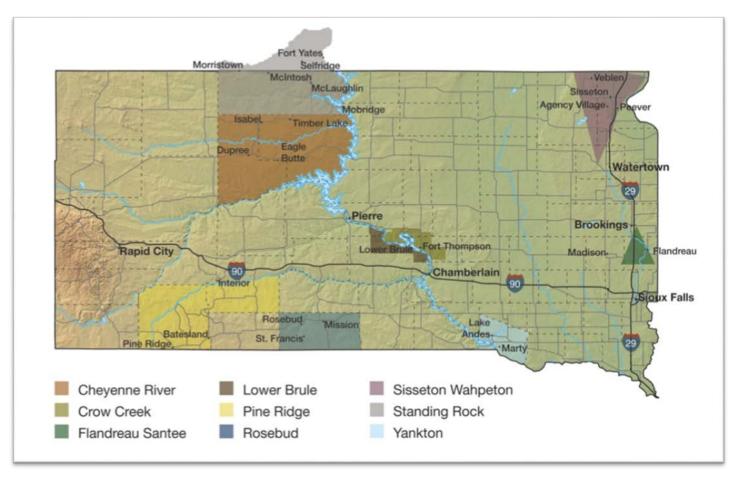


Figure 3: Members of the South Dakota American Legion presented the Honor Song.

#### **Best Practices and Success Stories**

Tribes attending the Summit were invited to share their stories on utilizing resources, implementing improvements and identifying and overcoming obstacles relating to transportation safety on their respective reservations. The nine Tribes invited to the summit include the Cheyenne River Sioux, Crow Creek Sioux, Flandreau Santee Sioux, Lower Brule Sioux, Oglala Sioux, Rosebud Sioux, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate, Standing Rock Sioux and Yankton Sioux.

The image below illustrates the location of each Tribe invited to the Summit and is followed by a summary of each Tribe's presentation. Please see the appendices for full presentations and supporting materials.



**Figure 4**: Location of each American Indian reservation in South Dakota. **Source:** SD Department of Tribal Relations

Nine tribal governments reside within South Dakota, seven with reservation boundaries and two without. On the nine reservations listed above, approximately 71,800 Native Americans reside in South Dakota.

#### Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

Presenter: Leah Fool Bear

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe (SRST) announced they have been successful in hiring a new Tribal Traffic Safety Coordinator. This is a position that has been vacant for some time and is essential in the delivery of their safety programs. The new person will begin in November 2015.



**Figure 5:** Photo of the traffic safety educational materials purchased by the SRST that is currently being used at community events and classroom presentations.

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In 2015, SRST received an educational safety grant from the Tribal

Transportation Safety Program. SRST intends to use the grant funding to develop and distribute educational materials including print materials, banners and billboards to promote transportation safety. One specific item that was included was the purchase of an informational booth and kiosk to be used at Pow Wows and other public events. This booth will have SRST safety messages and artwork displayed on it.

"The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe is purchasing a booth that will include tribal artwork and safety messages for community events like the pow wow."

—Leah Foolbear

The Tribe also received a grant from FHWA in the past to purchase laptops and software for a Tribal crash reporting system. These have been purchased and provided to Corson County and local emergency medical service (EMS); BIA Enforcement will no longer agree to use them and populate the software. The Tribe is working with fire and EMS to try and get the crash reporting completed.

SRST applied for two Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) Safety grants and are waiting to see if they were successful.

Upon hire, the new Tribal Traffic Safety Coordinator will oversee the implementation of these programs and facilitate the use of the new educational materials.



**Figure 6:** Leah Fool Bear presented the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's Best Practices.

#### Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate

Presenter: Cliff Eberhardt

Cliff Eberhardt, Transportation Project Coordinator with the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate (SWO) Construction Management Department, shared updates on the traffic safety improvement projects on the Lake Traverse Reservation. The SWO-Construction Management Department has been authorized and delegated



authority by the Tribal Council to act and serve as both General Contractor and Construction Contract Administrator for Tribally and federally funded construction projects, including the Agency Village Pathways Project, Enemy Swim Pathway Project and the BIA Route 7 Re-construction Project.



**Figure 7:** Cliff Eberhardt presented the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribe's best practices.

After receiving a grant from South Dakota Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program, the Agency Village Pathway Project is ready for construction. When completed, the project will

provide a pathway, separating pedestrians from the roadway vehicular traffic.

TAP is a grant program that uses federal transportation funds, designated by Congress, for specific activities that enhance the intermodal transportation system and provide safe alternative transportation options. TAP provides the opportunity to construct multi-use pathways and TTP safety funds provide the opportunity to add additional safety features such as lighting and crossing enhancements to the existing path. The key to applying for TTP safety funds is having a safety plan in place.



**Figure 8:** The Agency Village Pathway Project will seperate pedestrians from the roadway and vehicular traffic.

The second project, the Enemy Swim Pathway Project, will construct a pathway from Enemy Swim Housing to the fishing bridge where users, often children, currently utilize BIA Route 5, sharing the roadway with vehicle traffic. The Tribe has submitted several grant applications for the project and is working closely with the BIA Regional Office to develop the construction plan. The Tribe is considering the inclusion of parking lots and benches along the Enemy Swim Pathway.

In 2015, a monument dedication was completed for the family in respect of the Blue Dog Mound Burial Site. The Enemy Swim Pathway Project will be ready for construction in 2016.



**Figure 9:** Photo of the monument honoring the Blue Dog Mound Burial Site.

"We try to build in all the safety that we possibly can into our projects."

-Cliff Eberhardt



**Figure 10:** Photo of the BIA Route 7 Re-construction project safety improvements.

The final project presented was the BIA Route 7 Reconstruction Project which was completed in 2015. Safety improvements in the project included rumble strips, delineators, in slopes, flared ends on all culverts, object markers, wider eight foot shoulders and parking areas for the cemeteries along the route.

SWO Tribal officials worked with community, county and Tribal officials to complete a Tribal Transportation Safety Plan. This plan was developed using funds from the TTP Safety Program. In 2015, SWO applied to the TTP Safety Program for several of the strategies that were identified in the plan and received safety grants for traffic safety education and enforcement. This funding will sustain the existing bike safety training at all seven districts and Tribal schools.

#### Rosebud Sioux Tribe

Presenters: Lynda Douville; Leroy Sleeping Bear

Lynda Douville, Director of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe's MAP-21 program, and Leroy Sleeping Bear with the Tribal Transit Program, gave an update on projects the Rosebud Sioux Tribe (RST) is working on, as well as highlighted the role the transit service plays on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation.





**Figure 11:** Lynda Douville gave the update from The Rosebud Sioux Tribe. Douville was later joined by Leroy Sleeping Bear who gave an update on transit services on the Reservation.

The RST recently had two large projects start. The first project highlighted was the Rosebud to Highway 83 Improvement project. This project includes a total of 16 miles of surface transportation improvements including approximately six miles of BIA 7 and 10 miles of Lakeview Road and 293<sup>rd</sup> Street. This project is supported by a partnership with Todd County and will connect the City of Rosebud to US Highway 83 South of Mission. The existing route that connects the community of Rosebud to US Highway 83 is in poor condition and much of it is gravel roads, which can cause hazardous driving conditions, especially during weather related events. In many places the roadway is narrow, has steep slopes and the road shoulder is unstable. This route is the main connection for local residents and emergency services to the Rosebud Casino and Tribal housing located near the Nebraska border.

"The Rosebud Sioux Tribe hopes to improve EMS response times from Rosebud to the Casino with the Rosebud to Highway 83 connection." —Lynda Douville

The project intends to enhance safety not only for drivers but for pedestrians as well. In addition to the surface transportation improvements, multi-use pedestrian infrastructure with lighting will also be included in the project in the vicinity of Rosebud. The RST intends to apply for TIGER funding to help in the construction of the project.

The RST recently had a groundbreaking for the BIA Route 1 reconstruction project in Rosebud. This project will improve the roadway coming into town with new surfacing and will enhance safety by adding crosswalks, a separated pedestrian pathway and lighting. The Map-21 program anticipates advertising for design services for upgrades to Killgore Road as well as for the replacement of four bridges on the reservation.

Leroy Sleeping Bear shared insight on the role the transit service, housed under Tribal Transportation Department, plays across the reservation. Transit offers service to the general public and is not a chartered system. The transit provides demands response service from 5:30 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. and served approximately 6,200 riders in 2014, including riders with disabilities. In 2015, the Transportation Program received \$1 million from the US Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration which is being used for building expansion.

#### Oglala Sioux Tribe

Presenters: Dave Kelly; Ron Williams

Dave Kelley, Oglala Sioux Tribe Transportation Department Director, along with Ron Williams, KLJ, gave an update on the Oglala Sioux Tribe's Scenic BIA Route 2 Gateway to the Badlands project. The project is a unique and significant project to both the Tribe and the state of South Dakota. Once completed the project will provide a higher level of connectivity to jobs, educational institutions and healthcare facilities on the Pine Ridge reservation, and supports tourism to the reservation and the South Unit of the Badlands National Park.





**Figure 12:** Dave Kelly, OST and Ron Williams, KLJ during the OST presentation.

Ron Williams, KLJ, explained the project has now moved to the construction phase, and when complete, a total of 17.6 miles of BIA 2 which runs east-west along the south unit of the Badlands National Park will be constructed between BIA 41 and BIA 27. The Scenic BIA Route 2 project is driven by an \$8.7 million Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant paired with a \$100,000 local match commitment from the OST. The grant award took significant commitment from OST, as explained by Kelley; both on the application side and the implementation of the funds.

"We received a TIGER grant in 2013 and we wrote our grant five different times. Be persistent. After announcements are made, you can do a debrief call as to why you weren't funded. Take that and use it to your advantage to continually improve the application."

- Dave Kelly, OST

This project is the result of a decade of planning, studies and efforts to improve the transportation accessibility for this area. The success of this project results from collaboration amongst the Oglala Sioux Tribe Department of Transportation, South Dakota Department of Transportation, Oglala Sioux Tribe, US National Park Service, and the Oglala Sioux Parks and Recreation Authority

We don't have the vehicle miles like CA or NY, but we still have a big part in tourism and our livelihood right here in South Dakota. We need safe roads for those that are here and those that come to visit our state."

- Dave Kelly

#### Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe

Presenters: Dakota Longbrake; Korey Fischer

The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Department of Transportation Director Dakota Longbrake and Korey Fischer shared some accomplishments in enhancing transportation safety on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation (CRST).

CRST was awarded Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant in 2013 which was used to install pathways and sidewalk, then in 2014 was awarded another TAP grant to extend pathway from town to hospital.



CRST updated their Transportation Safety plan in 2015. Following completion of the plan, the Tribe then applied for safety funds for pathway lighting and education funding.

Completed a culvert replacement project on BIA Route 8 and have applied for a TIGER grant to replace failing culverts across the reservation. CRST is currently working with FHWA on 4 culverts to be replaced and discuss design options.



**Figure 13:** Dakota Longbrake and Korey Fischer presented the accomplishments and current projects of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe.

#### Yankton Sioux Tribe

A representative from the Yankton Sioux Tribe was not able to present.



#### Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe

A representative from the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe was not able to attend.



#### Lower Brule Sioux Tribe

A representative from the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe was not able to attend.



#### Crow Creek Tribe

A representative from the Crow Creek Tribe was not able to attend.



#### **Presentations**

State and federal agencies and private organizations presented information and resources available to Tribes relating to transportation safety. Copies of the presentations and handouts are included in the Appendices.

#### Highway Safety Media Campaign

**Presenter:** Lieutenant Chris Misselt, City of Box Elder Police Department

Chris Misselt, Lieutenant of the Box Elder Police
Department, presented the challenges the Box Elder Police
Department faces regularly, as well as shared the success of
their Highway Safety Media Campaign. Lieutenant Misselt
has been in the department for 19 years and shares
experience in highway safety grant and program
administration.

Lieutenant Misselt explained that the City of Box Elder Police Department faces challenges unique to South Dakota and the region. The Box Elder Police Department straddles two different counties and includes the Ellsworth Airforce base in its jurisdiction. The jurisdiction is spread out over 42 square miles and includes a population of 10,000 people, although the US Census 2010 says a population of 7,200. As a result of the widespread jurisdiction, a commute can take 10-15 minutes for emergency responders.



**Figure 14:** The Box Elder Police Department shared best practices to maximize the impact of traffic safety educational materials.

"No matter what safety programming we do, there is a constant rotation of personnel in and out of the base. One quarter to one third of Ellsworth personnel changes annually. So every 3-5 years I have 100% new population at Ellsworth which impacts traffic programming and safety efforts. The outcomes of our traffic programming efforts lacks permanence due to change in base population, both behavioral and pattern."

- Lieutenant Chris Misselt

According to Lieutenant Misselt, the overwhelming traffic contributor is the Ellsworth Airforce Base and the school district being second. Box Elder experiences an influx of traffic as users cannot get to Ellsworth without traveling through Box Elder.

Despite the challenges the department faces, Lieutenant Misselt shared the efforts the department committed to and carried out. The Highway Safety Media Campaign was successful due to the commitment of the Box Elder Police Department and local government officials.

The Highway Safety Media Campaign included promotional materials including stickers, key chains, and koozies to be distributed at community events. The department also invites other organizations, such as MADD, to their events to help distribute the traffic safety messages. The department also shared their traffic safety message on a billboard along the main arterial route where the school district passes.



**Figure 15:** The Box Elder Police Department uses educational materials to keep traffic safety messages flowing to as many audiences as possible.

All members of the Box Elder Police Department assist in educating individuals of all ages through bicycle safety programming.

The effort of advocating for traffic safety is shared amongst the entire Box Elder Police Department.

"If you work for us, at some point you will be making a traffic safety presentation."

- Lieutenant Chris Misselt

The department proudly delivers the traffic safety messages through public speaking and interactions with the community. Examples of areas addressed include seatbelt, helmet and car seat safety.

The department is also committed to CORE safety and wellness programming which is a safety education effort targeted toward high school freshman. The CORE programming originated as alcohol avoidance and traffic safety and has grown over the years. As part of the CORE program, the department and other volunteers host a mock crash which serve as a learning and awareness tool in the campaign. CORE allows emergency service volunteers to educate and enhance awareness relating to traffic safety.



**Figure 16:** The Box Elder Police Department advocates for traffic safety by educating bike users on helmet safety.

Lieutenant Misselt highlighted a recent successful campaign called Project Visibility. Funded by the South Dakota Department of Public Safety and the City of Box Elder, Project Visibility began with the purchase of high-visibility shirts in neon yellow. The bright yellow shirts generated discussion and gave those wearing them the opportunity to educate and advocate on the safety campaign and remind homecoming attendees not to drink and drive.

In addition to the high visibility shirts, the department also purchased and distributed beverage glasses that had SD Department of Highway Safety campaign and Box Elder logo.



**Figure 17:** The high-visibility shirts were worn by officers at the high school homecoming events and also distributed to dispatchers, emergency personnel, and attendants working at local establishments selling alcohol.



**Figure 18:** Project Visibility was a success and resulted in the presentation of an award from South Dakota Department of Public Safety.

The Box Elder Police Department has now purchased reflective uniforms for informal events to carry on the message and impact from the campaign. An officer wearing the reflective uniform has been informally referred to as a mobile billboard.

#### Research Project Update—Wildlife Vehicle Collisions

Presenter: Patricia Cramer

Patricia Cramer, a Research Assistant Professor at Utah State University Department of Wildland Resources and Utah Transportation Center, presented a research project update on the use of wildlife crossing structures. The presentation described the practice and science of wildlife crossing structures and highlighted efforts in South Dakota to minimize wildlife vehicle collisions.

Last year in South Dakota there were over 5,000 reported crashes with wild life, and we know that many of these crashes are not reported. Other states such as Montana and Utah have started using wildlife crossing structures are designed explicitly for wildlife and placed with wildlife fencing to reduce these crashes. Structures can include culvert underpasses, bridged underpasses and in some cases overpasses.



**Figure 19:** Presenter Patricia Cramer enlightened the group on national, regional and local efforts to decrease the number of wildlife vehicle collisions.



According to Cramer, wildlife crossing structures are becoming part of doing business in transportation and there are many different structure designs that work. South Dakota is becoming more proactive in addressing wildlife-vehicle collisions. The photos below demonstrate several structure designs being used nationwide.

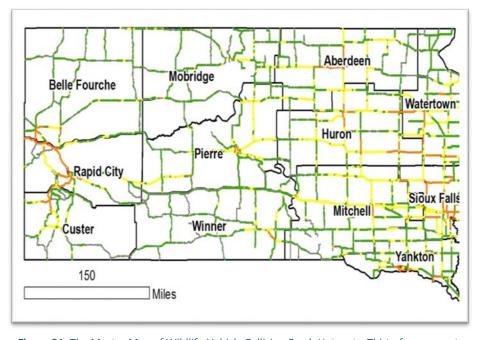




**Figure 20:** Attendees were invited to identify areas on maps referred to as "Hot Spots" with a known high frequency of wildlife vehicle collisions.

Cramer outlined in her presentation the study being done to reduce wildlifevehicle collisions in South Dakota. She explained the study will first evaluate South Dakota data and methods to record wildlife-vehicle collisions and will then make recommendations for improvements. Recommendations are anticipated to include improvements to data collection, mapping, and efforts to mitigate wildlife-vehicle collisions. Summit attendees were invited to identify areas on the map that would be considered "hot spots" where wildlifevehicle collisions occur frequently. In

addition to identifying hot spots, Cramer also requested copies of wildlife surveys and maps indicating predominance of wildlife for transportation planning purposes.



**Figure 21:** The Master Map of Wildlife-Vehicle Collision Crash Hotspots. Thirty-four percent of all Wildlife-Vehicle Collision crashes on SDDOT administered roads occur in hotspots, representing nine percent of the road network.

#### Lunch presentation on Passenger Restraint Study

Presenter: Bobbi Jo Peltier

Bobbi Jo Peltier is the Injury Prevention Coordinator with the Great Plains Area Indian Health Service. Peltier presented a summary of the Great Plains Area Indian Health Services Observational Seat Belt Survey conducted by the Aberdeen Area Injury Prevention Program Office of Environmental Health and Engineering. The report is typically available in January.

The protocol used to collect data was developed by the University of North Carolina and instructs observers to note seat belt usage of drivers and front seat passengers only. Observation location are randomly selected at three different time intervals. The number of observation locations selected is based on statistical tests and varies depending on traffic volume assessments.

The standardized seat belt observation survey protocol was used on Tribal reservations to provide yearly seat belt use rates, evaluate the results of injury prevention activities, and to provide seat belt usage rates to Tribal governments as a means of encouraging the passage and enforcement of Tribal primary occupant restraint laws.

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Figure 22: Bobbie Jo Peltier provided a summary of findings from the Great Plains Area Indian Health Services Observational Seat Belt Safety Survey and recommended several practices where the data would be useful in enhancing traffic safety.

In the Great Plains Region, a total of seven sites reported seat belt observation data- including three locations in South Dakota. In the Great Plains Region, a total of seven sites reported seat belt observation data-including three locations in South Dakota. Using this data the HIS develops an annual report of seat belt use rates that can be shared with Tribes for utilization in their safety programs.

Evidence-based research shows that passage of seat belt use laws, coupled with education and enforcement efforts are effective tools to increase seat belt use.

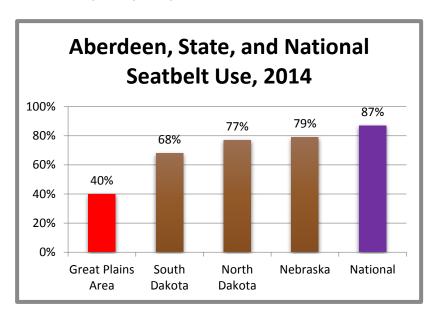


Figure 23: Area Usage Rate compared to State and National Rates.

A full copy of the survey summary can be found in the appendices.

#### Horizontal Curves

Presenter: Andy Vandel,

Andy Vandel, Highway Safety Engineer with the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT), presented on past and future horizontal curve improvements being made by SDDOT.

Horizontal curve improvements include low cost, minor roadway and major roadway improvements. Andy also reviewed the statewide crash data and demonstrated how it can be used to identify problem areas and used to calculate crash rates.

#### Low cost improvements include:

- Pavement Markings
- Rumble Strips
- Signing and Delineation
  - o Horizontal Alignment Signs
  - o Advisory Speed Plaque
  - o One-Direction Large Arrow Sign
  - o Chevron Alignment Sign



**Figure 24:** SDDOT's Andy Vandel discussing improvements to address traffic safety on horizontal curves.

#### Minor Roadway Improvements include:

- Paved Shoulder Treatment
- Shoulder Drop-Off Elimination
- Shoulder Widening
- High Friction Surface Treatments

#### Major Roadway Improvements include:

- Full grading for realignment
- Correction of cross slope or vertical profile
- Back slope excavation for Sight Distance
- Any combination of improvements

# Crash Statistics Run-off-the-road crashes account for 57% of Fatal/Serious Injury crashes 26% of ROR crashes occurred on a horizontal curve Horizontal curves account for less than 10% of the highway system

**Figure 25:** SDDOT's improvements serve as an effort to minimize danger associated with run-off-the-road crashes which account for 50 percent of fatal and serious injury crashes. Twenty-six percent of run-off-the-road crashes occurred on a horizontal curve.

#### Tribal Safety Plans Best Practices

Presenter: Craig Genzlinger

Craig Genzlinger, KLJ, presented on the process and benefits of developing a Tribal Transportation Safety Plan. The US Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration defines Tribal Transportation Safety Plans as "a tool used to identify and plan to address transportation risk factors that have a potential of leading to serious injury or death." Developing a Tribal Transportation Safety Plan results in the following benefits:

- o Coordinated efforts and shared resources
- Communication and partnerships with Tribal, local, state and Federal officials
- Eligibility for funding sources
- An action plan that outlines strategies for the future

Craig spoke to the process of developing a safety plan, highlighting the use of data throughout the planning session and encouraging Tribes to focus on the transportation safety needs most significant to their community. The Tribal Safety Plans that have been developed in South Dakota have done a good job of utilizing crash and other data. Specific data elements from the safety plans were summarized and discussed. One of the main emphasis areas was to use the data to help you identify your safety needs and implementation strategies.

In South Dakota the Flandreau Santee Sioux, Cheyenne River Sioux, Standing Rock Sioux, Rosebud Sioux and Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribes have all recently completed safety plans. Common strategies included in Tribal Transportation Safety Plans include:

- Separated Pathways
- Education Programs
- Road Safety Audits
- Drivers Education Programs
- Data Collection and Sharing Improvements
- Cross Jurisdictional Agreements
- Motor Carrier Programs
- Tribal Safety Officers
- Primary Seatbelt Ordinances
- Improved 911 Systems
- Maintenance

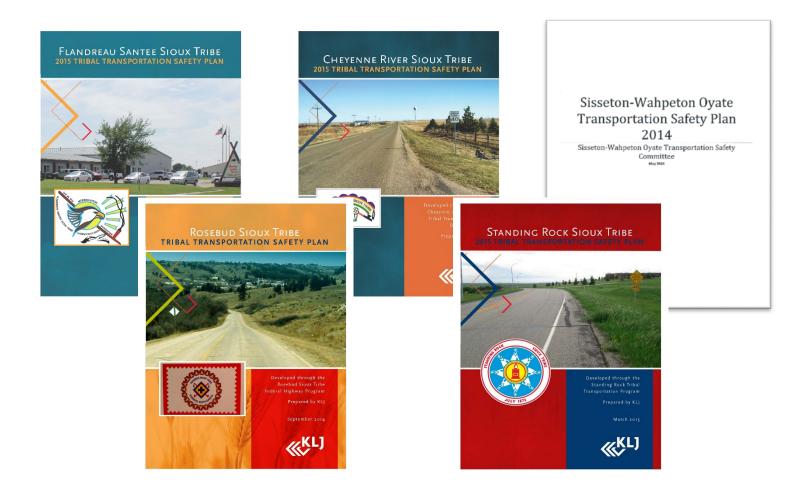


**Figure 26:** KLJ's Craig Genzlinger presented the 6 step process of developing a safety plan.



"Use the data to tell the story, but don't let the data limit you in developing a safety plan." -Craig Genzlinger, KLJ

Resources available for Tribes to develop a safety plan including opportunities for funding, technical assistance, data sharing and agency involvement were discussed. There are a number of funding sources for planning and projects, but with the implementation of the Tribal Transportation Program Safety Funds, Tribes now have a dedicated funding source available to them. Tribes that do not have a safety plan are guaranteed funding to develop a plan or to update an existing plan if it is over 3 years old.



#### Traffic Incident Management

Presenter: Dan Staton

Dan Station, SDDOT; Highway Engineer- Rapid City & Pierre Regions, shared information with the group on the National Traffic Incident Management Coalition's Traffic Incident Management (TIM) program. TIM is a training program for emergency responders to enhance commerce, convenience and safety during traffic incident response. TIM consists of a planned and coordinated multi-disciplinary process to detect, respond to, and clear traffic incidents so that traffic flow may be restored as safely and quickly as possible. Effective TIM reduces the duration and impacts of traffic incidents and improves the safety of motorists, crash victims and emergency responders.



**Figure 27:** SDDOT's Dan Staton shared information on a 4 hour training package offered to unify and enhance safety practices for first responders.

#### **BIA Update**

**Presenters:** Tom Croymans

Tom Croymans, Regional Roads Engineer Bureau of Indian Affairs Great Plains Region, presented on the following federal initiatives with potential impact on Tribal transportation safety.

- Tribal Transportation Program Safety Funding
- GROW AMERICA
- DRIVE Act
- TIGER VII

Croymans shared that in 2015, a total of 167 Tribes across the US applied for safety funding requesting for \$38 million through the Tribal Transportation Program. A total of \$2,439,192 was applied for in the Great Plains Region.



Figure 28: "When folks are reviewing these applications they are looking only at a file. They can't see you or your project or ask you questions, they only see what is written in your application, so all data and writing helps."

-Tom Croymans, BIA

#### BIA Law Enforcement Crash Data

#### Presenter: Lieutenant Chad Harmon

Standing Rock Sioux Tribe (SRST) Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Lieutenant Chad Harmon served 7 years in the US Air Force and has been in law enforcement for 16 years. Lieutenant Harmon presented on the current practices and the challenges of patrol on the Standing Rock Reservation.



Figure 29: Lieutenant Chad Harmon presented the challenges and successes the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Bureau of Indian Affairs experiences in their jurisdiction.

- Standing Rock does have a primary seatbelt law which means not wearing a seatbelt can be the only reason to be pulled over.
- In North Dakota, the BIA has jurisdiction over nonmembers whereas in South Dakota it only has jurisdiction over Tribal members.
- Meth has increased on the reservation.
- Driving without a license has affected all ages on the reservation. Especially young people who leave the reservation.
- A common practice of the SRST BIA to enhance safety during events is known as saturation patrol where more officers are applied to an area and are advised to stop for any probable cause.
- Number one reason for traffic stops on the reservation is speeding.
- Seventy percent of all calls for service come from Fort Yates and McLaughlin which is where a majority of population on the SRST is located.
- Officers handle traffic safety but also handle crimes such as domestic violence and assault.

"The number one threat to public safety on the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Reservation is DUI."

- Lieutenant Chad Harmon

#### Safety Study by WYLTAP & Northern Plains TTAP

**Presenter:** Dennis Trusty



**Figure 30:** Dennis Trusty discussing the Tribal Roadway Safety Improvement Program.

Dennis Trusty, Northern Plains TTAP, presented on the Tribal Roadway Safety Improvement Program in North Dakota and South Dakota. The objective of the program is to deliver a roadway safety program for the three Tribes that applied in the Northern Plains Region that will aid Tribes with the following challenges:

- Lack of Data/ Incomplete Crash Data
- Limited Resources and Expertise
- Collaboration and Coordination

Three Tribes have applied from Northern Plains include the Yankton Sioux Tribe, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate and the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

When applying for the Tribal Roadway Safety Improvement Program, Tribes must meet the following criteria:

- Tribes work with and provide resources to NPTTAP and WY/LTAP
- Three years of crash data
- Tribes collaborate with state and local agencies

The program is executed through the following 5 step process:

- 1. Crash Data Analysis
- 2. Level I Field Evaluation
- 3. Combined Ranking
- 4. Level II Field Evaluation
- 5. Benefit Cost Analysis

Some of the findings that have been identified from the program include:

- Roadway safety needs vary among Tribes
- Methodology flexible to meet needs of individual Tribes
- System-wide improvements where crash data is lacking
- Strategic plan tool for Tribes to address safety goals
- Livability closely tied to roadway safety
- Roadway safety needs vary among Tribes
- Methodology flexible to meet needs of individual Tribes
- System-wide improvements where crash data is lacking
- Strategic plan tool for Tribes to address safety goals
- Livability closely tied to roadway safety

#### **Meeting Summary and Conclusions:**

Participants in the Summit were encouraged to continue to collaborate as a means to continue to grow and strengthen programs on their respective reservations.

June Hansen, SDDOT, moderated the discussion for future Summit topics and planning for the 2016 Summit.

The group weighed in on the following potential times for the 2016 summit: hold it in March in odd years, October, or with the Tribal Transportation Planners meeting in April. Hansen said information on options considered will follow.

Hansen thanked all participants for attending and participating and reminded all participants that a copy of the Tribal Transportation Safety Summit report will be provided and available for continued collaboration.



Figure 31: June Hansen, Civil Rights Compliance Officer and Tribal Liaison with SDDOT, wrapped up the 2015 Tribal Transportation Safety Summit.

## Appendices

## Appendix A

### South Dakota Tribal Transportation Safety Summit

Grand River Casino & Resort Mobridge, South Dakota





Each participant is responsible for making hotel reservations directly with the hotel. There is a block of rooms reserved for the summit. Please ask for "Tribal Safety Summit" room block when making reservations.

Deadline to make reservations and be guaranteed summit rate is **October 9, 2015.** 

#### To reserve hotel room(s) call:

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Hosted by the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Registration Form & Summit Information found online at:

http://www.sddot.com/ services/civil/tero.aspx There is no registration fee charged to attend the summit

#### Tentative Summit Agenda October 14, 2015

All Times Listed are Central Time

7:30am Registration Opens / Continental Breakfast

8:30am Welcome, Opening Prayer & Introductions

9:00am - SRST Presentation

9:20am - DPS Presentation

10:05am - BREAK

10:25am - SWO Presentation

10:45am - Wildlife Vehicle Collision Research Project

11:30am - YST Presentation

11:50am - Lunch hosted by SRST

1:00pm - RST Presentation

1:20pm - Horizontal Curves

2:05pm - FSST Presentation

2:25pm - BREAK

2:35pm - Discussion on Tribal Safety Plans

3:20pm - LBST Presentation

3:40pm — BREAK

3:50pm — Traffic Incident Management

4:35pm — OST Presentation

4:55pm - Daily Wrap-Up & Announcements

October 15, 2015

8:00am - Continental Breakfast hosted by SRST

8:30am - BIA Law Enforcement Crash Data

9:15am - CRST Presentation

9:25am - Northern Plains TTAP Presentation

10:20am -- BREAK

10:40am - CCST Presentation

11:00am - BIA Presentation

11:45am - Wrap-Up, Discuss Next Summit & Potential

Topics, Closing Prayer & Closing Remarks

Each Tribe is asked to provide a presentation of a best practice or success story in the area of Transportation Safety.

The order of the presentations is subject to change.

If there is a time slot in the agenda that works better – please make a note of that when

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Please bring any safety posters or other types of safety promotions to display.

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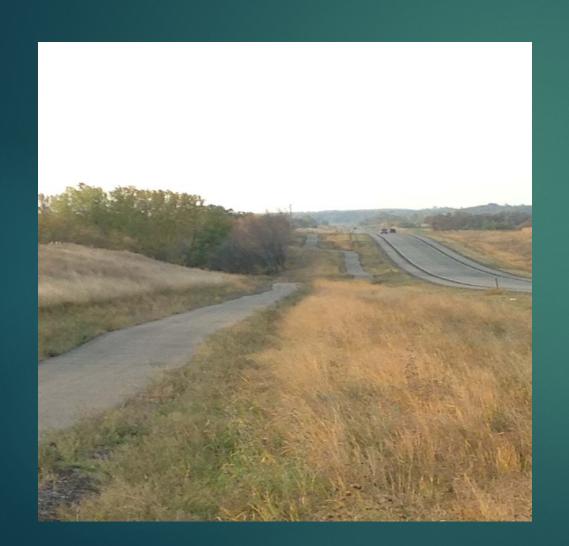
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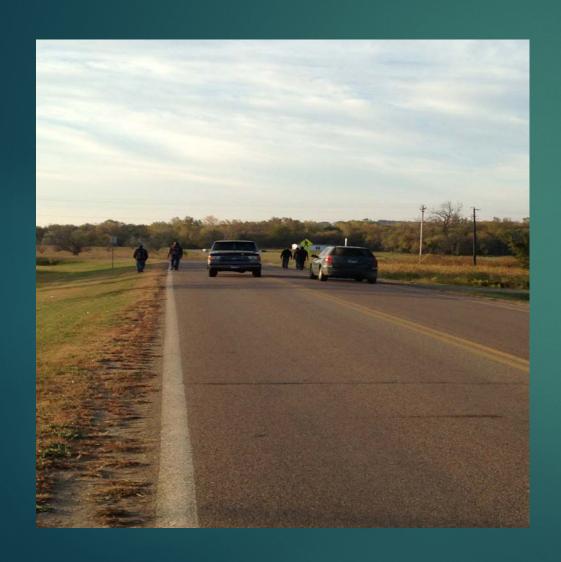
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- ENEMY SWIM PATHWAY PROJECT
- BIA ROUTE 7 RE-CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

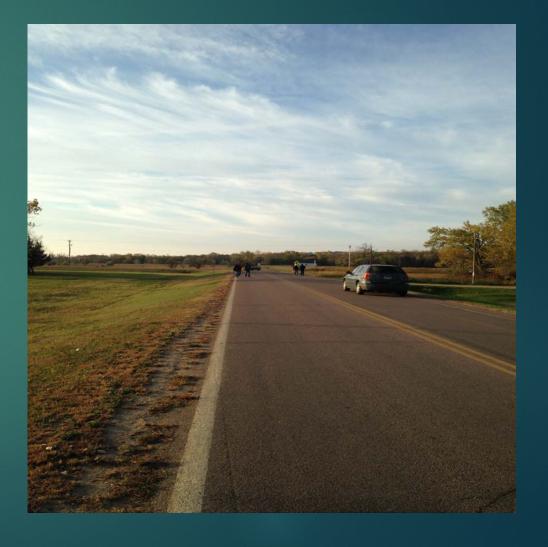
#### Agency village pathways project





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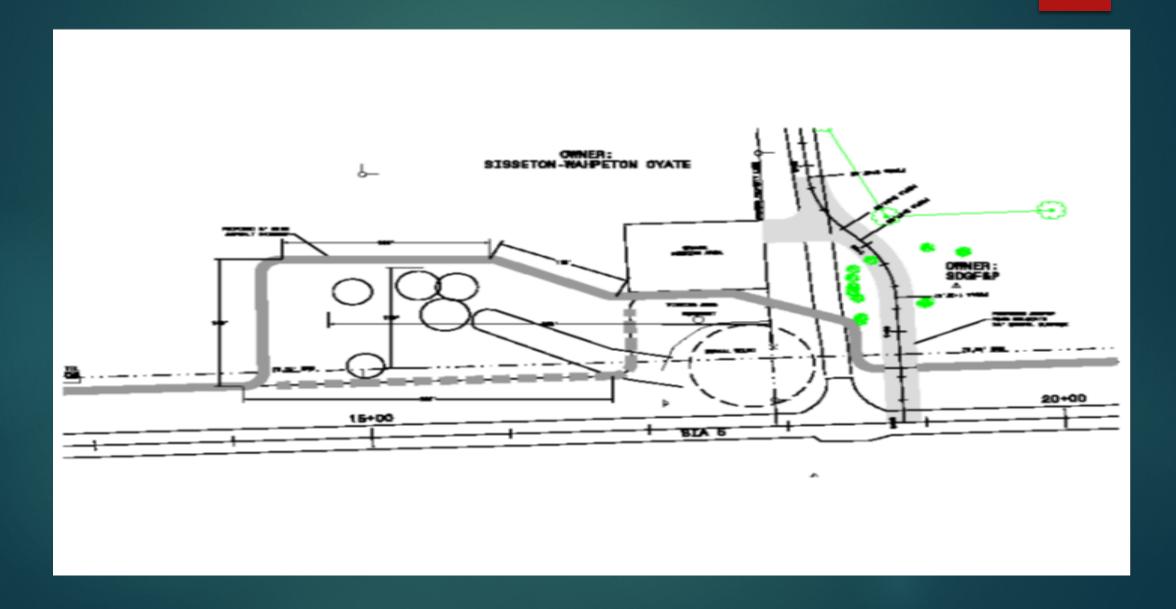




## Agency village pathways project Where are we at ??

- We received a grant from South Dakota's Transportation Alternatives Program.
- ▶ BIA Regional Office Mike Hauge finalized the construction plans, specifications and estimates.
- We have selected a contractor, Red Lake Builders, also an Engineering firm DGR Engineering for construction layout and testing.
- We have gone through our SWO Legal Department to draft us a contract for both Entities.
- ▶ As of 10-7-2015 we are ready to turn key and begin construction.

#### Enemy Swim Pathway Project

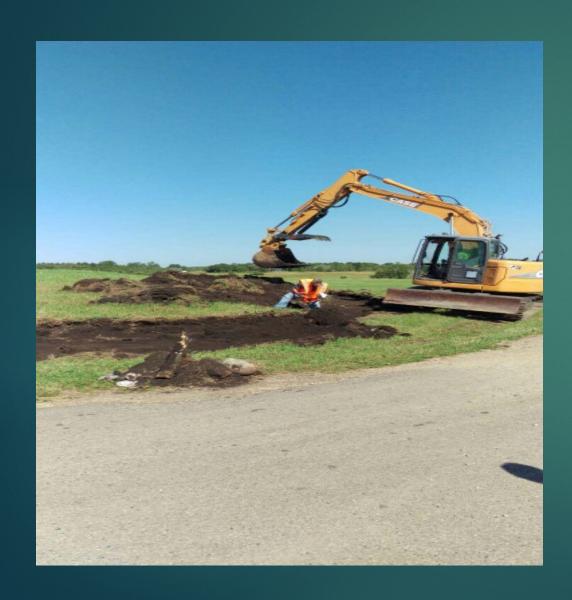


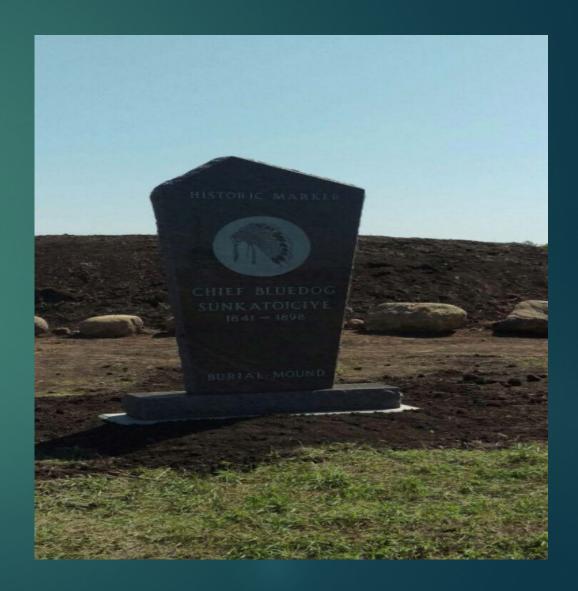
#### Enemy Swim Pathway Project

#### **Blue Dog Mound Burial Site**



#### Mound Re-Structuring project





## Enemy Swim Pathway Project Where are we at ??

- We have done the mound re-structuring and Monument Dedication for the Family.
- ► We are working closely with BIA Regional Office to develop our construction PS&E package to include parking lot, bench's at the monument and trails end.
- We have submitted the project for a few grant opportunities.
- We are working with South Dakota's Game Fish and Parks on a Joint Powers agreement for the re-location of their lake access road.
- ▶ We hope to begin construction on this well needed project in 2016

#### BIA Route 7 Re-construction Project



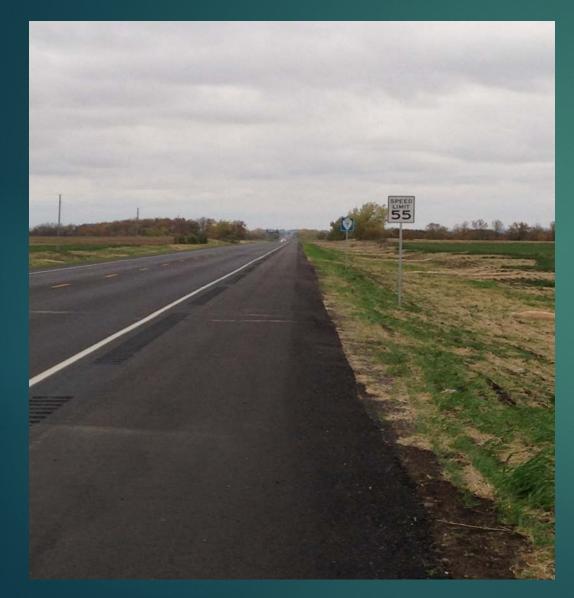


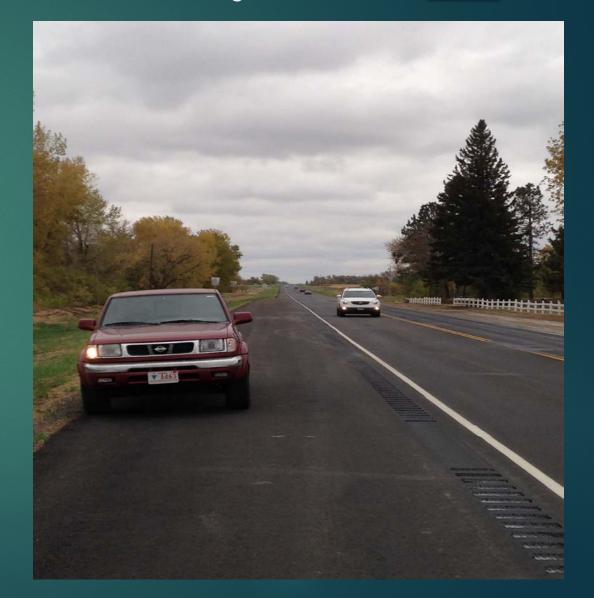
#### BIA Route 7 Re-construction Project





#### Route 7 Re-construction Project





## Route 7 Re-construction Project Where are we at ??

- ▶ We have completed construction.
- Safety built into the construction
  - ► Rumble Strips
  - Delineators
  - ► In slopes
  - ► Flared ends on all culvert's
  - Object markers
  - Wider shoulders
  - ▶ Parking areas for the cemetery's along the route

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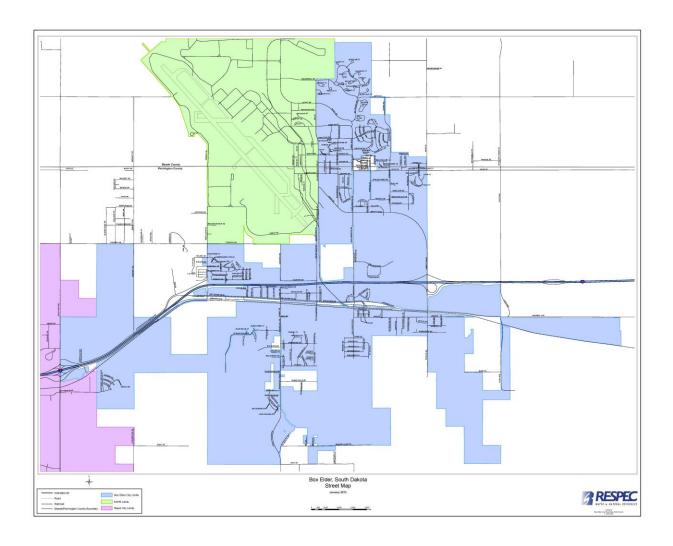
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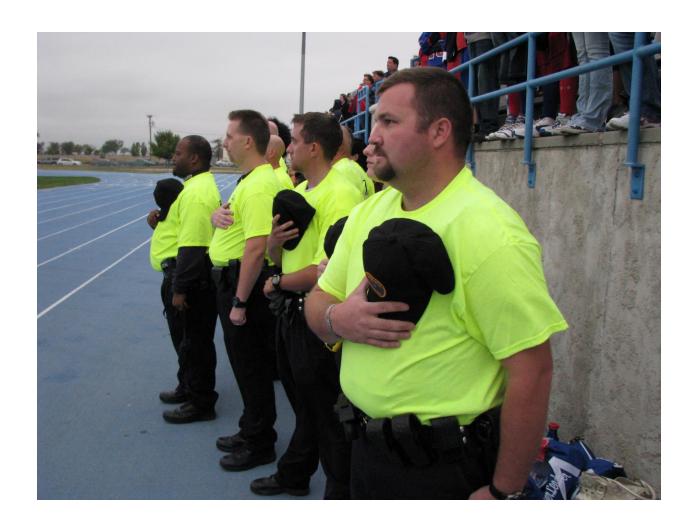


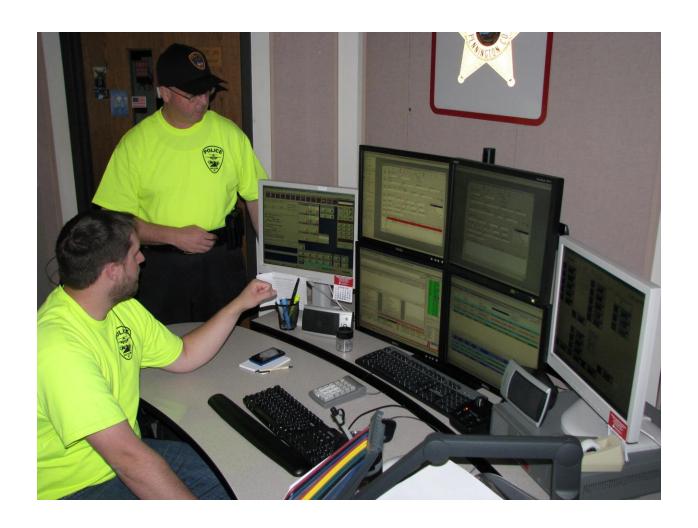




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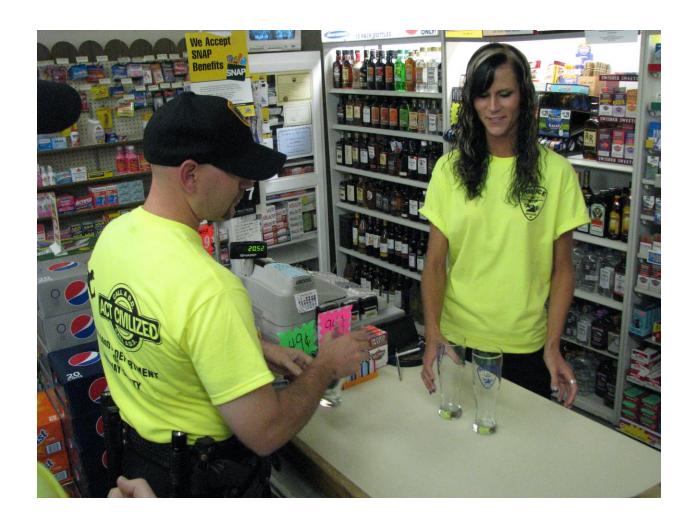




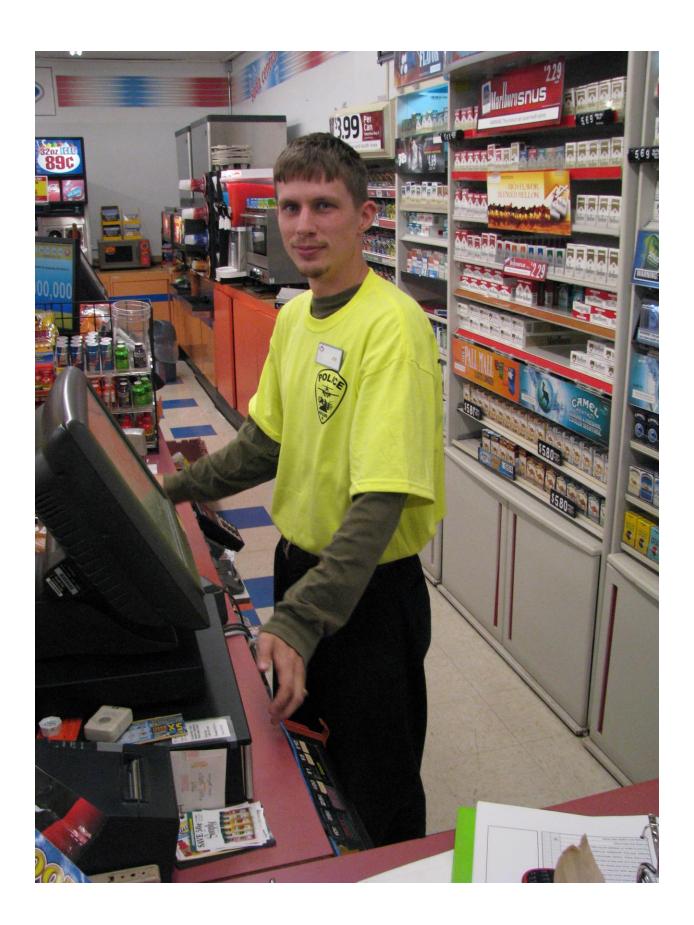




















## CONGRATULATIONS BOX ELDER POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Office of Highway Safety wishes to commend the Box Elder Police Department on its superb effort to promote responsible alcohol use, and discourage impaired driving. With the help of the local beverage establishments, you did Great Work!

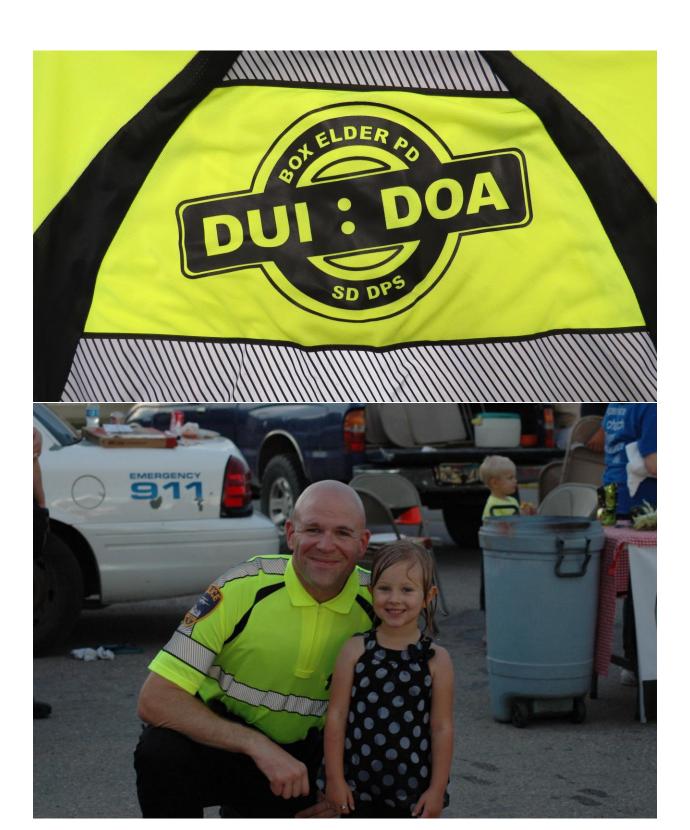
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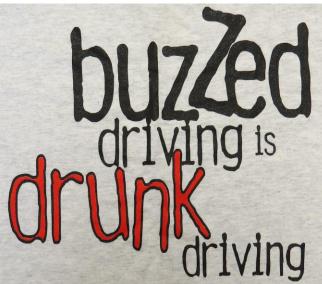




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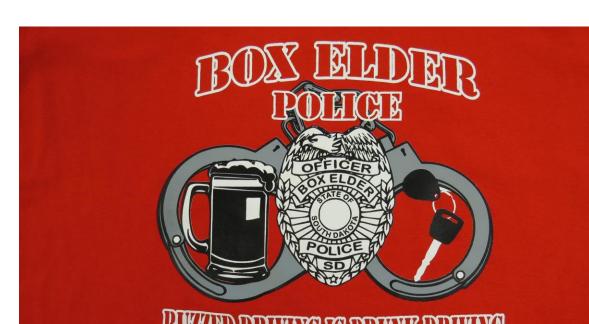


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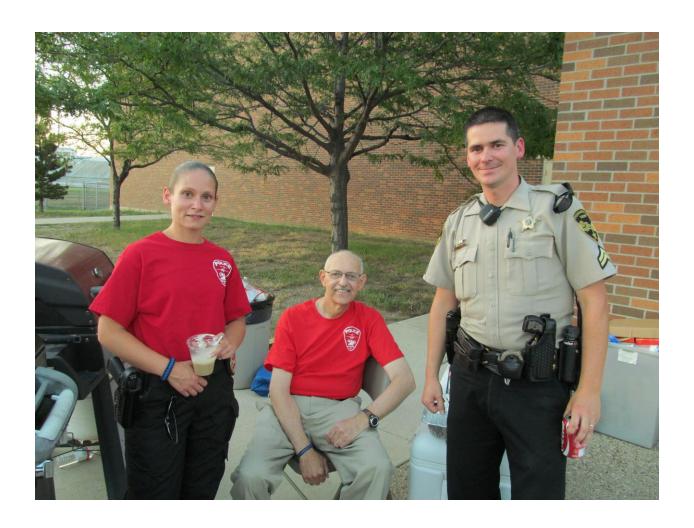


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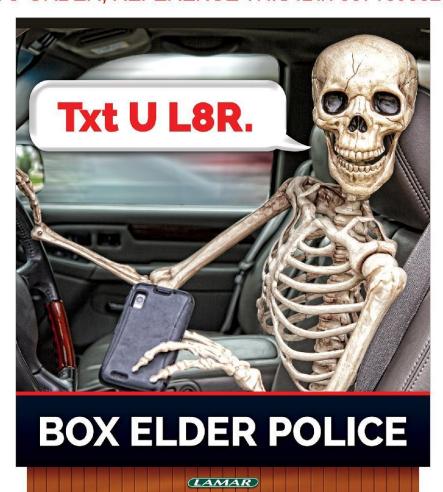


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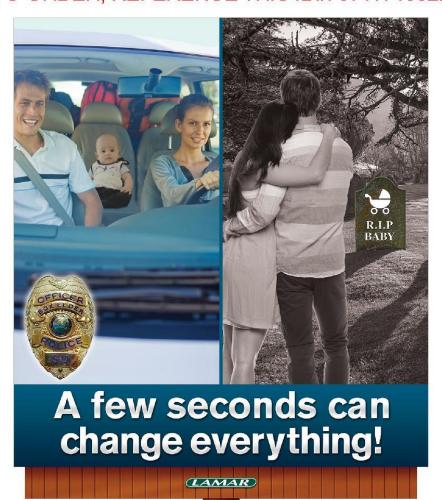
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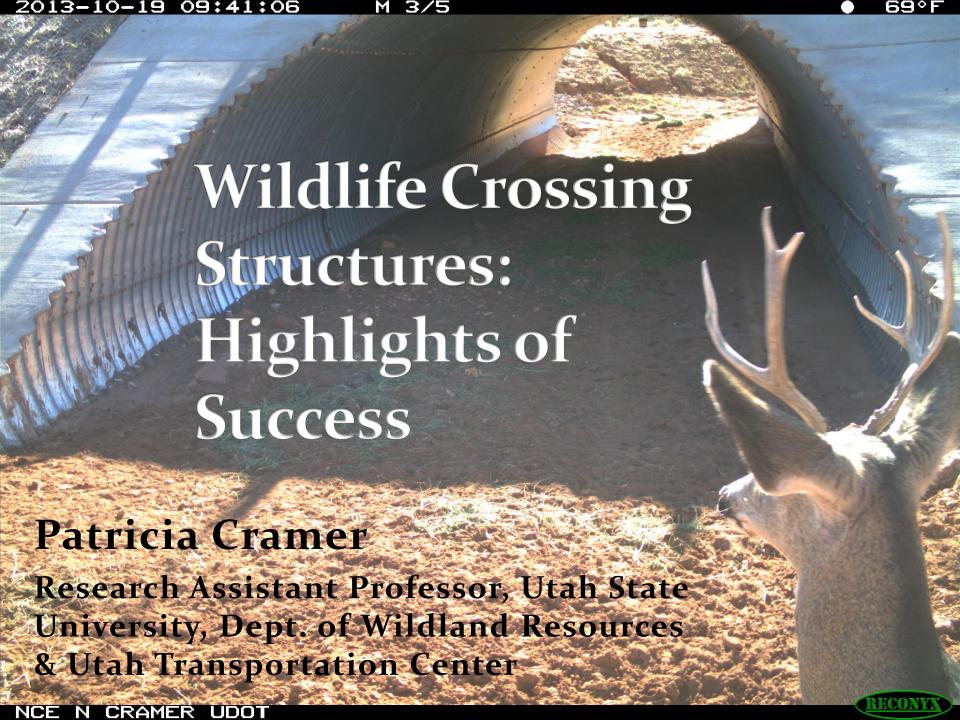
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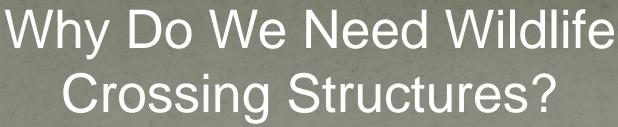
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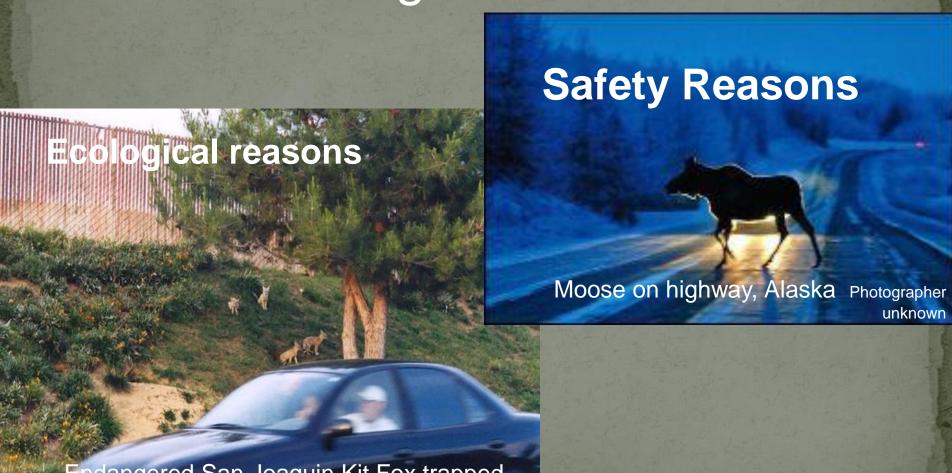
Wildlife Crossing Structures are Becoming Part of Doing Business in Transportation

Different Structure Designs Work

South Dakota is Becoming More Proactive in Addressing Wildlife-Vehicle Collisions







Endangered San Joaquin Kit Fox trapped by traffic in California

Photo credit: B. Cypher

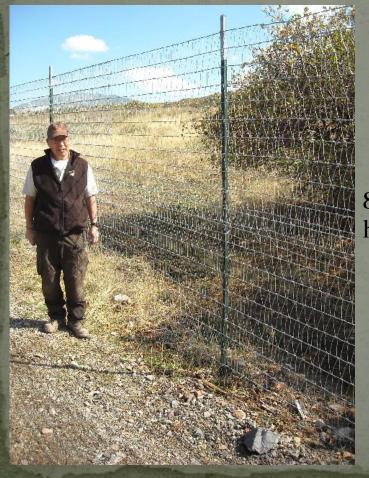
### South Dakota

Average of 5,000 Reported Wildlife-Vehicle Collision Crashes Each Year

State Farm Insurance Ranks South Dakota in the Top 5 States with Residents Having the Highest Chance of Hitting a Wild Animal The State of the Practice & Science of Wildlife Crossing Structures in the Progressive States

## What is a Wildlife Crossing Structure?

# Wildlife Crossing Structures were made explicitly for wildlife and placed with wildlife exclusion fencing

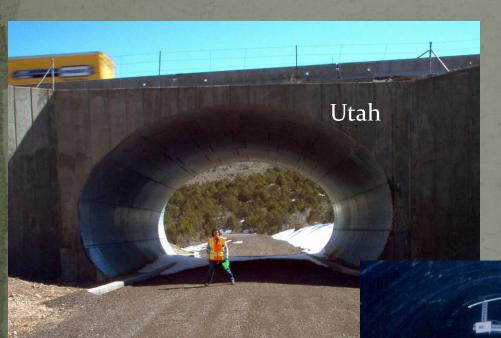


8 feet high



Utah I-15 Wildcat Wildlife Crossing Culvert

## Types of Structures: Culvert Underpasses



Idaho

Photo credit: P. Cramer

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Montana

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# Types of Structures: Bridged Underpasses

Montana US 93 Bridge

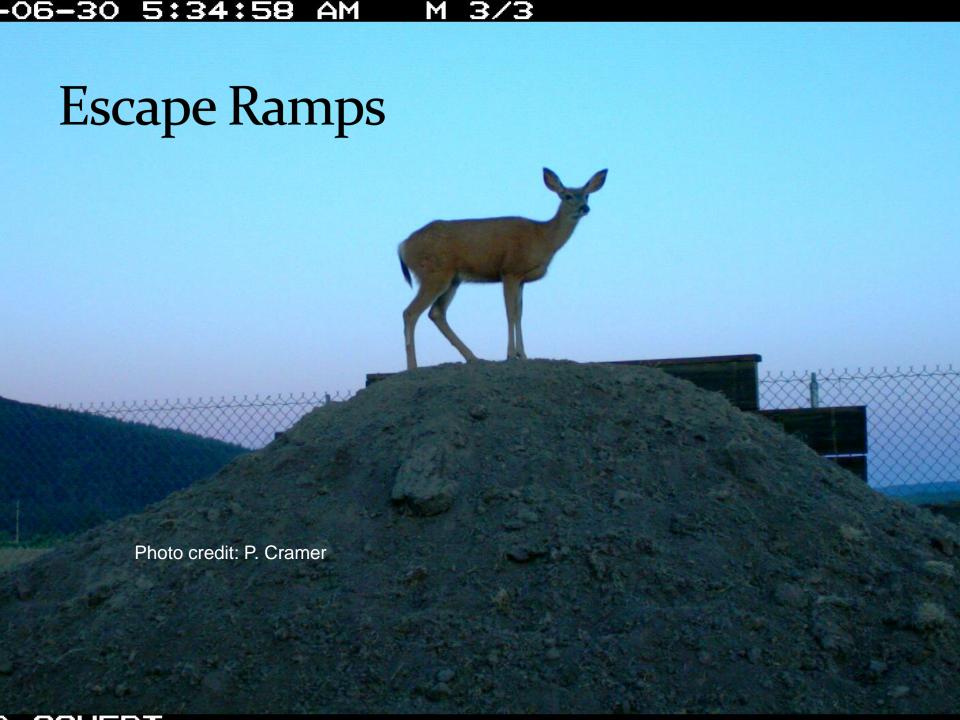


UT I-80 Weber River Bridge



## Types of Structures: Overpass





#### Guards



Wildlife Guard





Electric Mat

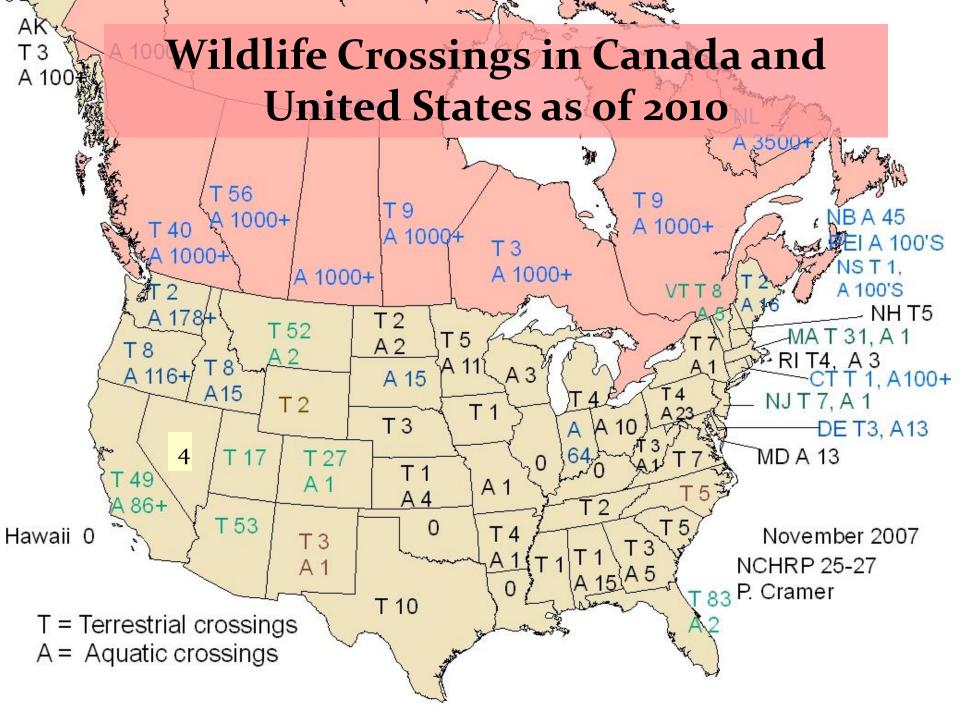
National Study 2004-2007 National Academies - NCHRP Research on Wildlife Passages in North America



Over 800 crossings total in US & Canada

Over 200,000 aquatic in each country

Photo credit: K. Morgan



## Western U.S. Highlights



## How We Study Wildlife Crossings

Cameras placed at both entrances to bridge or culvert







## Place cameras in utility boxes and protective steel boxes







#### Arizona

Was Number 1 Western State for Number of Crossings, now

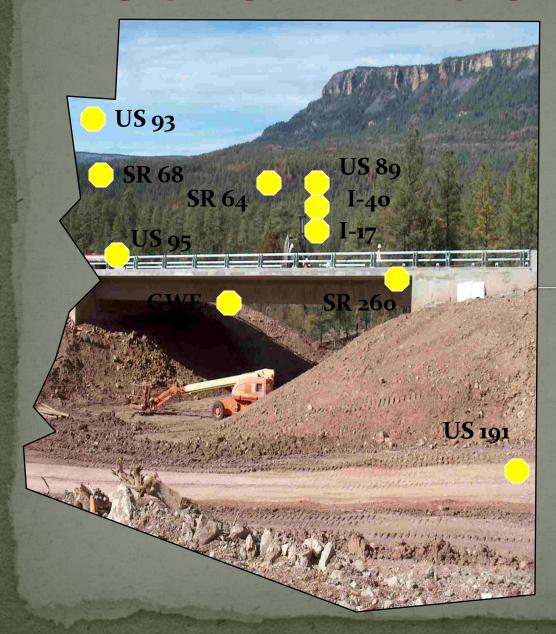
## Lots of Research, Lots of Crossings, Lots of Players



terrestrial wildlife crossings

Number 1 State for Wildlife & Roads Research

#### AZ GPS MOVEMENT STUDIES- HIGHWAYS



#### 10 Projects

7 Species

>500 animals

>3,000,000 GPS Locations



Ongoing projectsJeff Gagnon AZGF Slide



#### Native Tribes & Counties Create Mitigation

Tahona O'Dum Tribe installed tortoise wildlife crossing & fencing



Pima County, AZ created 1st Bird Crossing



Arizona Game & Fish and AZDOT worked together to research Desert Bighorn, then provided 3 overpasses





### Utah

47 Wildlife Crossings

Also installing them on RLM land

Research helps shape the practice

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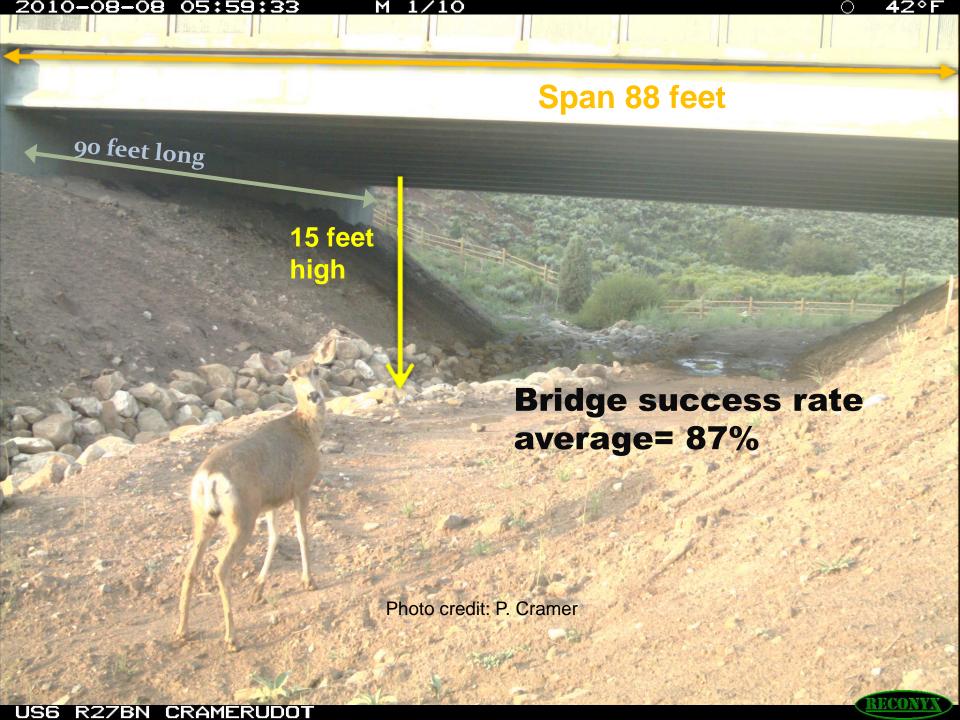




Utah UDOT and Utah Division of Wildlife Resources Study, P. Cramer PI

Determining Wildlife Use of Wildlife Crossing Structures Under Different Scenarios

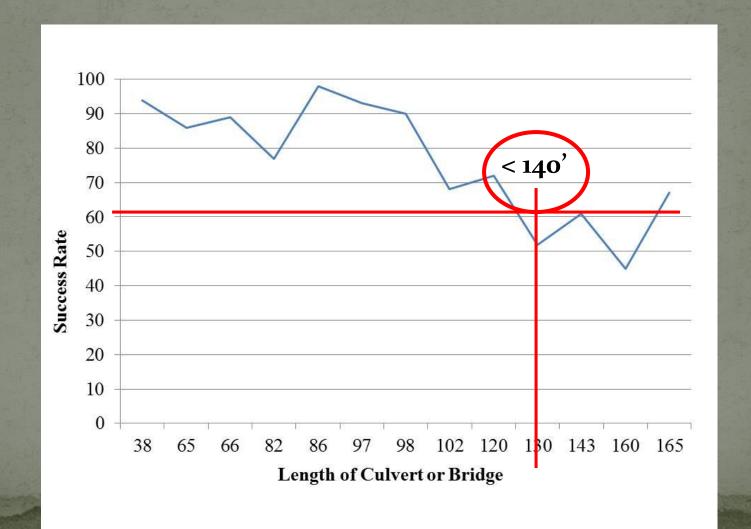




# 6 Beaver Creek Wildlife Crossing, Utah



# Length is THE Important Dimension for Mule Deer in Utah



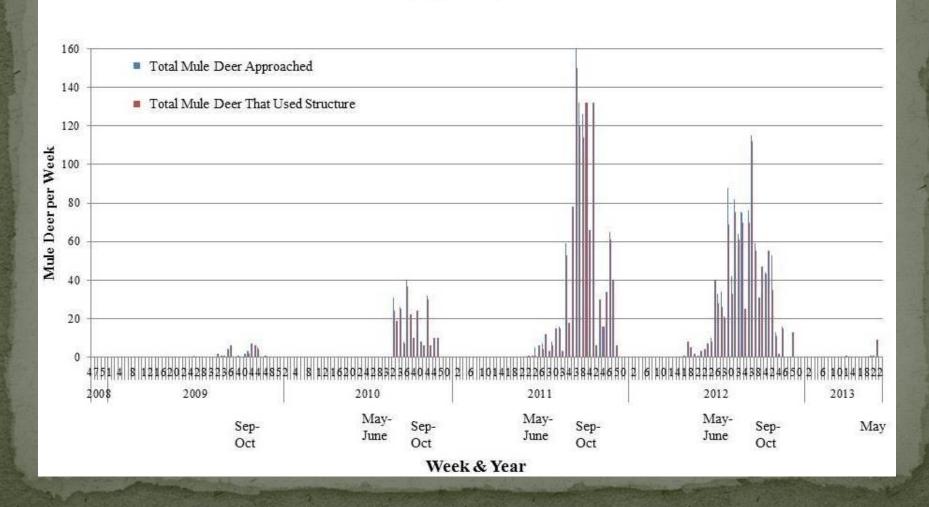
## Height

Height may be the least important dimension for large herbivores

In Montana, our study with Montana Department of Transportation reveals what white-tailed deer willingness to use less than perfect structures

# It Can Take Years for Wildlife To Adapt to Wildlife Crossing Structures

Number of Mule Deer Photographed by Week At US 6 Colton Culvert



## Elk are the Problem Child

80 Elk movements through five structures, 38% success

Photo credit: P. Cramer & UDWR



Trainer Mule Deer 0 47°F MP5 WILD CRAMER UDWR

#### Carnivores Use Wildlife Crossings and Other Structures Too





## Designs that Don't Work

This culvert is 280+ long

None of the deer that approached the entrance used it.

Photo credit: P. Cramer



#### Montana



Number 1 Western State, over 80 Wildlife Crossings

The most wildlife crossings in the West, lots of research helping to shape the practice





#### Wildlife Overpass

White-tailed Deer

Wildlife Overpass, US 93N Evaro, MT

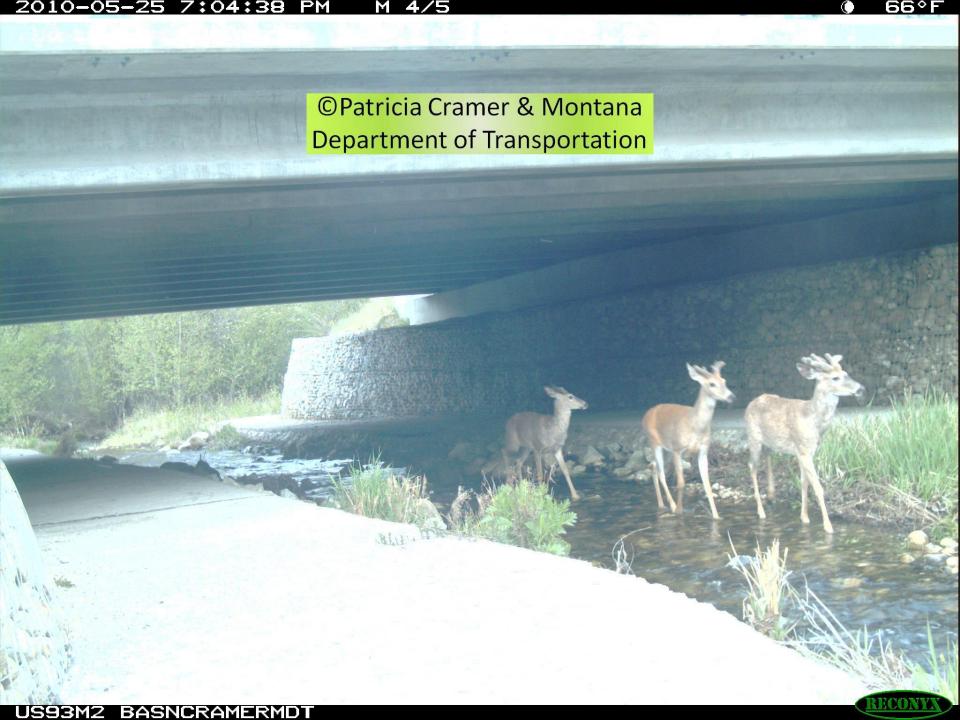


Image Courtesy of CSKT, MDT, and WTI-MSU

## Montana DOT Study, P. Cramer PI

Determine Wildlife Use and Efficacy of 19 Wildlife Crossings on US 93





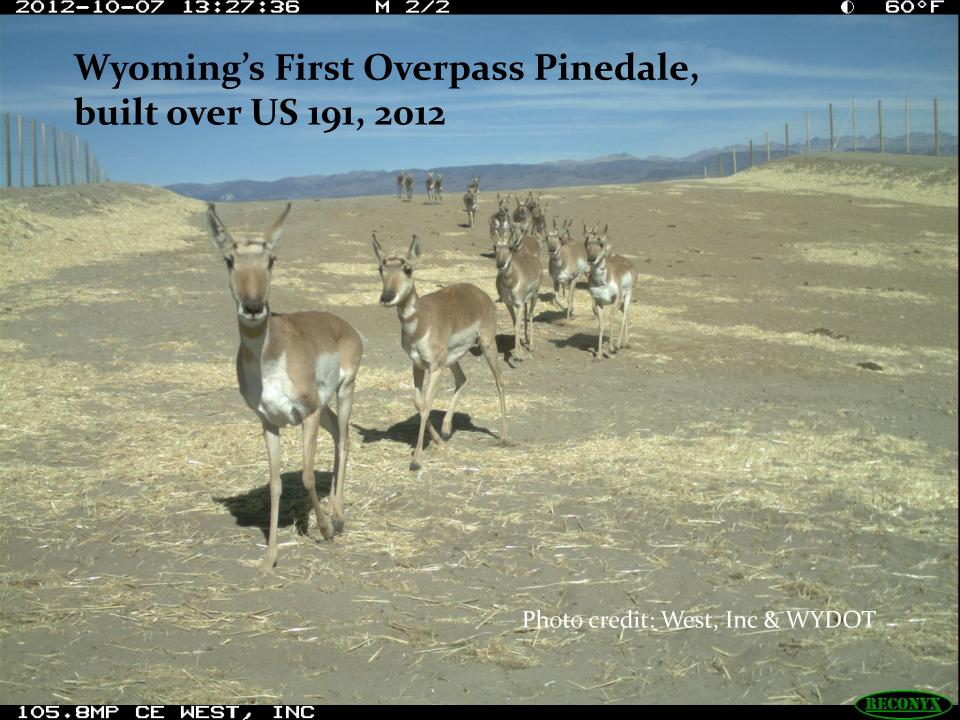












## Nevada's US 93 Overpass



## **Future Trends**

#### Retrofits

Improve existing structures for wildlife movement

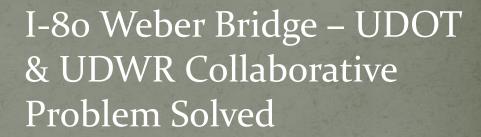


Minnesota DOT installed path in rip rap

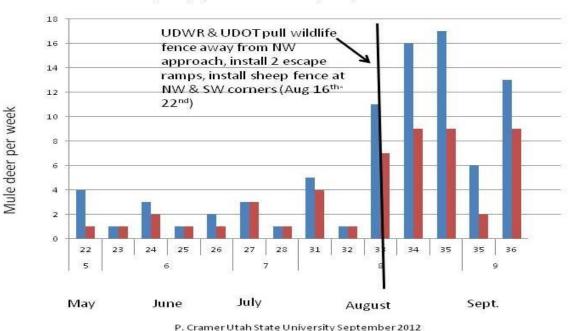
#### Retrofits



#### Adaptive Management



I-80 Weber River Bridge Mule Deer Total Approaches (Blue) & Total Success Under Structure (Red) per Week May-September 2012



## Wildlife Is Part of Doing Business









# Reducing Wildlife-Vehicle Collisions in South Dakota



Patricia Cramer Julia Kintsch Cheryl Chapman Mary Kenner



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## Objectives of Study

Evaluate South Dakota Data, and Methods to Record Wildlife-Vehicle Collisions (WVC) and Make Recommendations for Improvements

Demonstrate What South Dakota Can Do To Better Collect WVC Data, Map it, and Use it to Mitigate Roads for Wildlife Take Home Points

Data, Data, Data

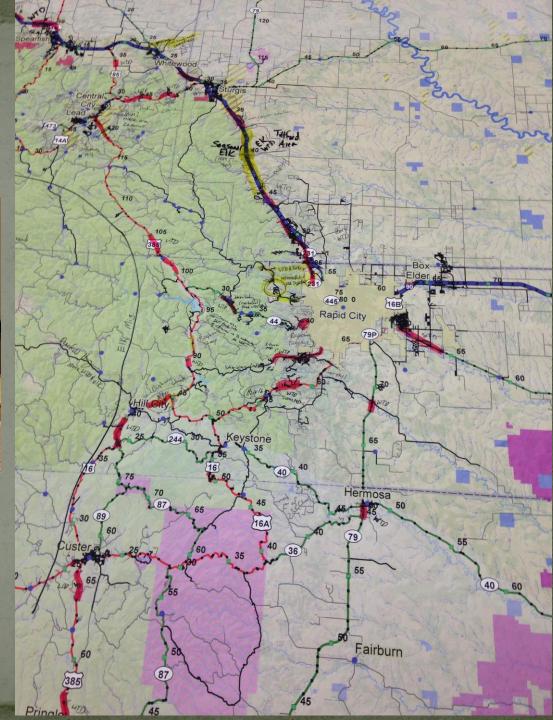
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Collaboration, Collaboration, Collaboration

#### Rapid City Expert Opinion Workshop

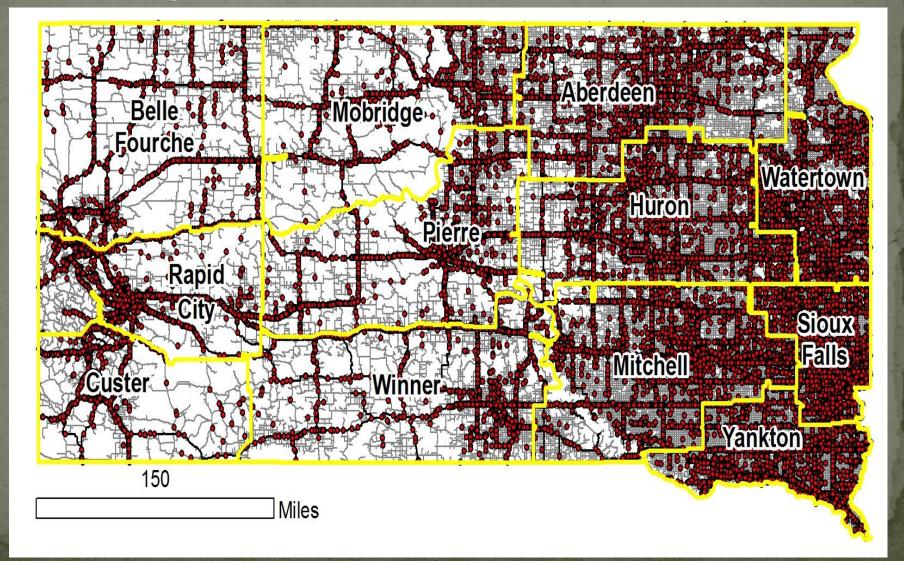




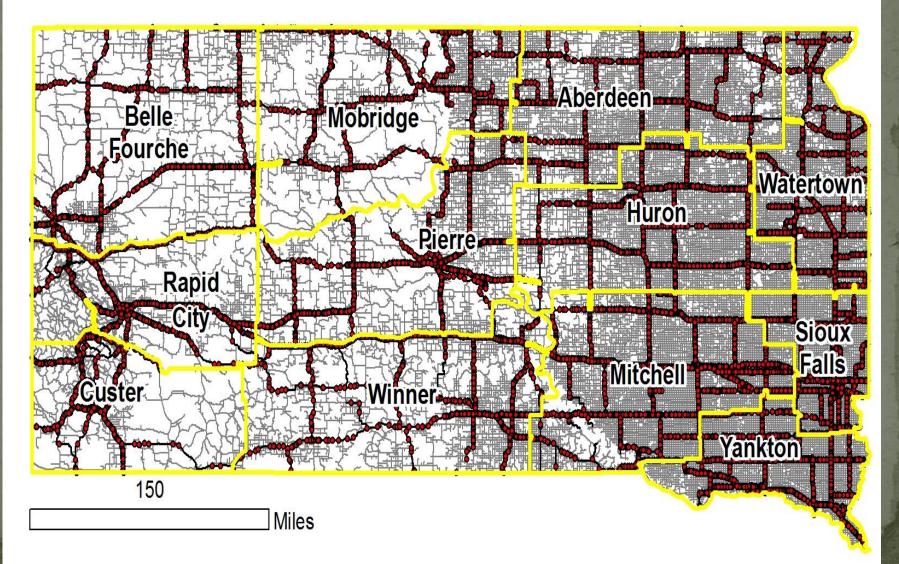


#### Map of WVC Crashes All Roads

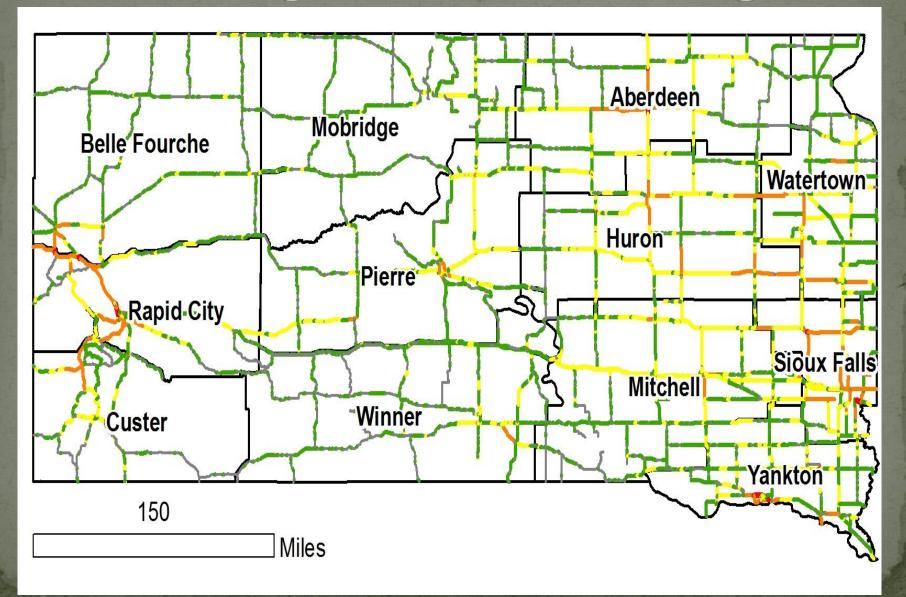
2004-2013



## Map of WVC Crashes SDDOT Administered Roads 2004-2013



## Master Map WVC Crash Hotspots

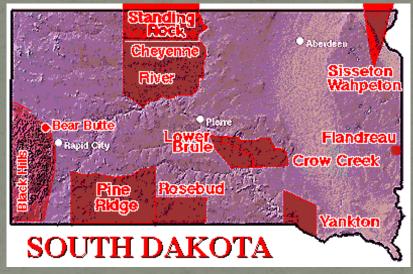


34% of all WVC crashes on SDDOT administered roads occur in WVC hotspots (>10.8 WVC per mile over 10 years), representing 9% of the road network.

#### Top 5 WVC Crash Hotspots (2004-2013)

Rank	Road & MP	Landmark	Rate (WVC/mile/ 10 yrs)
1	<b>I-90</b> : MP 9.9-10.2 & 10.7-11.1	Spearfish (Lawrence County)	127.5
2	<b>SD 50</b> : MP 374.8-378	Yankton (Yankton County)	93.7
3	<b>SD</b> 44: MP 48.6	Rapid City (Pennington County)	52.3
4	US 12: MP 288.3	Aberdeen	49.5
5	<b>SD 45</b> : MP 252.8 – 252.9	Miller (Hand County)	44

## Reaching Out to Tribes



Contact with Tribal Game, Fish and Parks; Fish and Wildlife; and/or Public Safety Departments

- Significant interest in learning more
- Commitment to meet to discuss WVC prevention

#### Reaching Out to Tribes

Do you collect data for your reservation?

Yes—2 No—7 (no, not at this time, obtain information from the state)

Does the Tribe conduct carcass pick-up?

Yes—2 No—7 (no, unknown, picked up by State)

Do you have surveys/maps to show predominance of wildlife?

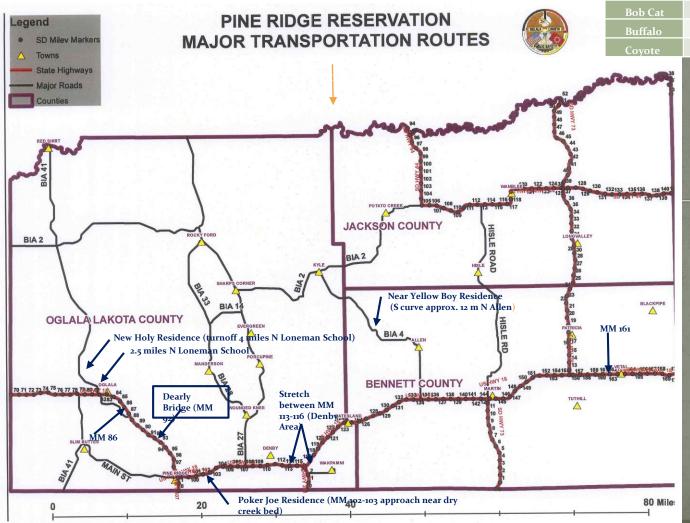
Yes—7 (Big Game Surveys, Aerial Surveys, Deer/Elk Surveys)

Other mitigation strategy recommendations?

More signage, Eliminate blind spots, Provide assistance in tracking data

Maps were emailed to Tribal contacts to identify hot spots

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	Bob Cat					1
	Buffalo		4			
	Coyote			1		
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#### Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe

Indicates WVC areas



#### South Dakota Tribal Transportation Safety Summit

Grand River Casino & Resort Mobridge, South Dakota





Each participant is responsible for making hotel reservations directly with the hotel. There is a block of rooms reserved for the summit. Please ask for "Tribal Safety Summit" room block when making reservations.

Deadline to make reservations and be guaranteed summit rate is **October 9, 2015.** 

## Message for Tribal Transportation Safety Summit: We Need Your Help

- Gathering additional information
  - Identifying "hot spots" where WVC's occur (maps)
  - Receiving copies of wildlife surveys/maps indicating predominance of wildlife for transportation planning purposes
- Please stop by the table at the back of the room to help us identify areas within your jurisdiction where Wildlife Vehicle Collisions frequently occur. Maps and markers are provided.
- Please stop by and let us know if you would be interested in meeting with SDDOT and other Game and Fish/Fish and Wildlife Departments to share best practices for Wildlife Vehicle Collision reduction and to discuss wild populations and trends.



Never doubt that a small group of committed individuals can change the world. Indeed that is the only thing that ever has

**Margaret Mead** 

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## Appendix F

#### 2015

# GREAT PLAINS AREA INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE Observational Seat Belt Survey Summary



Aberdeen Area Injury Prevention Program
Office of Environmental Health & Engineering
1/15/2015

#### GREAT PLAINS AREA INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE 2015 Observational Seat Belt Survey - Summary

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#### GREAT PLAINS AREA INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE Observational Seat Belt Survey - Summary

#### Introduction

Based on Division of Environmental Health Services (DEHS) staff observations, seat belt usage across the Great Plains Area remains low when compared to state and national averages. Using a seat belt is the most effective way to protect drivers and occupants during a crash and The National and Area Injury Prevention programs can continue to advocate for communities to increase their usage rates. In order to monitor our progress in improving occupant restraint usage the Great Plains Area DEHS program conducts annual occupant restraint surveys.

This report summarizes the results of the Great Plains Area occupant restraint surveys conducted across participating communities. The Area standardized seat belt observation survey protocol was used on Tribal reservations to 1) provide yearly seat belt use rates; 2) evaluate the results of injury prevention activities; and 3) to provide seat belt usage rates to Tribal governments as a means of encouraging the passage and enforcement of Tribal primary occupant restraint laws.

The Great Plains Area's adoption of a standardized protocol for data collection ensures seat belt usage estimates are valid and survey methods are consistent throughout the Area. Using standardized methods strengthens highway safety grant funding applications that Tribal programs may submit to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Indian Highway Safety Program, State Highway Safety Department, Indian Health Service or any outside agency.

#### **Background**

Unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death for American Indians/Alaska Natives(Al/AN) in the age group 1-44 and the third leading cause of death in all age groups for the years 1999-2012<sup>1</sup>. Unintentional injury death is 3.4 times higher in than the U.S all races unintentional death rate.

Information gathered from the North and South Dakota Departments of Highway Safety revealed the following: the Native American population in South Dakota was 8.6% of the total population, but accounted for 26.4% of the State's motor vehicle fatalities. Likewise, in North Dakota the Native American population comprised 5.4% of the state, but accounted for 26% of the fatalities. Over the past 8 years, the Native American motor vehicle death rate in North and South Dakota has been 59 per 100,000. The National rate is 19.7 per 100,000. The South Dakota state-wide seat belt usage rate is 68% and North Dakota seat belt usage rate is 65%. According to the 2010 NHTSA report, nationally, occupant restraint use is 87%. These statistics demonstrate a health disparity and increasing occupant restraint use is one of the best ways to eliminate the problem.

In the Great Plains Area, there were 560 unintentional and intentional injury deaths from 2010-2012<sup>2</sup>. Out of the 560 deaths, [48%] (N=182) were due to motor vehicle crashes. Since 1981, the IHS has

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Centers for Disease Control & Prevention-WISQARS 1999-2012.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Division of Vital Records, North Dakota and South Dakota 1996-2003.

supported activities that assist in preventing injuries to American Indians and Alaska Natives<sup>3</sup>. Activities such as: 1) establishing an Injury Prevention Specialist position in each IHS Service Area; 2) providing funds for Area's and Tribes for special intervention projects; 3) developing two National Injury Prevention Fellowship Programs; 4) developing a series of three injury prevention short courses to increase Tribal capacity; and 5) developing and supporting the Tribal Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreement Program (TIPCAP) to further build Tribal capacity.

The TIPCAPs were established to standardize injury prevention activities on a National level, increase Tribal injury prevention capacity, and incorporate effective strategies in injury prevention. The program is currently in its fourth funding cycle with three Part 1 funded programs in the Great Plains Area. The agency has contracted with Econometrica to provide on-going technical assistance, training, and evaluation services to IHS and Tribal staff working on TIPCAP projects. In 2003, the previous contractor, The University of North Carolina (UNC) School of Public Health's Department of Health Behavior & Health Education, identified a need for a standardized data collection method as a majority of TIPCAPs were conducting seat belt observational surveys<sup>4</sup>. A collaborative approach was used to develop the protocol and conduct pilot-testing in Tribal communities and TIPCAP sites. Currently sites conducting seat belt observations are utilizing the UNC/IHS protocol.

#### **Methods**

The protocol instructs observers to note seat belt usage of drivers and front seat passengers only. It is not recommended to set observational survey criteria based on the number of vehicles observed (i.e. observe until you see 100 vehicles).

The protocol contains four important elements:

- 1. Observation locations are randomly selected from a list of all possible observation locations at a Tribal community to ensure that all observation locations have an equal probability of being
- 2. Traffic volume assessments are conducted to ensure there are sufficient observations at an observation location and to inform the number of locations to be selected;
- 3. Three different time intervals are included to ensure that each time of day/location combination has an equal probability of being selected; and
- 4. The number of observation locations required is based on statistical tests and varies depending on the average number of cluster observations and the design effect.

The protocol details each of the four primary steps and examples of each step. Included in the protocol instructions are tables for determining the number of observation sites, sample data collection forms,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Smith and Robertson, 2000.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> UNC Seat Belt Observational Survey Protocol Development Project, Final Report-2005.

and sample spreadsheets. A copy of the protocol and instructions on how to use the protocol can be found in appendix C.

#### **Results**

A total of seven (7) sites reported seat belt observation data. Of those, (3) South Dakota, two (3) North Dakota, and one (1) site from Nebraska submitted usage rates. Tribal policy and procedures govern all except the tribes of Nebraska and are directly responsible for current levels of safety belt use. Nebraska tribes are considered a "Public Law 280" which requires Tribal residents to abide by state traffic rules/authorities but they are enforced by Tribal Law Enforcement.

In calendar year 2014, a total of 10,922 occupant seat belt use observations were conducted on the 7 Great Plains Area reservations. The overall passenger seat belt usage rate for individual Tribes ranged from 8% to 69%. When the use rate was combined for all submittals, overall seat belt use rate was 43% for drivers and 30% for passengers and 40% for all occupants. For the entire seat belt use rates see Table 1 in the appendix.

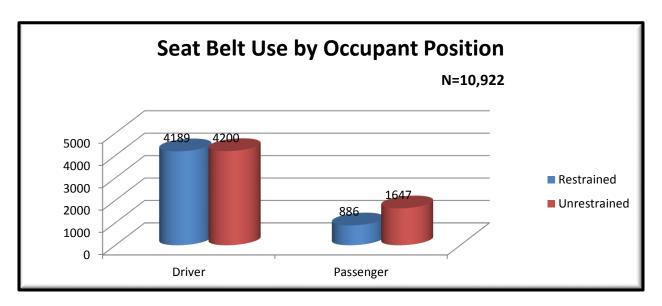


Figure 1- Aberdeen Area Driver vs. Passenger Usage Rates

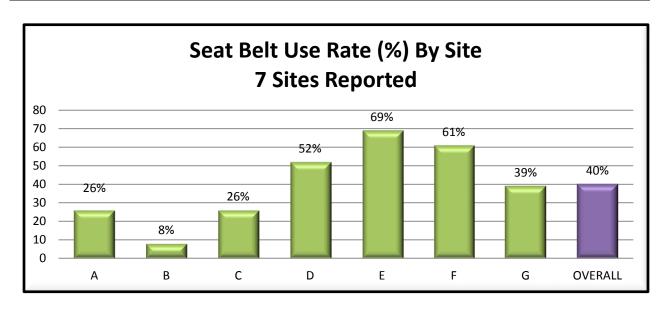


Figure 2- Aberdeen Area Usage Rates by Site

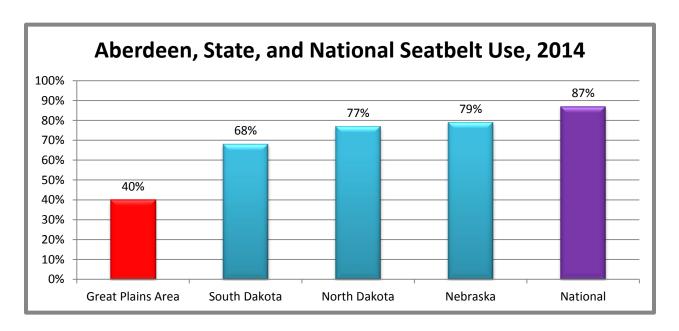


Figure 3 – Area Usage Rate compared to State and National Rates.

#### **Discussion, Conclusion, and Recommendations**

Over the past four years the Great Plains Area has seen a dramatic improvement in overall occupant restraint usage in tribal communities. In 2011 the occupant restraint survey found a 30% seat belt usage for drivers, 19% for passengers and an overall usage rate of 24%. The 2015 occupant restraint report found overall occupant restraint usage was 40% which represents 70.8% increase in seat belt use over the last four years. The increases in overall occupant restraint use within the Area can be attributed to the passage of primary seatbelt laws; increased enforcement activity; in some locations dedicated traffic courts to process cases more efficiently; increased funding for occupant restraint work (\$720K in IHS TIPCAP and 630K in CDC TMVIPP funding over the last five years) and increased community involvement and \$150K in Special Projects from the Great Plains Area to support occupant protection.

During 2015 the DEHS program will be completing the Severe Injury Surveillance (SIS) project which will look at RPMS Injury data from 2010 through 2012. When completed, the DEHS program will be able to compare injury rates from the 2005-2007 study. Based on the increase in overall restraint use, it is hoped that the number of severe injuries and fatalities due to motor vehicle crashes have dropped. This is especially true for communities that had TIPCAP and TMVIPP projects over the past five years (Pine Ridge, Rosebud, Sisseton and the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Health Board).

It is impossible to put a value on human life, but it is possible to calculate cost savings from preventing a death. The CDC Cost of Injury Report shows that one life lost due to an unintentional injury death in the Great Plains Area costs an average of \$838,943 in medical care and lost wages. It is our belief that the increases in occupant restraint usage over the past 4 years have been significant and will result in a reduction in MVC injuries and deaths

The seat belt use rate for Native Americans in the Northern Plains is very low when compared to State and National rates. In 2014, the observed seat belt use rate was 40% (all occupants) for the Native American population in the Great Plains Area, whereas the National rate was 87% (see NHTSA) and the state-wide rate for Nebraska, 79%<sup>5</sup>, North Dakota, 77% and South Dakota 68%.

Four of the reservations participating in this National study had primary safety belt laws. On those reservations, 87% of the vehicle occupants were belted. By comparison, three Tribal reservations had secondary belt laws and averaged 53% seat belt use. On the four reservations with no seat belt laws of any kind, the usage rate was 26%. On reservations subject to Tribal law and Tribal law enforcement, the Tribal government can have a major impact on increasing occupant restraint use. The NHTSA study concluded Tribal policy and procedures are directly responsible for current levels of safety belt use, and it is in these areas that Tribal efforts can be most effective in establishing and improving safety belt usage levels.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> NHTSA, May 2014

Within the Great Plains Area, BIA law enforcement reported nine reservations passed primary seat belt laws. Fines associated with adult seat belt violations ranged from \$20.00-\$250.006.

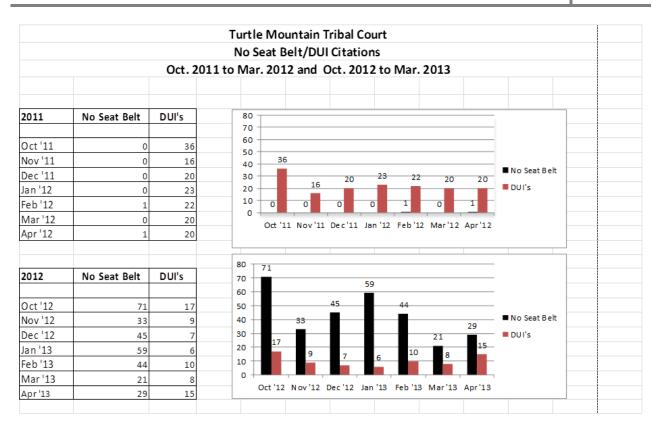
Evidence-based research shows that passage of seat belt use laws, coupled with education and enforcement efforts are effective tools to increase seat belt use. Use of seat belts can reduce the risk of death in a motor vehicle crash by 45-60%, and can reduce moderate to critical injury 50-65%.

A sound recommendation is to encourage all Tribal governments to adopt and enforce primary seat belt laws.

The Turtle Mountain reservation has had a primary seat belt law for many years, but low enforcement led to very low rates of usage. In the latter part of 2012 the Tribe secured a grant for the Tribe to pay Tribal police overtime to conduct additional traffic patrols with emphasis on non-seat belt use. The usage rate at the time of the grant application was 34%. In 2013, following 6 months of increased enforcement, the rate climbed to 73%, which is a dramatic increase, and more in line with state rates. The rates of DUIs have also fallen due to the increased policing.

Although the grant funding has expired and policing has decreased Turtle Mountain continues to have the highest rate of seatbelt usage in the Great Plains area and this is a direct correlation to the increased enforcement and policing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> BIA Law Enforcement Survey, May 2014.



So where do we go from here? Future successes in increasing the use of occupant restraints and ultimately the reduction of motor vehicle related mortality requires a coordinated effort on the part of the Federal, State, and Tribal Governments. The Great Plains Area Indian Health Service DEHS program can positively affect these efforts by utilizing the spectrum of prevention <sup>7</sup> for intervention development and to work with Tribes in completing their TIPCAP applications for part I or part II projects in 2015. There is still more work to do in order to gain support for primary seat belt laws and increased enforcement within the Great Plains Area communities and DEHS staff will work with their Injury Prevention partners and IP coalitions to help build stronger support for primary laws and seatbelt enforcement activities. As an example, *Click It or Ticket* and *Operation ABC* mobilizations are part of an effective intervention strategy and DEHS staff will continue to help support those activities along with their IP coalition partners.

In addition to intervention work, the DEHS staff will continue to conduct occupant restraint surveys to monitor progress on this indicator and modify activity when slippage is observed. Each individual approach builds on the previous intervention in order to be successful. Continuing to work on building

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Developed by the Prevention Program from the work of Marshall Swift, Ph.D., Hahnemann College, Philadelphia, PA. A paper, "The Spectrum of Prevention," and a video demonstrating this methodology, "Beyond Brochures: New Approaches to Prevention," are available through the Prevention Program.

community level infrastructure through coalitions, development; educating communities about the problem; developing innovative collaborations to accomplish a common goal; providing Injury Prevention training to grassroots organizations, and supporting Tribal policies and sovereignty are ongoing tasks the Great Plains Area DEHS program will carry forward over calendar year 2015.

The Spectrum of Prevention - Six Interventions						
Influencing Policy & Legislation						
Changing Organizational Practices						
Fostering Coalitions & Networks						
Educating Providers						
Promoting Community Education						
Strengthening Individual Knowledge & Skills						

#### Appendix A

Table 1- Area Observational Seat Belt Use Survey Data 2014

Reservation	#Drivers	#Drivers	Total #	Driver	# Passengers	# Passengers	Total #	Passenger	#	Total #	Overall
	Restrained	Unrestrained	Drivers	Usage Rate	Restrained	Unrestrained	Passengers	Usage Rate	Occupan	Occupants	Usage
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В	96	631	727	7%	27	234	261	10%	123	988	8%
С	481	1123	1604	33%	108	548	656	16%	589	2260	26%
D	1105	855	1960	57%	389	498	887	44%	1494	2847	52%
E	1187	486	1673	72%	306	179	485	63%	1493	2158	69%
F	1070	677	1747	61%	N	N	N	N	N	1747	61%
G	170	225	395	43%	34	96	130	26%	204	525	39%
TOTAL	4189	4200	8389	43%	886	1647	2533	30%	4005	10922	40%

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Limitations in the data may be due to lack of reporting from Tribal locations and/or reporting overall usage rate only.

#### **Appendix B**

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Site/Location	Staff Name	Phone Number	Address	Email
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# Appendix G

# Horizontal Curve Improvements

2015
Tribal
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Safety
Summit

Andy Vandel
Highway Safety Engineer
SDDOT



#### **Crash Statistics**

- Run-off-the-road crashes account for 57% of Fatal/Serious Injury crashes
- 26% of ROR crashes occurred on a horizontal curve
- Horizontal curves account for less than 10% of the highway system



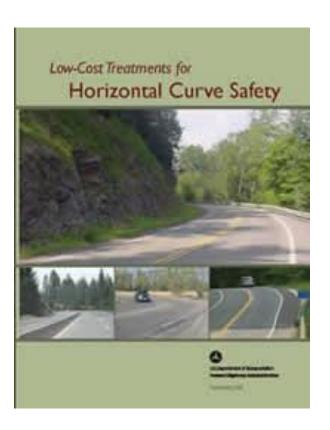
### Horizontal Curve Improvements

- Low Cost Improvements
- Minor Roadway Improvements
- Major Roadway Improvements



#### Low-Cost Treatments

- Pavement Markings
- Rumble Strips
- Signing and Delineation
  - Horizontal Alignment Signs
  - Advisory Speed Plaque
  - One-Direction Large Arrow Sign
  - Chevron Alignment Sign



## Pavement Markings

- Centerline and Edge line Markings
  - Wider and durable edge lines



Roadway with 4-in edge line

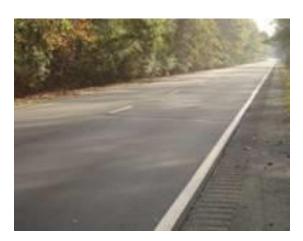


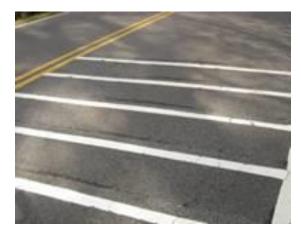
Roadway with 8-in edge line

# Rumble Strips

- Centerline
- Shoulder
- Across Roadway

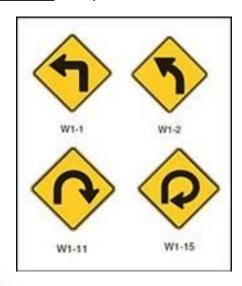






Illustrations of rumble strip for centerline (left), shoulder (middle), and across roadway (right).

- Horizontal Alignment Signs
  - Single Curve
  - More than one curve in close proximity
  - Winding Road sign
  - Recommended if speed differential is between 5 and 10 mph
  - Required if speed differential is greater than 10 mph





#### Advisory Speed Plaque

- Set by a ball bank indicator, based on posted speed
  - 16° for speeds 20 mph or less
  - 14° for speeds 25 to 30 mph
  - 10° for speeds 35 mph or greater



- Recommended if speed differential is between 5 and 10 mph
- Required if speed differential is greater than 10 mph
- Used in conjunction with horizontal alignment signs



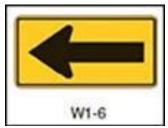


- Combination Horizontal Alignment / Advisory Speed Sign
  - Use as a supplement to Horizontal Alignment sign and Advisory Speed plaque
  - Optional sign





One-Direction Large Arrow Sign



Chevrons



- Optional if speed differential is between 5 and 10 mph
- Recommended if speed differential is between 10 mph and 15 mph
- Required if speed differential is greater than 15 mph



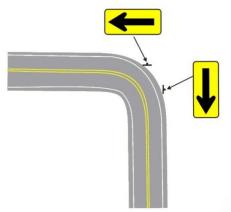


Figure 2C-2. Example of Warning Signs for a Turn W1-1aL (optional) W1-6L (optional) W1-8R W1-6R (optional) Legend → Direction of travel W1-1L W1-8L W1-1aR (optional)

- Dynamic Speed Signs
- AKA, Changeable Message Signs





## Minor Roadway Improvements

- Paved Shoulder Treatment
- Shoulder Drop-Off Elimination
- Shoulder Widening
- High Friction Surface Treatments



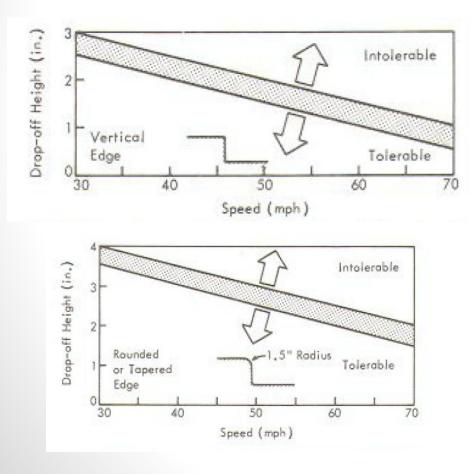
#### Paved Shoulder Treatments

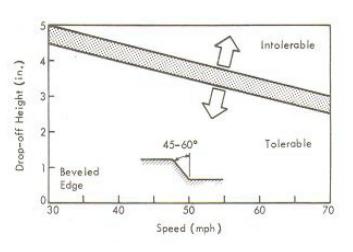
- Provides additional recovery area
- Provides area to add shoulder rumble stripes
- Provides a strong visual effect



## Shoulder Drop-Off Elimination

Vertical drop off creates a snagging hazard





## Shoulder Widening

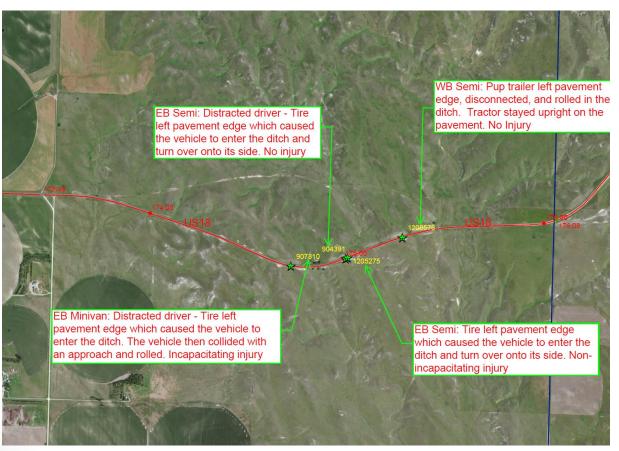
- Provides additional recovery area
- Provides area to add shoulder rumble stripes
- Provides a strong visual effect
- More cost effective then widening a whole corridor





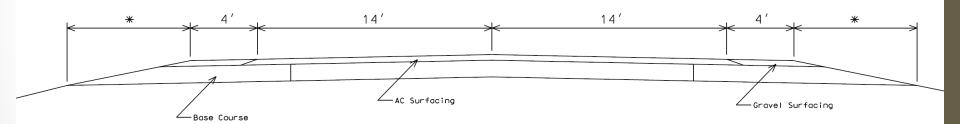
## Shoulder Widening

US18 – From Bennett/Todd Co west 2.5 miles



## Shoulder Widening

- US18 Roadway Section
  - Existing 2' shoulders
  - Widened to 6', per the Road Design Manual table 7-1



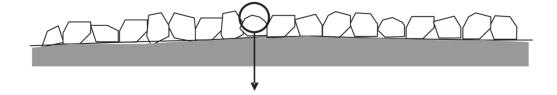
- What is High Friction Surface Treatment (HFST)?
  - Calcined Bauxite Aggregate
  - Polymeric Resin Binder
  - Used at high crash locations due to lack of friction





Increased Micro and Macro Friction

Macro-texture



Micro-texture



- Application Polymeric Resin Binder
  - Resin binder applied by automated truck or squeegee
  - Average thickness of 60 mils



Application - Polymeric Resin Binder



## High Friction Surface Treatment

- Application Calcined Bauxite Aggregate
- Immediately after polymeric resin binder
- Uniform rate of 13 lbs./yd²



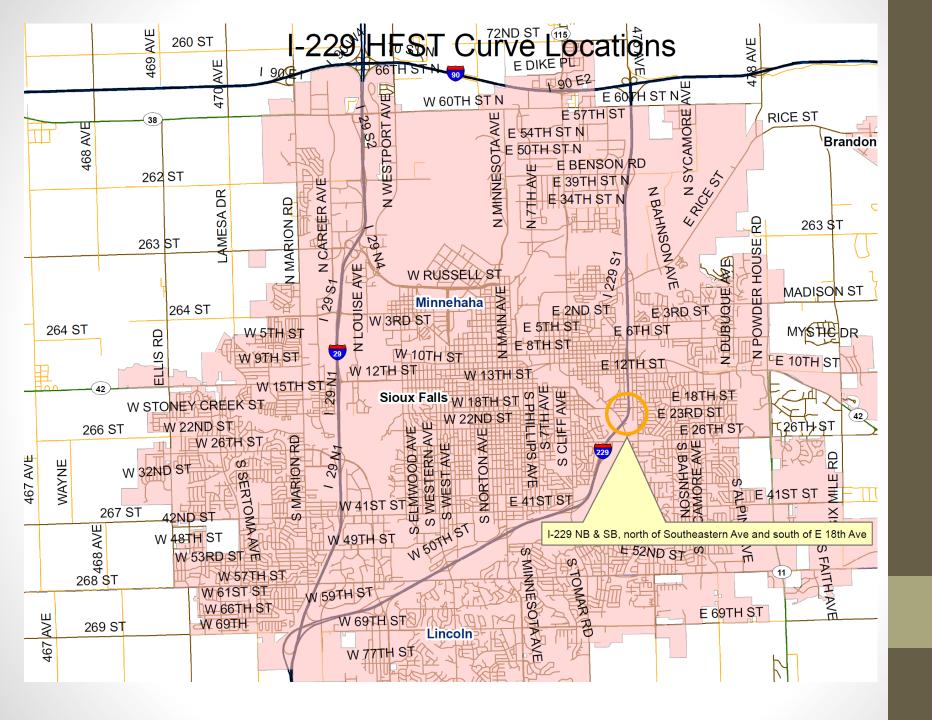


### High Friction Surface Treatment

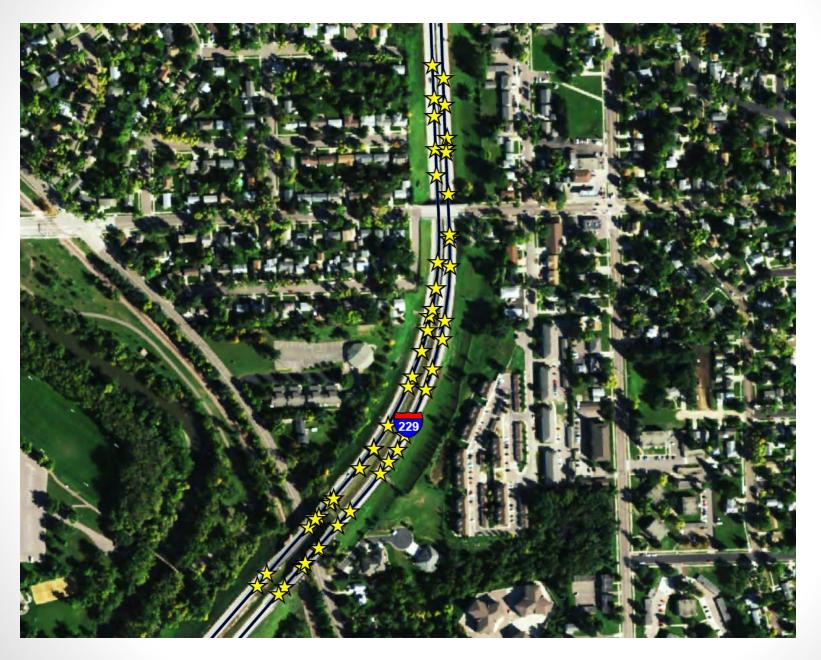
- Curing and Clean Up
  - Cure in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations
  - Clean up by removing excess calcined bauxite aggregate







#### 66 Crashes between 2009 and 2013



#### 1 Crash so for this winter



#### 12 crashes between 2009 and 2013

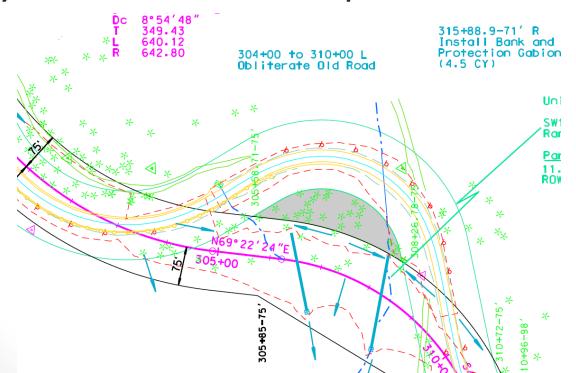


#### 1 Crash so for this winter, outside of HFST limits



## Major Roadway Improvements

- Full grading for realignment
- Correction of cross slope or vertical profile
- Back slope excavation for Sight Distance
- Any combination of improvements

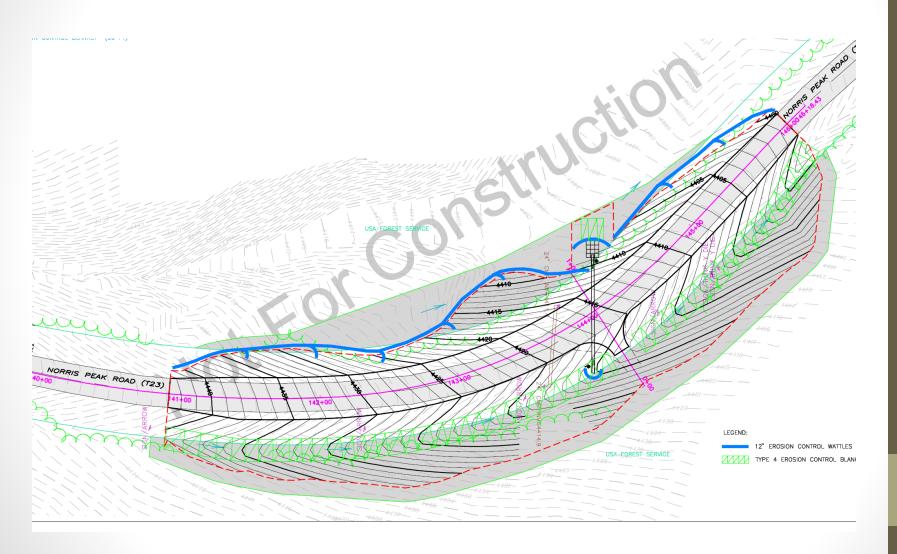


## Major Roadway Improvements

- Norris Peak Road
  - Minor Realignment
  - Shoulder Widening
  - Improve Cross Slope

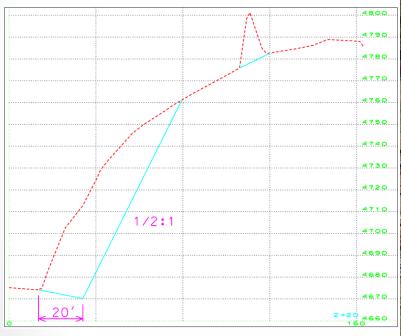


#### Norris Peak Road



#### Broken Boot – US14A west of Deadwood

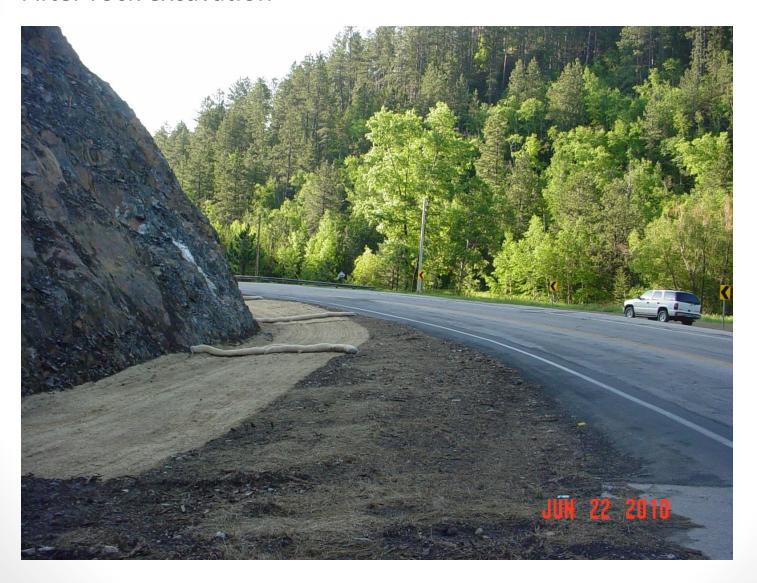
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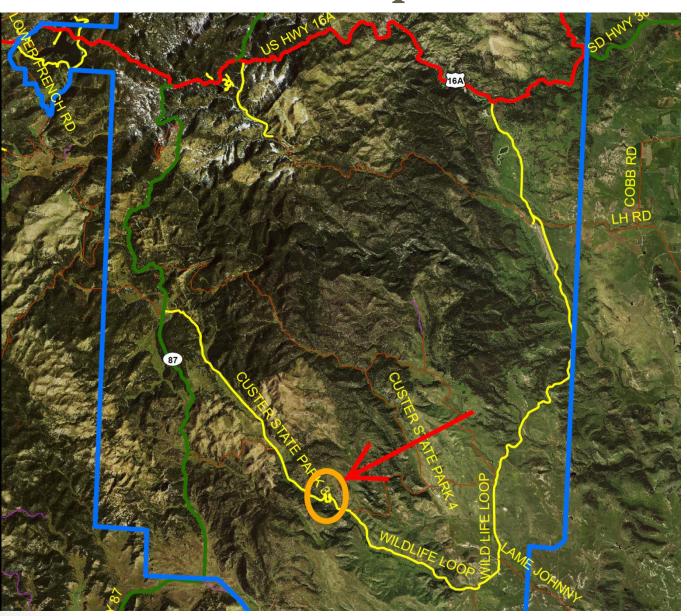


#### Broken Boot - US14A west of Deadwood

After rock excavation



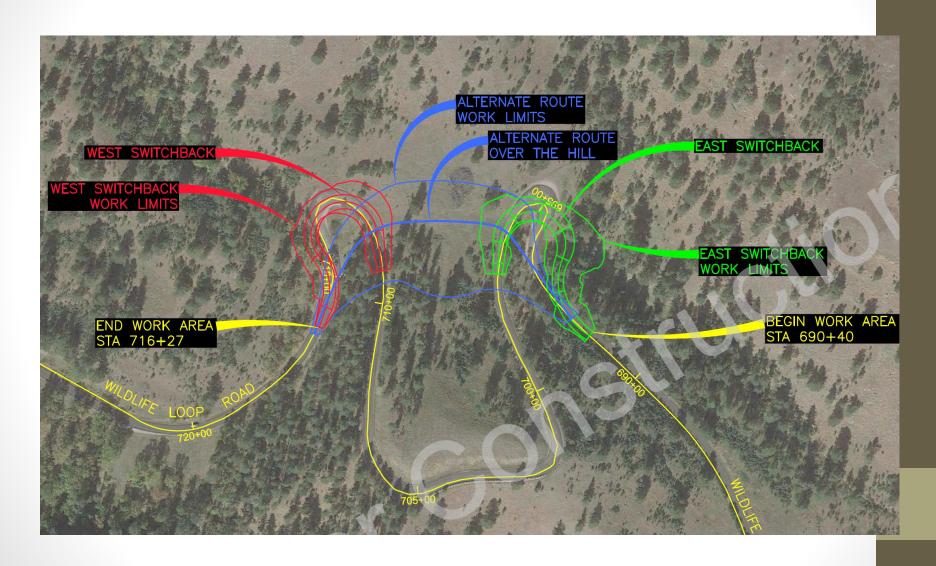
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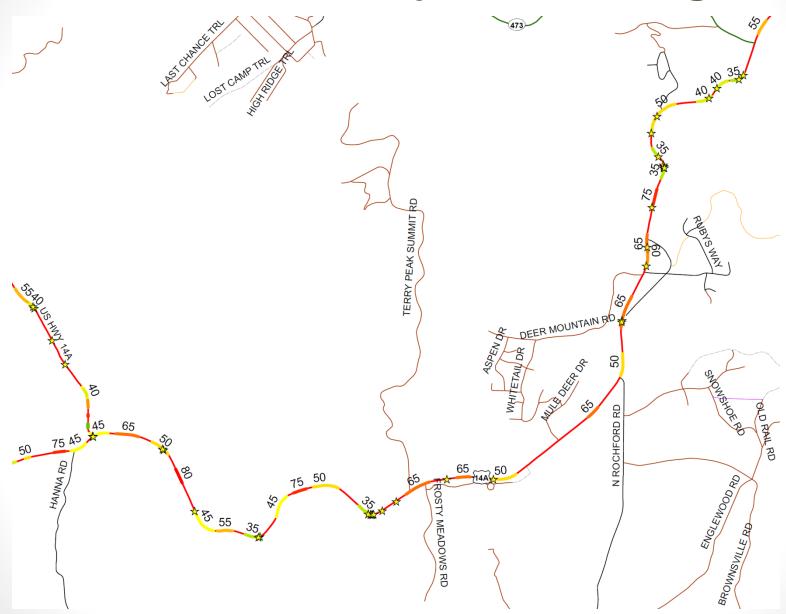
## CSP – Wildlife Loop



#### US14A – 2 east of Cheyenne Crossing



#### US14A – 2 west of Cheyenne Crossing



#### US14A – 2 miles east of Cheyenne Crossing



## Questions??



#### Contact Info



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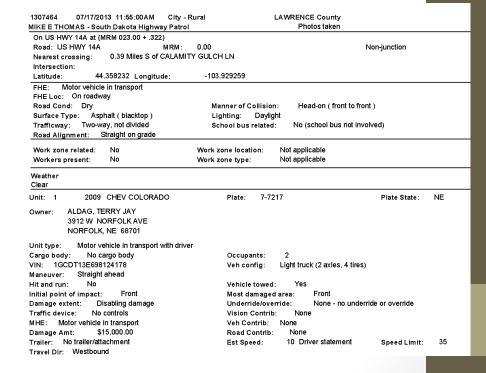
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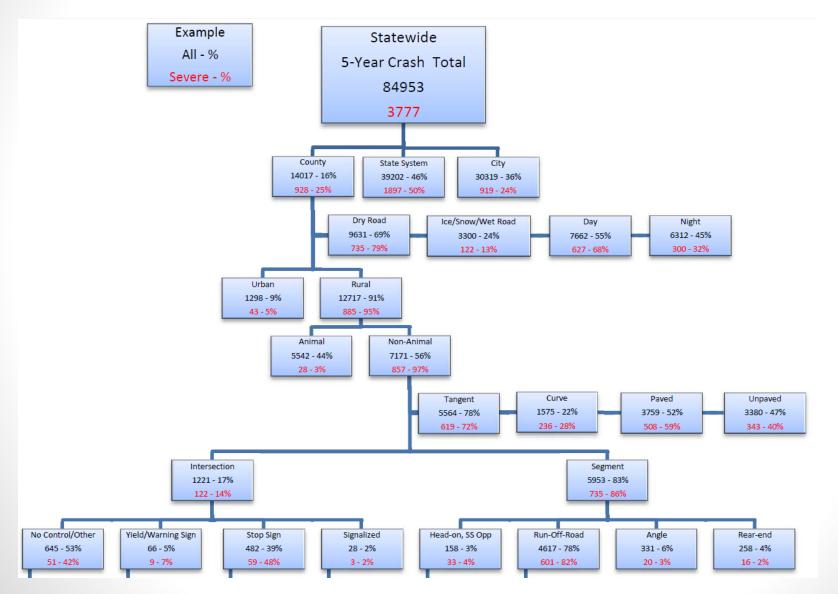
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## Use of Crash Reports

- Data-driven safety analysis
- Identify over representation of crash types
- Crash rates
- Benefit-Cost Ratio



## Data-driven Safety Analysis



## Data-driven Safety Analysis

	State	Statewide		State Highways		County/Township Roads		City Streets		Other	
Safety Emphasis Area	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	
Statewide Totals (Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes)	3,858		1,970		945		914		29		
Drivers											
Unbelted Vehicle Occupants	37%	1,440	36%	706	50%	475	27%	251	28%	8	
Speeding-Related	28%	1,080	29%	573	28%	267	25%	227	45%	13	
Drug- and Alcohol-Related	24%	926	20%	386	37%	345	20%	184	38%	11	
Young Drivers (age 20 and younger)	23%	899	18%	350	27%	257	31%	286	21%	6	
Unlicensed Drivers	12%	470	9%	183	19%	175	12%	108	14%	4	
Older Drivers (age 65 and older)	15%	592	19%	373	10%	96	13%	121	7%	2	
Inattentive, Distracted, and Asleep Drivers	13%	508	14%	271	12%	109	14%	125	10%	3	
Other Users											
Pedestrians	5%	188	3%	53	2%	19	12%	114	7%	2	
Bicycles	1%	57	1%	14	0%	1	5%	42	0%	0	
Vehicles											
Motorcycles	21%	825	26%	504	19%	175	15%	134	41%	12	
Heavy Vehicles	8%	312	12%	236	5%	50	3%	26	0%	0	
Highways											
Roadway Departure (includes run-off-the-road, head-on, and sideswipe-opposing crashes)	57%	2,211	60%	1,175	81%	767	27%	248	72%	21	
Intersections	27%	1,041	21%	419	14%	137	52%	477	28%		
Train-Vehicle Collisions	0%	18	0%	7	1%	6	1%	5	0%		
Run-off-the-Road	52%	2,021	53%	1,048	76%	721	25%	231	72%	21	
Consequences of leaving the road (run-off-the-road crashes involving a fixed object or overturn)	52%	1,994	53%	1,036	75%	713	25%	225	69%	20	
Head-On and Sideswipe-Opposing	5%	190	6%	127	5%	46	2%	17	0%	0	
Work Zones	2%	93	4%	75	1%	7	1%	11	0%	0	

#### Notes:

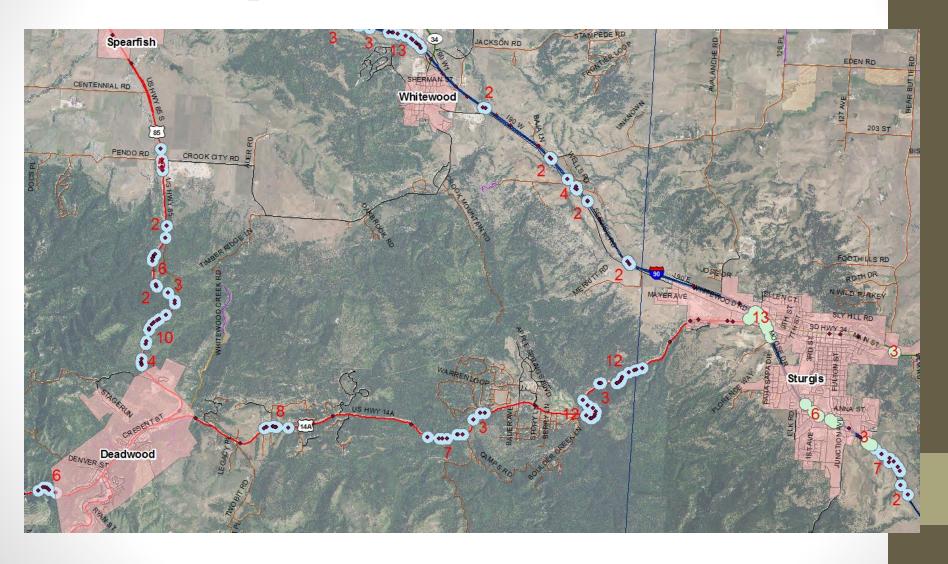
Yellow highlighted rows indicate that the safety emphasis area is one of the seven selected by SDDOT for the updated SHSP.

Some crash reports stated more than one emphasis area contributing to the crash. Therefore, the sum of the numbers in individual cells do not equal the total for that column.

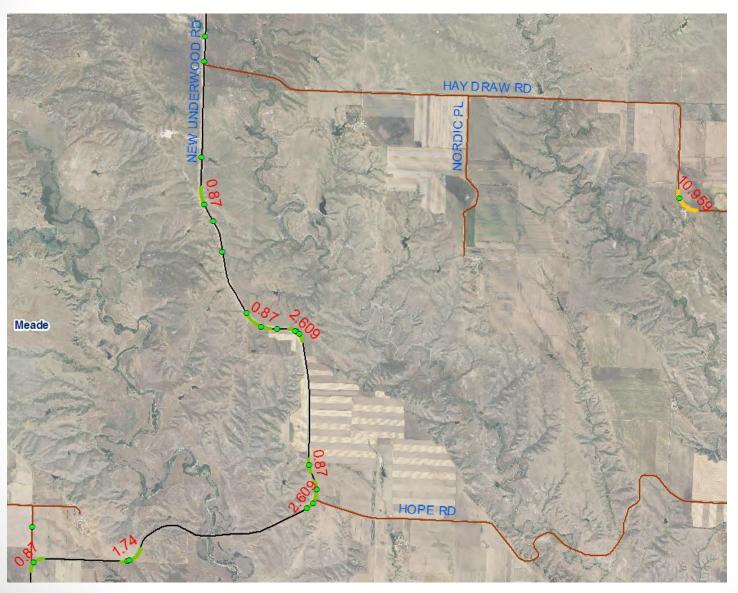
Related crashes could not be identified for several categories and data for these are not shown in the table. These categories include Enhancing Emergency Capabilities (EMS); Information and Decision Support Systems (Management), and More Effective Processes (Management).

Source: 2007-2011 SDARS Crash Data

## Over Representation of Crashes



#### Calculated Crash Rates



#### Calculated Benefit-Cost Ratio

$$BCR = \frac{PV_{\text{benefits}}}{PV_{\text{costs}}}$$

Where:

BCR = Benefit-cost ratio

 $PV_{\text{benefits}}$  = Present value of project benefits

 $PV_{\text{costs}}$  = Present value of project costs

## Appendix H



# Tribal Transportation Safety Plans

South Dakota Tribal Safety Summit
October 2015
Craig Genzlinger

## Benefits of Safety Planning 《



- Opportunity for coordinated efforts & shared resources within a community toward common goal
  - Common goals across multiple agencies
- Establish communication & form partnerships with Tribal, Local, State, and Federal officials
- Tool to leverage funding and resources
  - Enhanced efforts
  - CDC Rosebud and TTP
- Action Plan that outlines strategies for future.

#### Safety Plan Focus

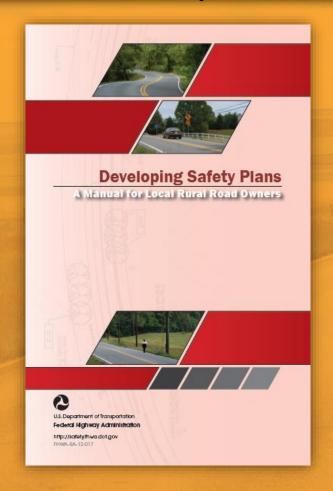


Not focused on any one funding source or program

- Focused on the modes that are most significant to the community Its your plan!
  - Roads
  - Trails
  - Pathways
  - Air
  - ATV



## Safety Planning Process





#### **Getting Started**



- TTP Safety Funds available to develop plan
  - \$12,500 for new plan
  - \$7,500 to update plan
  - Ranking Step 1 develop a plan!
- Assistance Available
  - In house
  - BIA and FHWA Federal Lands
  - TTAP
  - Consultants
- SD Funding
  - 7 Tribes applied and received 2013 or 2014 TTP Safety Planning Funds

#### **Best Practices**



- Data
- Data
- Data
- Public Involvement and Agency Input
- Strategies
- Results

#### Data



- Past plans had little data to support efforts
- All Safety Programs Data Driven
  - Does it have to be from a crash report?
- Data sharing and availability
  - SDDPS maps and causes
    - http://dps.sd.gov/enforcement/accident\_records/county\_city\_cras h\_annual\_reports.aspx
  - Tribal wide variety
  - FARs available on line reported fatals only
    - http://www.nhtsa.gov/FARS
  - EMS location information, little on causes.
  - Anecdotal reliability?
  - IHS and CDC
    - Darcy Merchant

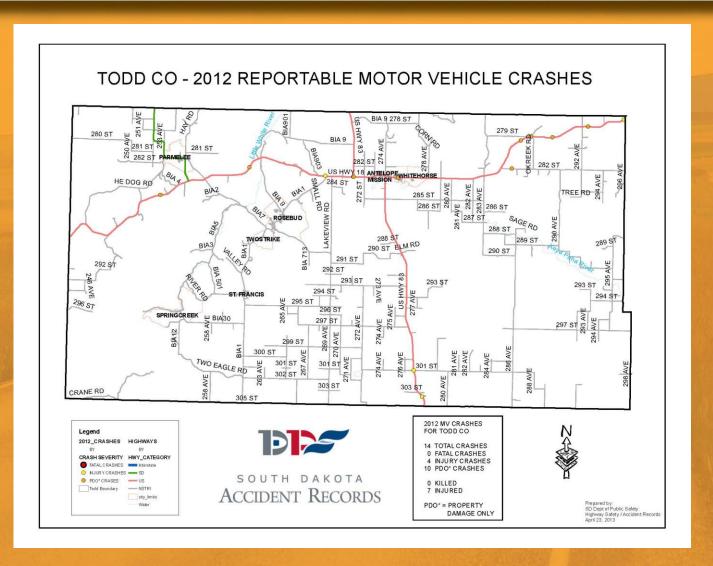
#### Data



- Identify Issues and Strategies
- Tell a story!
- Let the data drive your plan
- But don't let it limit you either
  - Lack of Complete Data

#### SDDOT Data





### Tribal Data



Oglala Sioux Tribe Department of Public Safety MVC FY 2010 (Oct 2009 - Sept 2010)

		MVC FY 201	0 (Oct	200	9 -	Sept 2010)	
REPORT FILE NUMBER	VEH 1 & AGE	VEH 2 & AGE	VEH 3 & AGE	FATAL	Injury	LOCATION	CAUSE OF CRASH
10-MVC-001	F	М		N		OLL PARKING LOT	FENDER BENDER
10-MVC-002	М	М		N	Y	COMMOD BUILDING	AUTO ACCIDENT
10-MVC-003	М			N		HWY 18 DEARLY BRIDGE	HIT/RUN
10-MVC-004	F			N		BIA 35	VEH VS HORSE
10-MVC-005	F (48)			N	N	BIA 39	VEH VS DEER
10-MVC-006	F			N		LITTLES FLAT US 18	WEATHER
10-MVC-007	F			N		HWY 18 NORTH OF PINE RIDGE	VEH VS DEER
10-MVC-008	F	М		N	N	WOUNDED KNEE 27&28 JCT	VEH SIDE SWIPED
10-MVC-009	М	М		N	N	PR BUS GARAGE	FENDER BENDER
10-MVC-010	F (39)			N	N	BIA 41 5 S OF 18 JCT	VEH VS DEER
10-MVC-011	F	М		N	N	QUANSET,EVERGREEN	FENDER BENDER
10-MVC-012	M			N	N	1 N OF MANDERSON	FENDER BENDER
10-MVC-013	F (34); M (26); M (35)			Y	Y	3 EAST BIA 23,PORCUPINE	VEH VS DITCH
10-MVC-014	M (26)	F		N	Y	HWY 18 &407 4WAY	FENDER BENDER
10-MVC-015	F (33)	F 38		N	N	US HWY 18 CALICO, NEAR CROSS DOG TURN OFF	FENDER BENDER
10-MVC-016	M			N	U	BACK RD FROM RED CLOUD TO MANDERSON	VEH VS DITCH
10-MVC-017	F			N	N	BIA 27 S OF PORCUPINE	VEH VS DEER
10-MVC-018	М			N	N	KYLE PD	VEH VS DEER
10-MVC-019	М			N	N	PINE RIDGE AREA	FENDER BENDER
10-MVC-020	M (23)	F		N	N	BIA 32 X SLIM BUTTES TURN	HIT AND RUN
10-MVC-021	F (56)	F (29)		N	Y	NORTH ROUTE RD	VEH VS VEH
10-MVC-021	F (41)			N	N	S OF KYLE/ALLEN JCT	VEH VS DEER
10-MVC-023	M (29)	M (39)		N	N	S SIDE OF WK HILL	FENDER BENDER
10-MVC-023	F (46)			N	N	BIA 14	VEH VS DEER
10-MVC-024	M (46)			N	N	BIA 35	VEH VS DEER





## The Northern Cheyenne Tribe Motor Vehicle Crash Site Identification Project

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#### **IHS Data**

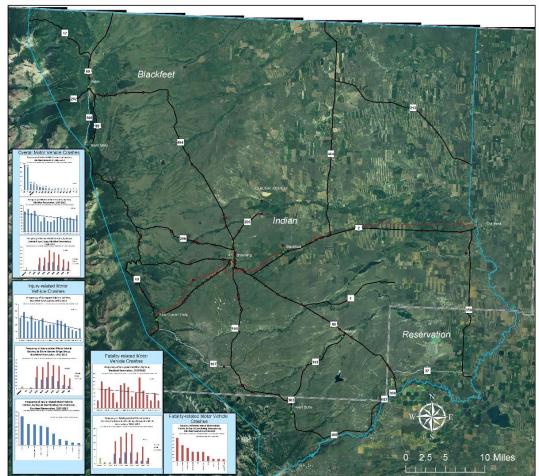




#### The Blackfeet Tribe Motor Vehicle Crash Site Identification Project 1996-2012



**Fatality-related Motor Vehicle Crashes** 

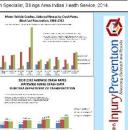


This map was greated by Darov Merchant, MPH, Environmental Health Specialist, Billings Area Indian Health Service, 20

#### Legend

<ul> <li>Fatality-related MV</li> </ul>			Gravel
*	Towns	<del></del>	Railroad
	US Highway 2		Blackfeet Reservation
	US Highway 89		County Boundary
	Major Roads		

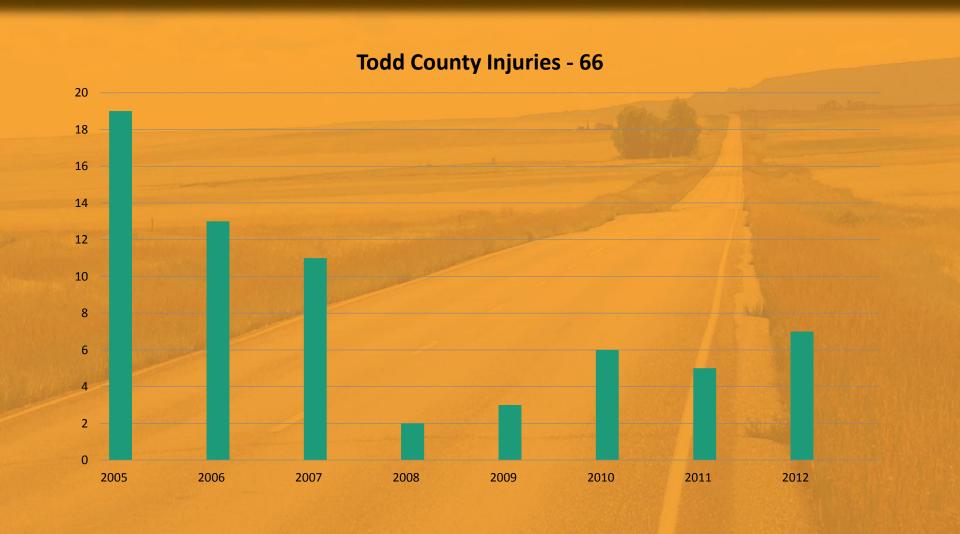
The Blackfeet Tribe Motor Vehicle Crash Site Identification Project map is comprised of motor vehicle crashes (MVCs) resulting in injury, death, or property damage. Data was collected from the Montana Department of Transportation's Highway Traffic Safety Bureau for years 1996-2012. The overall goal of the project is to identify MVC cluster sites, trends, and to prevent MVC injuries and fatalities for those transporting within the boundaries of the Blackfeet reservation.





### Rosebud SDDPS Data







#### Rosebud Police Data







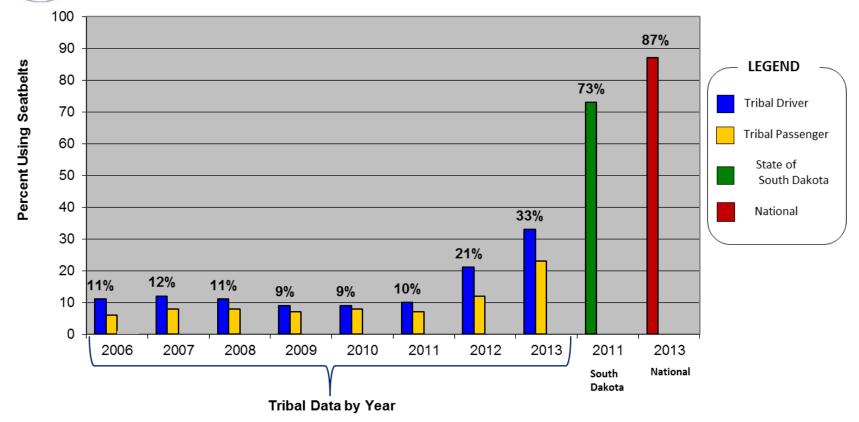
#### Rosebud Sioux Seatbelts





#### Seatbelt Usage Rates by Year, 2006-2013

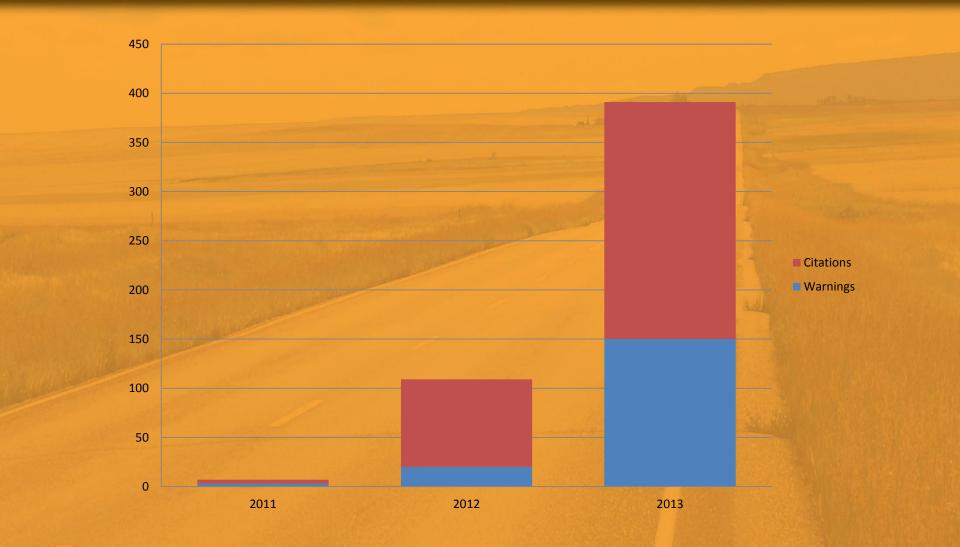
Rosebud Sioux Reservation, South Dakota - as compared to State and National Data
Information gathered and compiled by the Indian Health Service, Office of Environmental Health, Rosebud Service Unit, AAO





### Rosebud Seatbelt Data







## Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe (KL)







### Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe





## Flandreau Santee Sioux **(KL)**







## Flandreau Santee Sioux (KL)



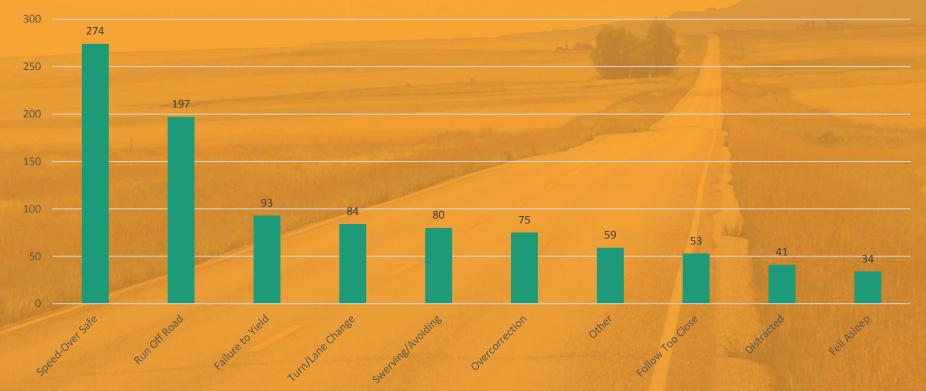




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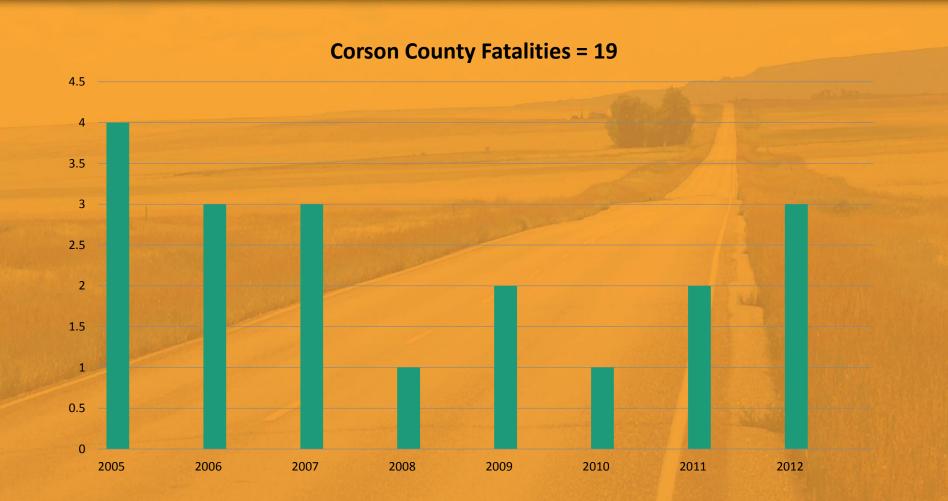






### Standing Rock Sioux

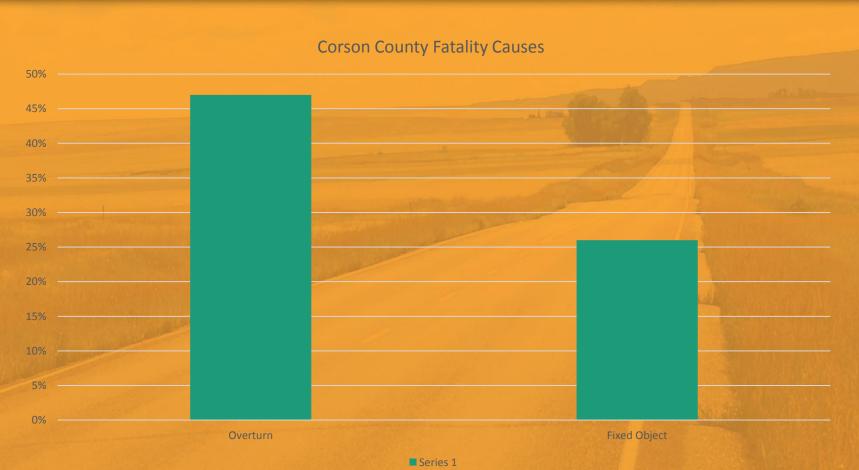






### Standing Rock Sioux





#### SWO Plan



engineering safety principles, Construction Management is developing a 7-year Transportation Improvement Plan that will correct the road safety deficiencies through either individual safety projects (Reservation Wide Striping & Replacement of BIA Route Signing) or through new construction or reconstruction projects.

Construction Management is continually seeking additional grant and funding resources and opportunities to support transportation safety efforts. Presently, this includes constructing new pathways/sidewalks through the South Dakota Department of Transportation - Transportation Alternatives Program and TIGER6 Grants from the Federal Highway Administration for completion of reconstruction projects for Housing Streets, additional Pathways Projects and Shoulder Widening and Re-Surfacing on narrow routes. There still remain numerous unmet needs.

In working with the Sisseton Wahpeton Housing Authority, Construction Management and the Tribe are developing a new sidewalk and snow removal ordinance for the Housing communities.

#### DATA SUMMARY

Sisseton-Wahpeton Law Enforcement tracks motor vehicle crashes (MVC) and enforcement efforts. The following is a chart detailing the total number of MVC's, the MVC's that resulted in injury or fatality, and enforcement efforts in three areas: seatbelt citations, car seat safety citations and driving under the influence arrests.

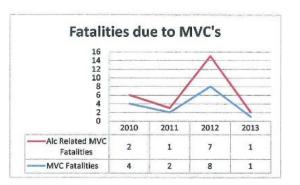


In looking at MVC's with fatalities, 65% of all fatalities are alcohol related. The following chart shows fatality data:

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#### SWO Plan





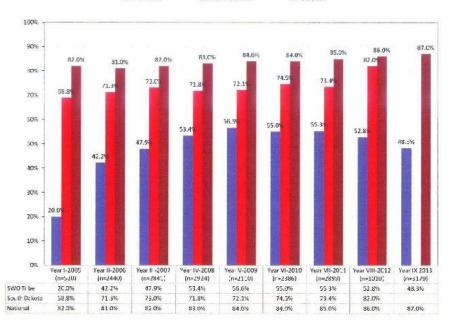
The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate has had some success in raising the seatbelt usage rate using a combination of high visibility law enforcement such as checkpoints and saturation patrols, media campaigns and public education. The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate is still well below state and national rates, leaving much room for improvement. The following chart documents the seatbelt use rate over time:

Figure 2. SWO Tribe, South Dakota, and National Seatbelt Use, 2011-2013

SWO Tribe

South Dakota

National



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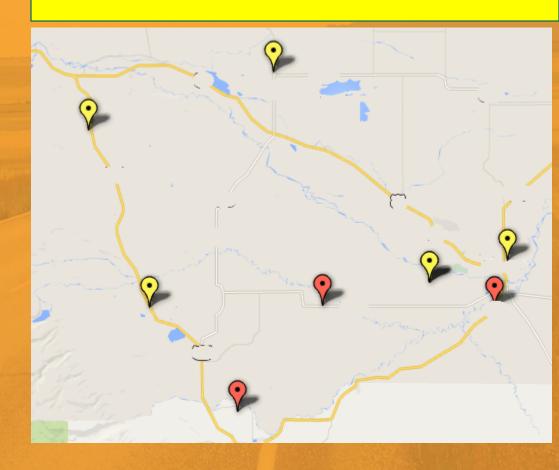
### Systematic Approach



#### Not Focused on Specific High Crash Locations

- Target Crash Types
- Uses Proven Low Cost Countermeasures

#### **Horizontal Curve Fatalities**



#### Potential Risk Factors



Example Focus Crash Type	Potential Risk Factors				
Rural Crashes					
Road Departure	<ul><li>Road edge condition</li><li>Access density</li><li>Curve density</li><li>Traffic volume</li></ul>				
Urban Crashes					
Pedestrian	<ul> <li>Intersection control type</li> <li>Major road characteristics (e.g., number of lanes, divided or undivided)</li> <li>Traffic volume</li> <li>Traffic speed</li> <li>Presence or proximity of pedestrian generator</li> <li>Presence or proximity of transit stop</li> <li>Presence of sidewalk</li> </ul>				

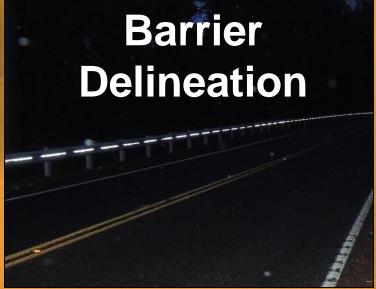
### Run Off Road Countermeasures

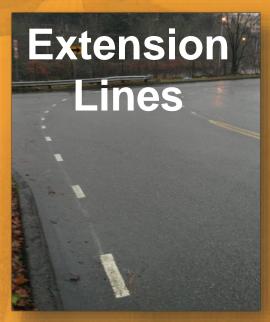












Source: Scott Davis, Thurston County, WA

## Public / Agency Involvement (KL)

- Facilitated Agency Meetings
  - Most Common Input
  - Most Include:
    - Tribal Agencies
    - State Agencies
    - Federal Agencies
- Council Meetings
- Public Meetings and Open Houses

#### Strategies



- Many Strategies Identified
- Common Themes:
  - Separated Pathways
  - Education Programs
  - Road Safety Audits
  - Drivers Education Programs
  - Data Collection and Sharing Improvements
  - Cross Jurisdictional Agreements
  - Motor Carrier Programs
  - Tribal Safety Officers
  - Primary Seatbelt Ordinances
  - Improved 911 Systems
  - Maintenance

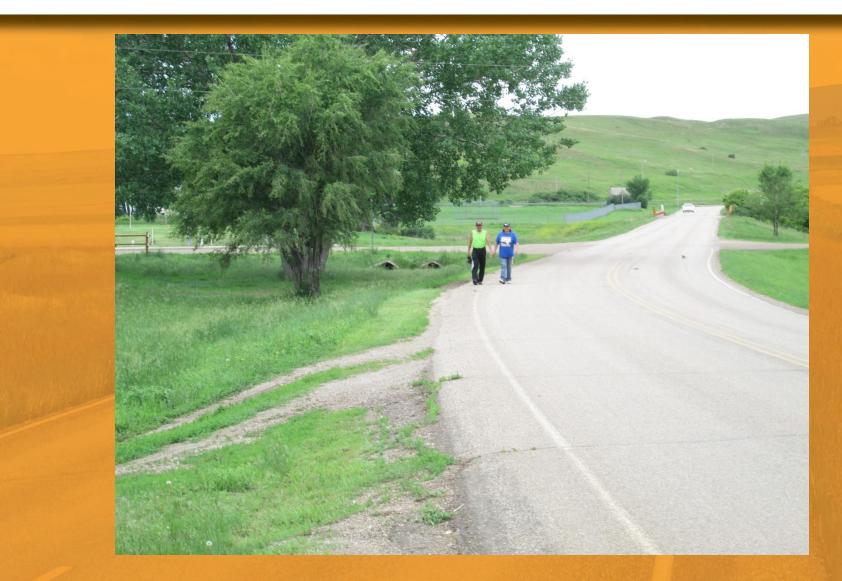
### Visuals and Maps





### Visuals and Maps





#### Summary





#### Reservation-wide Transportation Safety Education Program



The Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe has worked with law enforcement, schools and other interested parties on the Reservation to provide education on transportation safety, particularly to younger drivers on behavioral issues such as seat belt use, texting and driving, impaired driving and child restraint.

This project would use and build on national safety campaign themes on impaired driving, seat belt use, texting and driving and other transportation safety issues, by using local leaders, or other easily recognizable individuals from the Tribal community to promote these safety themes. Many safety campaigns across the country have shown a greater rate of success when they are made culturally relevant to the Tribal audience and utilize local talent to deliver the safety message. The Tribe has received funding for items in the past, but funding is not sufficient for larger items, such as billboards, using local artistry, banners, videos, Tribal safety posters and other safety education materials. These materials would be used in education programs or at community events, with a strong emphasis to provide outreach at Riverside Park Days.

Strategy Champion: FSST Roads Program.

Funding Opportunity: TTP Safety Funding, BIA IHSP Funding.

#### **Summaries**



#### **ENFORCEMENT EMPHASIS AREAS**

Sisseton-Wahpeton Law Enforcement is the first line of defense in transportation safety. Sisseton-Wahpeton Law Enforcement currently employs twelve officers and eleven staff. With a force this small, there are times when only one officer is patrolling a reservation with boundaries that extend across four counties and whose land base extends into North Dakota. Over the last four years (2010-2013) Officers on the Lake Traverse Reservation wrote 4,282 traffic citations, arrested 555 drunk drivers and responded to 283 motor vehicle crashes, 15 of which were fatalities.

Good law enforcement is the key to any transportation safety effort. Sisseton-Wahpeton Law Enforcement has a history of collaborating with other groups in the fight against motor vehicle crash deaths. Since 2005 they have partnered with the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Injury Prevention in implementing high visibility law enforcement efforts.

Sisseton-Wahpeton Law Enforcement addresses the major causal factors of motor vehicle crashes: speed, impairment due to substances (such as alcohol) and restraint usage. Their efforts have begun to make changes in some areas, but lack the resources needed to take their work to the next level.

#### **Description of Emphasis Area 8: Data Collection**

- Currently, Sisseton-Wahpeton Law Enforcement has no software to keep records. All statistics are collected
  from the logs and tabulated by hand by one staff person. What is contained in the logs depends on how the
  individual dispatcher enters the information. This leads to human error and discrepancies in the data.
- When using the police data, there is no way to sort information to look for trends. Officers fill out paper
  citations and reports. There is no electronic tabulation of any police information. Records have been lost when
  there is turnover in the administrative position in charge of keeping stats for Sisseton-Wahpeton Law
  Enforcement.

#### **Goal for Emphasis Area 8:**

 By 2017, Sisseton-Wahpeton Law Enforcement will purchase a data software system and maintain electronic records, including electronic citations and reports from the individual officers.

#### Strategies for Emphasis Area 8:

- The Captain of Sisseton-Wahpeton Law Enforcement will research grants to pay for a data system and the
  equipment associated (laptops in the squad cars, e-ticket citation printers, software, computers in the dispatch
  office, a server for the Police Department, etc.)
- Sisseton-Wahpeton Law Enforcement will supply reports to the SWO Transportation Safety Committee and
  other committees focused on transportation safety. The reports will detail crash and enforcement information
  and will be used to describe the motor vehicle crash problem on the Lake Traverse Reservation.

#### Description of Emphasis Area 9: Law Enforcement Staffing and Training

- Sisseton-Wahpeton Law Enforcement currently employs twelve Officers, two who are not patrol Officers and
  one that is a School Resource Officer and will only patrol in the summer months. That leaves nine Officers
  actively patrolling tribal roads.
- The nine Officers not only answer calls and patrol tribal roads; they are also responsible for conducting bimonthly seat belt and sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols year round. They participate in national

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#### Strategies



- Important Items to Consider
  - Strategy Champion
  - Supporting Data
    - Crash Data
    - Anecdotal Data
    - Health Service Data
    - Systemic Approach Data
    - Pathways???
  - Available Funding Sources
    - TTPSF
    - SDDOT
    - BIA IHSP
    - Transportation Alternatives
  - Staff Availability and Scheduling

### 2013 Safety Funds



- Oglala Sioux Tribe of Pine Ridge Develop Safety Plan
- Oglala Sioux Tribe of Pine Ridge BIA 27 Safety Improvements Engineering
- Rosebud Sioux Tribe Development of comprehensive Tribal Safety Plan
- Yankton Sioux Tribe Transportation Safety Program Safety Plans and Safety Planning Activities
- Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Develop Safety Plan
- Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Tribal Transportation Safety Plan
- Standing Rock Sioux TribeSafety Plan Update

### 2014 Safety Funds



- Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, South Dakota
   Development of a Tribal Transportation Safety Plan
- North Dakota Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Develop educational materials for transportation safety campaigns \$34,500.00
- Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation
  - Purchase supplies for Safety Education \$59,680.97
  - Law Enforcement Equipment and Training to benefit EMS/Enforcement \$430,948.76

### 2015 and 2016 Safety Funds



- 2015 Application period recently closed
  - Expect announcement around December
  - 10 to 12 Applications
- 2016 Notice of Funding Availability early in 2016.
  - If no safety plan apply!
  - Apply in multiple categories
  - Include supporting data
  - For pathways and engineering projects FHWA is recommending applying for design funds first and construction in subsequent year.

#### MT Example



- MT Tribes have had plans since 2008
- All seven applied to update plan in 2013
- Since had existing plans also applied for project in 2013 and in 2014 after updates.
- Funds Received:
  - 2013 \$1,522,000
  - 2014 \$1,112,000

### FLANDREAU SANTEE SIOUX TRIBE 2015 TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PLAN





Developed through the Flandreau Santee Sioux Transportation Department

Prepared by KLJ

July 2015



### CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE 2015 TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PLAN



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#### ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBE TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PLAN



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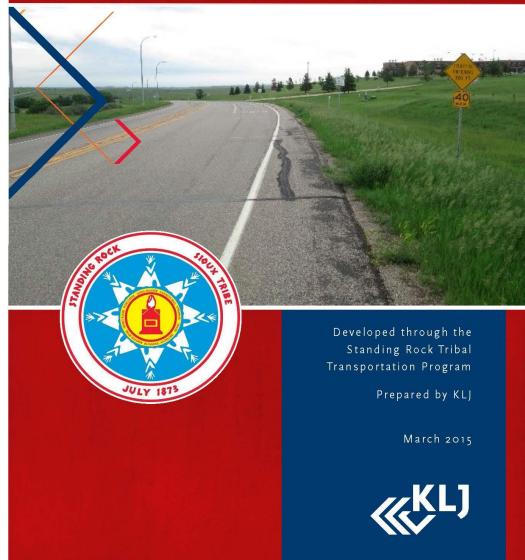
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#### STANDING ROCK SIOUX TRIBE





#### Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Transportation Safety Plan 2014

Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Transportation Safety
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# Questions and Discussion

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# Appendix I

# TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY SUMMIT

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Grand River Casino 2015 Annual Conference October 14-15 Mobridge, SD

### Agenda

- TTPSF FY15 Update
- FY15 TTPSF Program Funding
- Safety Plan Implementation and Sustainment

### **FY 15 TTP Safety Program**

- Available funds = \$8.5 mil
- Applications received = 167 from (Internal process number of Tribes not yet known) Tribes
- Target date for announcing awards
- Scoring Criteria
  - Planning
  - Engineering
  - Enforcement & Emergency
  - Education

### **FY 16 TTP Safety Program**

- Available funding No change under MAP- 21
- FY16 NOFA

### Safety Plan Implementation

- Identify a Champion
  - Lead person or organization
- Project Development
  - Identify goals and parameters of project
  - Identify other stake holders
- Funding
  - Research and develop funding sources

### Best practices for application process

- A complete application for the development for a Safety Plan should consist of:
  - a completed online application which replaces the SF-424
  - a brief project narrative
- A complete application for any other activity should consist of:
  - A completed online application which replaces the SF-424
  - A project narrative
  - Supporting incident data
  - Supporting Safety Plan
  - Any other applicable supporting documents

### **Current GPR Applications**

- 2 Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
  - Education and Engineering for Pathway \$308.000
- 2 Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe
  - Education and Engineering \$74,500
- 3 Rosebud Sioux Tribe
  - Engineering, Education & Safety Audits \$709,800
- 1 Santee Sioux Tribe
  - Development of Safety Plan \$12,500
- 1 Three Affiliated Tribes
  - Education \$97,469
- 1 Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa
  - Engineering Jack Rabbit Road \$1,188,270
- 1 Yankton Sioux Tribe
  - Education \$48,562
- Region Total \$2,439,102

### Safety Plan Sustainment

- Monitor Progress
  - Establish milestones
  - Record progress
- Review the Safety Plan
  - Look back to evaluate effectiveness of the plan
- Keep the Safety Plan Relevant
  - Measure effectiveness
  - Adjust for changing conditions
  - Regularly scheduled updates

### **Thank You**

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# **Appendix J**

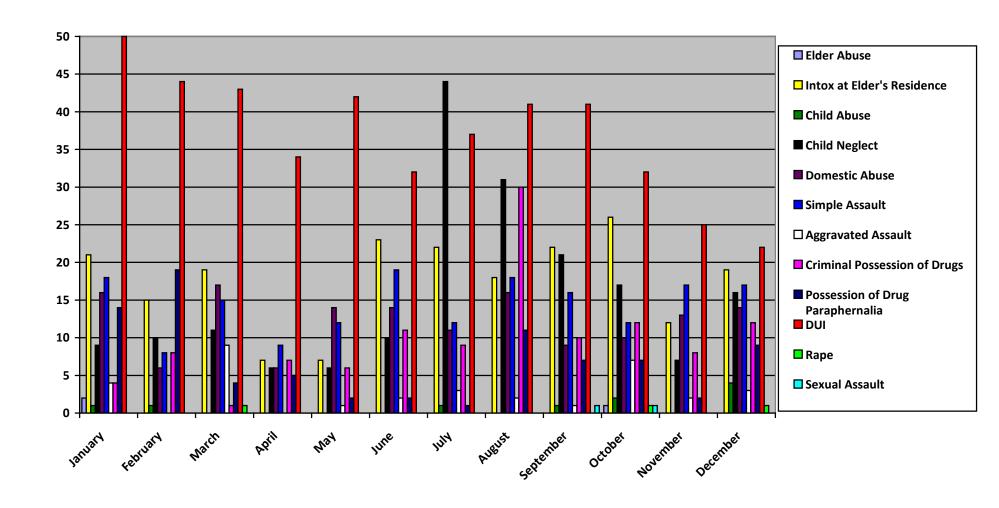
#### **Severe Crashes**

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October	2			2	1							5
November	4		1	2	1		1					9
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14 BIA Crash Data

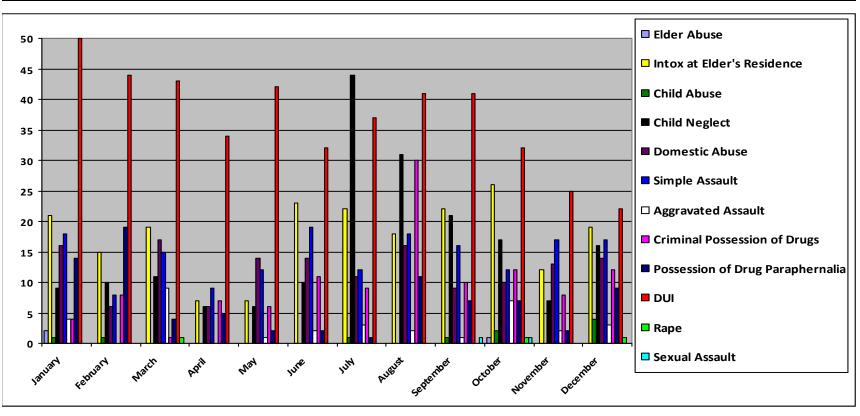
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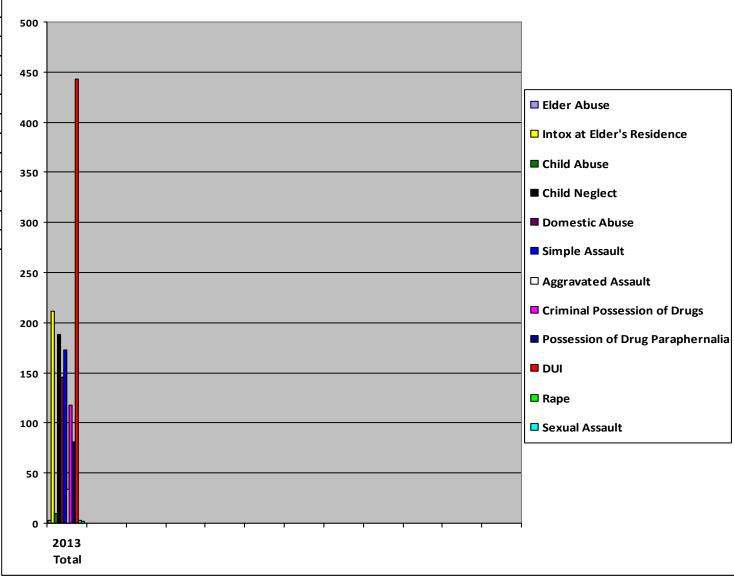
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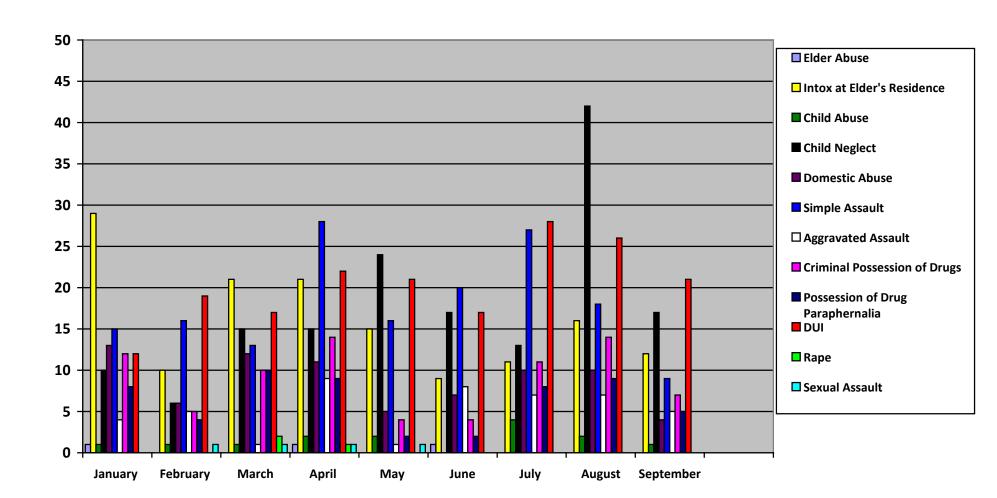
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Child Abuse	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	4
Child Neglect	9	10	11	6	6	10	44	31	21	17	7	16
Domestic Abuse	16	6	17	6	14	14	11	16	9	10	13	14
Simple Assault	18	8	15	9	12	19	12	18	16	12	17	17
Aggravated Assault	4	0	9	0	1	2	3	2	1	7	2	3
Criminal Possession of Drugs	4	8	1	7	6	11	9	30	10	12	8	12
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	14	19	4	5	2	2	1	11	7	7	2	9
DUI	50	44	43	34	42	32	37	41	41	32	25	22
Rape	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Sexual Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0



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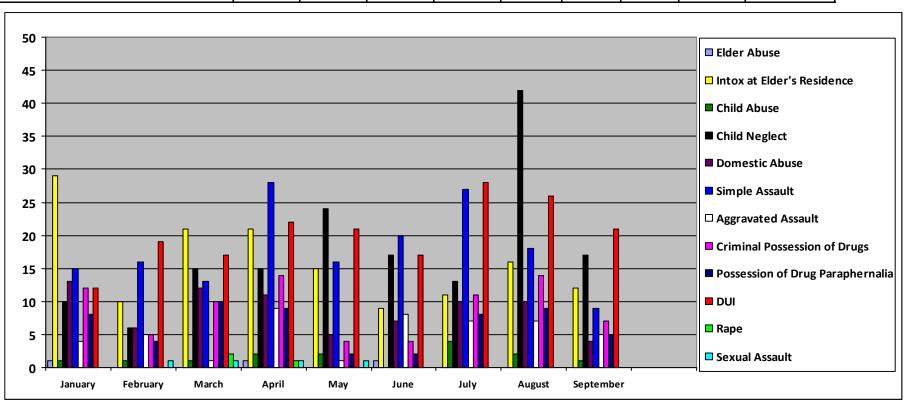
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Sexual Assault	2



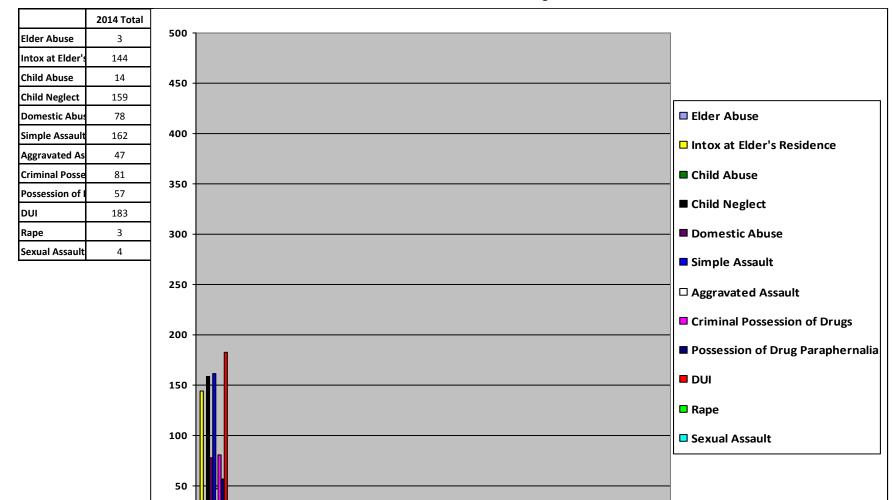


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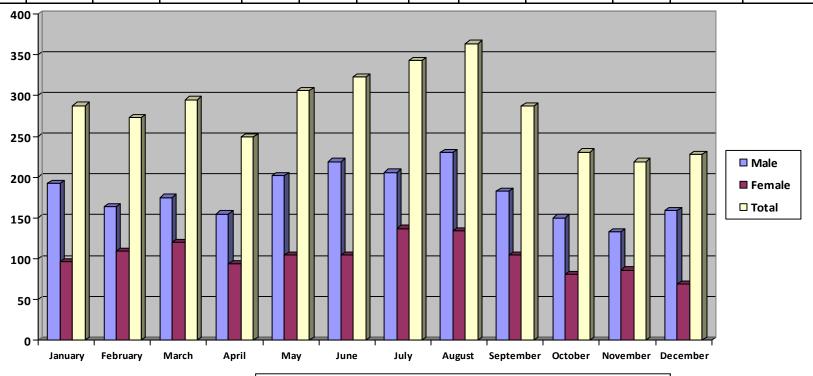
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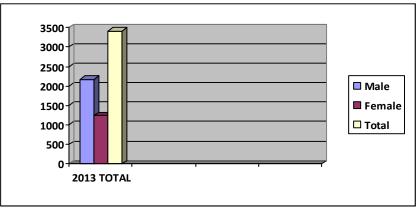
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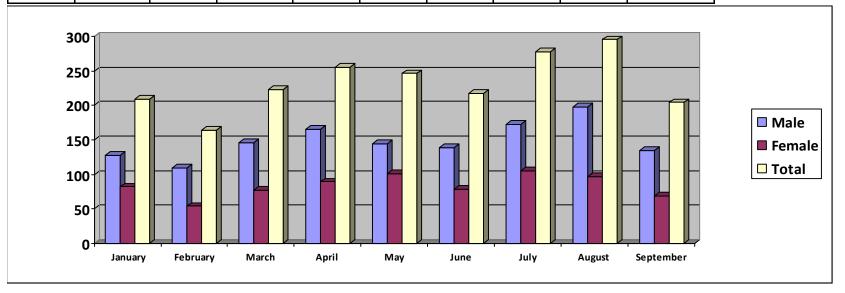


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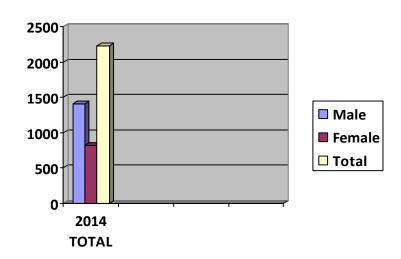


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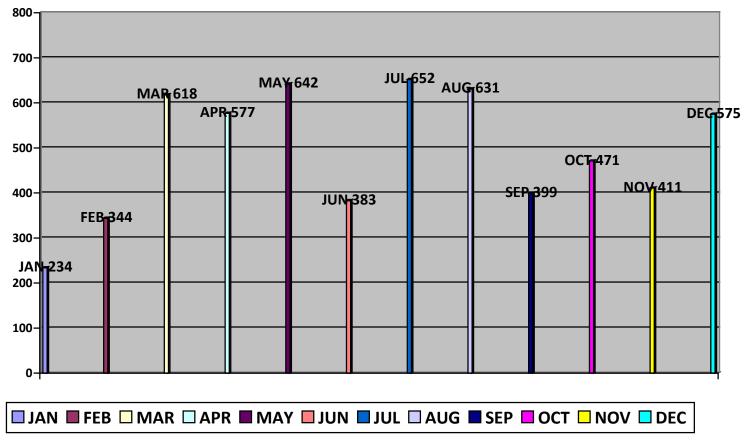
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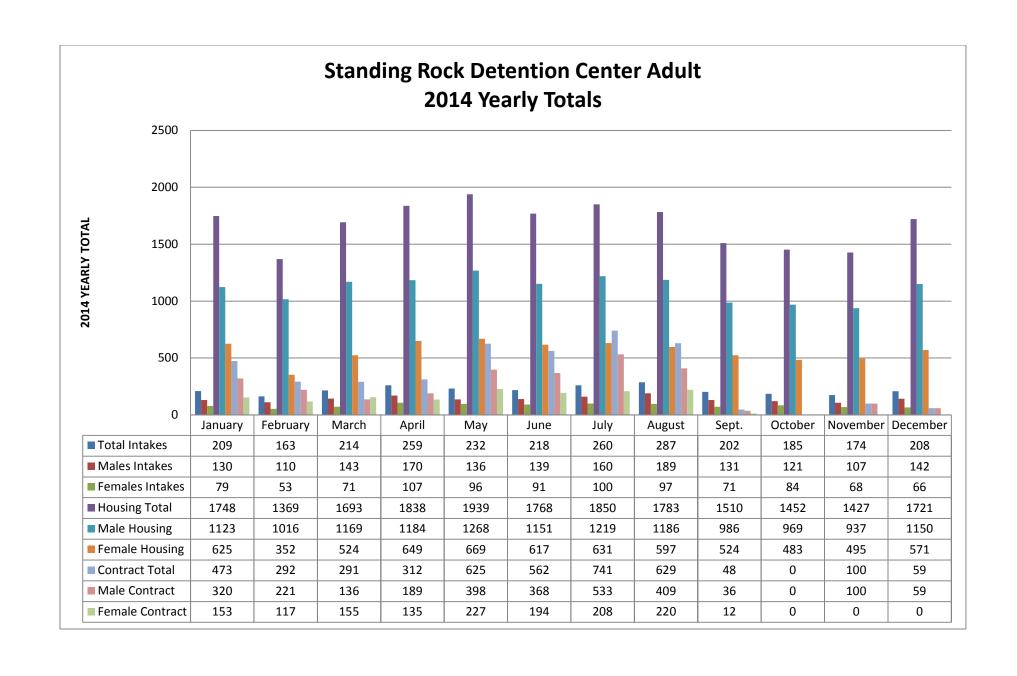


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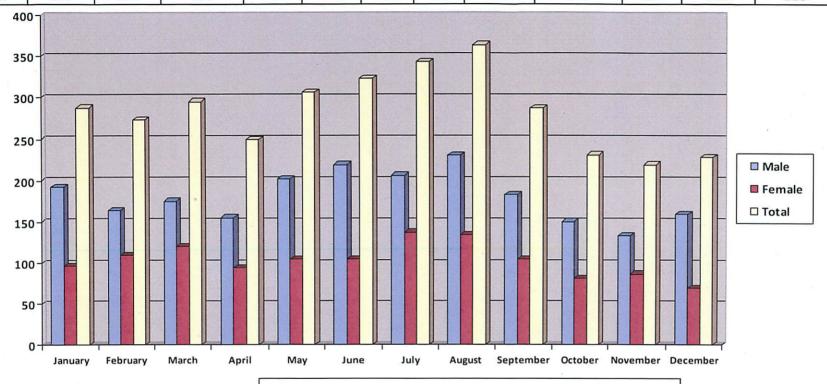
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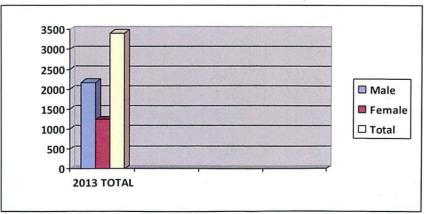


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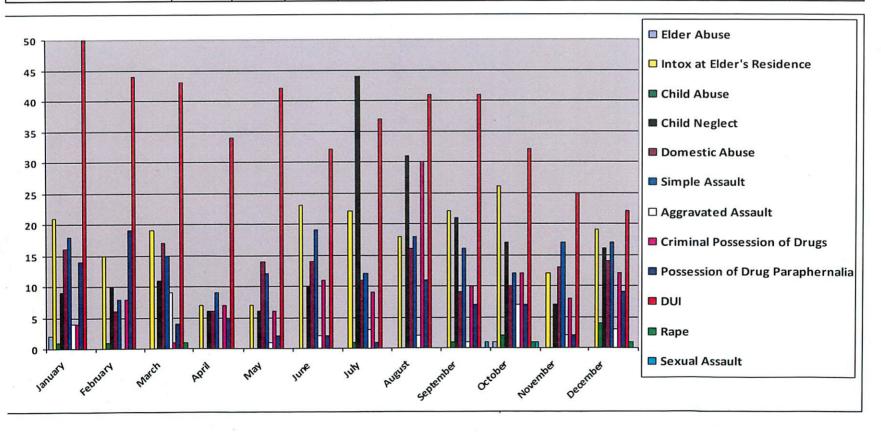


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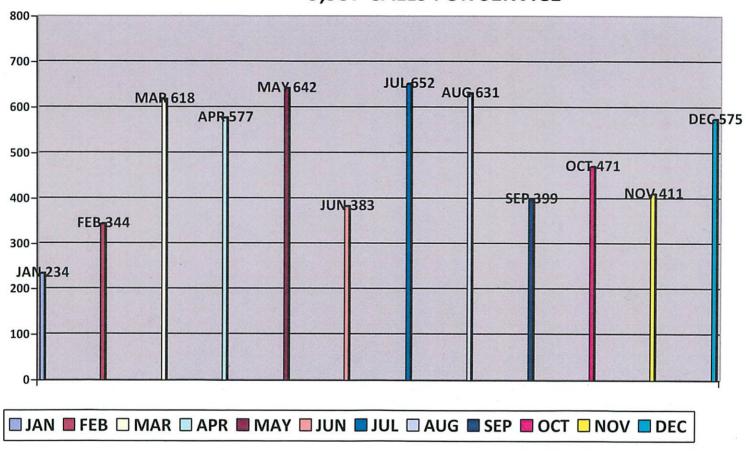


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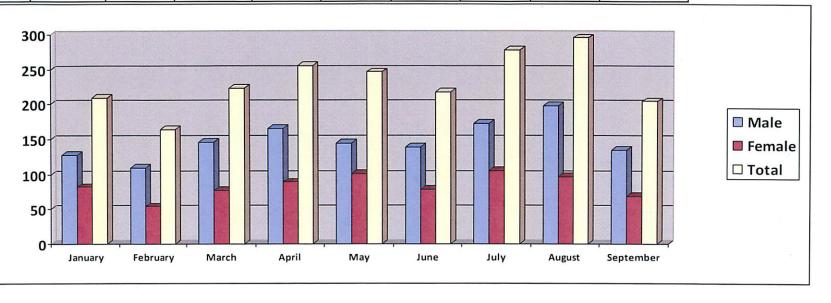


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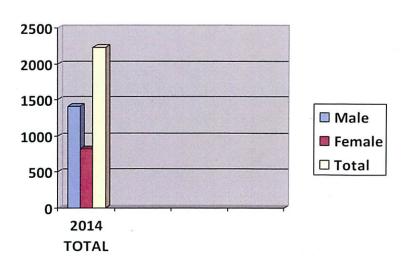


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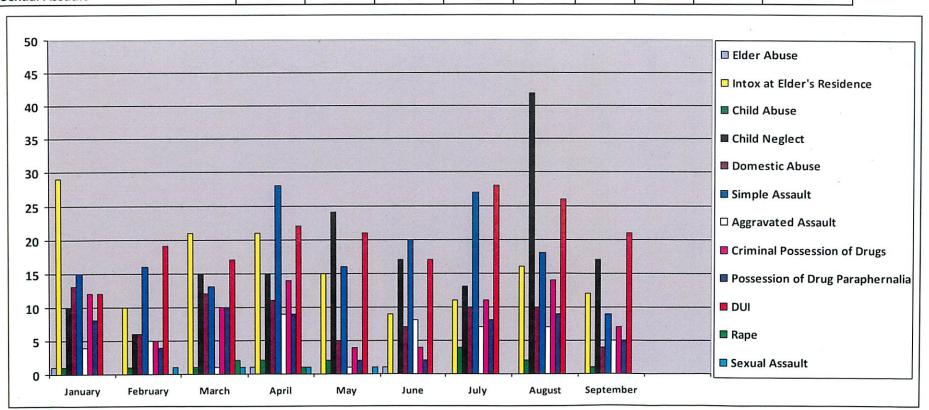


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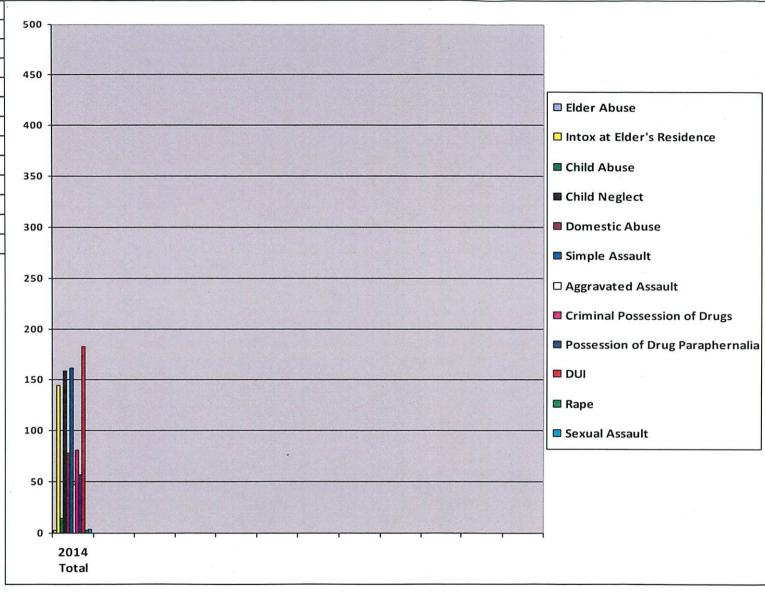
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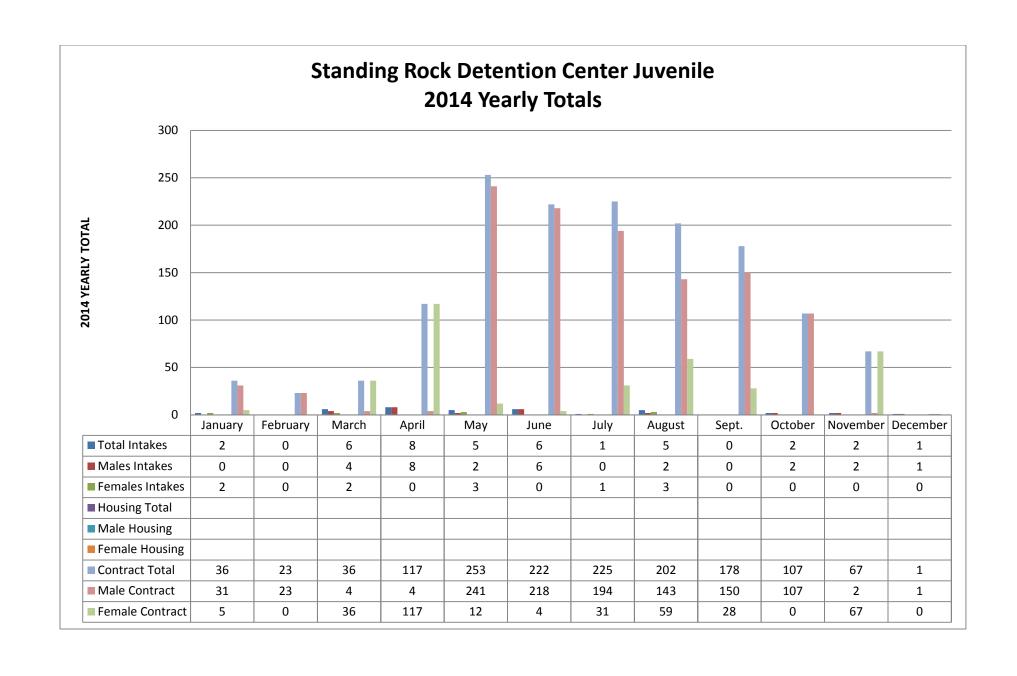


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# Appendix K

# Tribal Roadway Safety Improvement Program In North and South Dakota

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#### Overview

- Objectives
- Background
- Methodology
- Regional Implementation
  - Crash Data
  - Planning
- Livability
- Conclusions



# **Objectives**

- Implement a five-step methodology
- Present roadway safety program for three Tribes

# Background

- Fatal crashes leading cause of death among Native Americans
- Need for improved Tribal traffic safety
- Rural nature of roadways



## Challenges

- Lack of and Incomplete Crash Data
- Limited Resources and Expertise
- Collaboration and Coordination



#### Wind River Reservation

- Safety program implemented at Wind River
- Adjustments made based on WRR feedback
- System-wide projects funded by WYDOT
- Fremont County funding county roads





#### Wind River Reservation

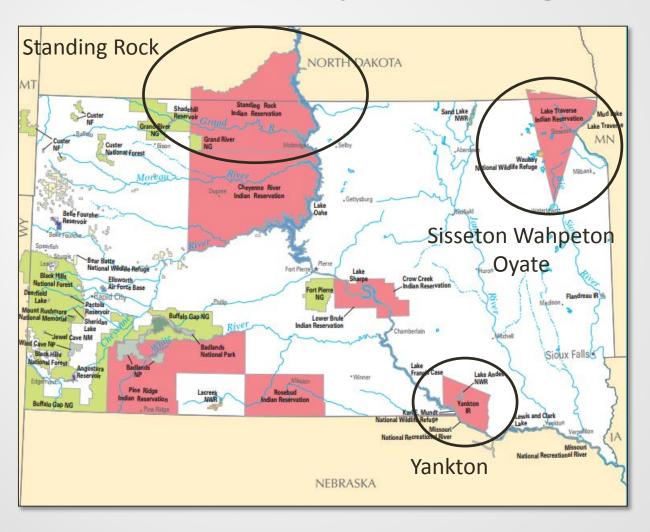
- Developing GIS inventory of IRR roads
- WYDOT and Tribal law enforcement improving crash reporting
- Developed strategic plan
- Implementing Livability program
  - Roadway safety a priority

- Success of Wind River Reservation
- WY/LTAP & Northern Plains TTAP (NPTTAP) collaboration
  - Developed criteria for Tribes in the region to apply for program

- Criteria for Tribes
  - Tribes work with and provide resources to NPTTAP and WY/LTAP
  - 3 years of crash data
  - Tribes collaborate with state and local agencies

- Criteria for Tribes cont.
  - Provide strategic plans or initiatives
  - Desire to improve roadway safety
  - Application & commitment letter
- Three tribes applied

Three Tribes Implementing



Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

Coordination with ND and SD DOT

2.3 million acres

Maintain 128 miles of tribal roads

Maintain 232 miles of BIA roads

- Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribe
  - 9,894 enrolled members
  - 106,153 acres (w/o boundaries)

- Yankton Sioux Tribe
  - 4,500 enrolled members
  - 40,000 acres





## Methodology

- Five Step Process
- High Risk Locations
- Low Cost Safety Improvements
- ID Physical and Behavioral Improvements
- Identify System-Wide Improvements

#### **5 Step Process**

- 1. Crash Data Analysis
- 2. Level I Field Evaluation
- 3. Combined Ranking
- 4. Level II Field Evaluation
- 5. Benefit Cost Analysis

## 1. Crash Data Analysis

- Analysis Period: 5 10 years
- Route/Segment
- Severity
- Road, Weather, & Lighting Conditions
- First Harmful Event (FHE) & Location
- Hot Spots Analyzed (crashes per mile)
- Ranked by hot spots

#### 2. Level I Field Evaluation

- One-mile segments
- Rated score 0-10 (0 worst)
- Categories:
  - General
  - Intersections & RR Crossings
  - Signage & Pavement Markings
  - Fixed Objects & Clear Zone
  - Shoulder & ROW
- Ranked by score

## 3. Combined Rank

Route	Beg MP	End MP	Total Crashes	Crash Rank	Level I Rank	Combined Rank
Α	0	1	2	14	15	29
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Α	2.01	3	2	14	13	27
Α	3.01	4	14	2	1	3
Α	4.01	5	12	4	3	7
В	0	1	14	2	2	4
В	1.01	2	8	6	12	18
В	2.01	3	9	5	2	7
С	0	1	9	8	9	17
С	1.01	2	15	1	3	4
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D	1.01	2	11	2	5	7

#### 4. Level II Field Evaluation

- Horizontal curvature measurements
- Stopping sight distances
- Slopes
- Shoulders
- Intersections

- Signs, pavement marking, & delineators
- Fencing
- Fixed objects in ROW
- Bridges
- Cattle guards

Countermeasures selected for entire roadway

## 5. Benefit-Cost Analysis

$$Improvement\ Cost = \frac{10\ years}{service\ life} \times Present\ Cost$$

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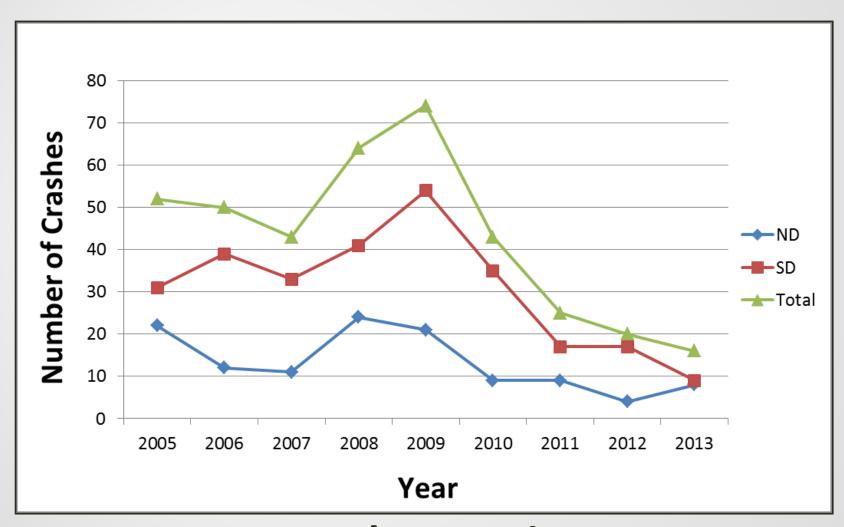
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= (#PDO Crashes \times PDOCRF \times PDO Crash Cost)
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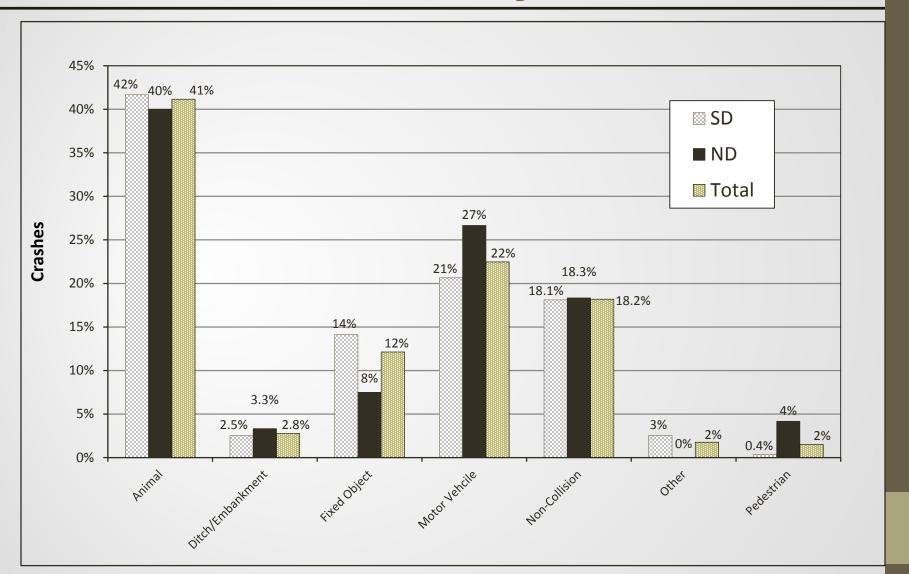
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Crash Cost		
Fatal	\$2,500,000	
Injury	\$60,000	
PDO	\$6,000	

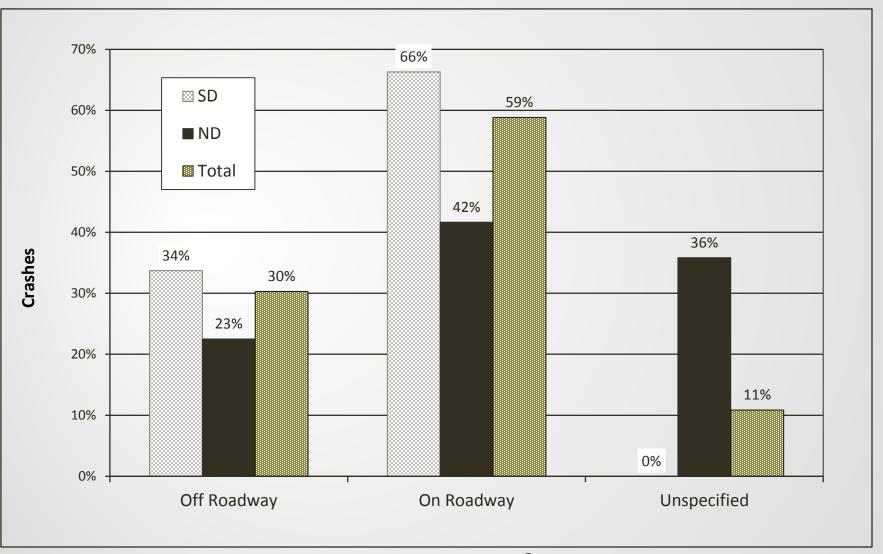
- North Dakota
  - DOT manages crash data
  - 2005-2013 analysis period
- South Dakota
  - DPS manages crash data
  - 2004-1013 analysis period
- BIA has own system
  - Last three years
  - Data not received



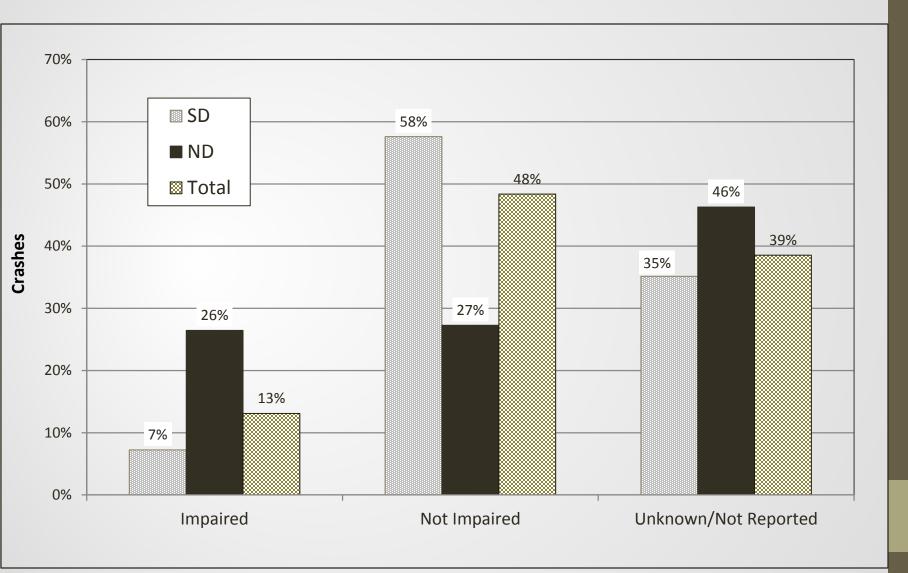
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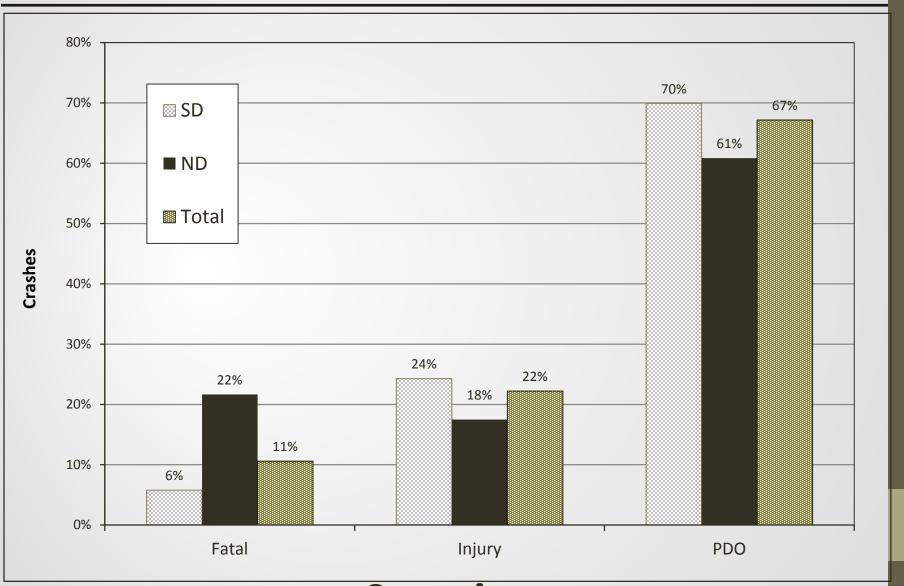
First Harmful Event



**FHE Location** 



#### **Impairment**



Severity

# **SRST Summary**

ND higher fatal severity and alcohol

High amounts of animal crashes

US Highway 12 at Grand River Casino Sight Distance at Entrance







ND Highway 24 North of Prairie
Knights Casino
Adequate Pedestrian Facilities
Needed



ND Highway 24 Curve at Bridge (MP 14 to MP 15) Propose Installation of Guardrail



Big Lake Road
No Shoulders and Steep Slopes





BIA 44
Railroad Crossings

US Highway 12 (MP 116.3) Reverse Superelevation

#### **SRST Proposed Safety Improvements**

- Install warning signs
  - Chevrons
  - Intersection ahead signs
  - Deer Xing signs
  - Warning flashers
- Install rumble strips
- Widen roadway at bridge
- Realignment





#### **SRST Proposed Safety Improvements**

Highway	Project		
ND 24	Install Chevrons Install Intersection Ahead Signs Install Guardrail		
ND 1806	Install Deer Xing Signs		
Big Lake Road	Widen Roadway at Bridge		
113 ST	Install Rumble Strip		
BIA 44	Install Curve Warning Signs w/ Advisory Speed Install Stop Ahead/RR Xing Ahead		
BIA 3	Change Speed Limit Sign Install Curve Warning Signs Install Chevrons		
BIA 3	Realign 100 Street		
US 12	Install Advisory Speed Signs* Install Chevrons		
US 12	Install Advanced Warning Flashers*		
Honky Tonk	Install Intersection Ahead Sign		
Road	Install Double Arrow Sign		

<sup>\*</sup> Dependent on DOT Speed and Safety Study Results

#### **SRST Proposed Safety Improvements**

BIA 3 at State Line and Proposed Realignment





### **SRST Benefit-Cost Ratio**

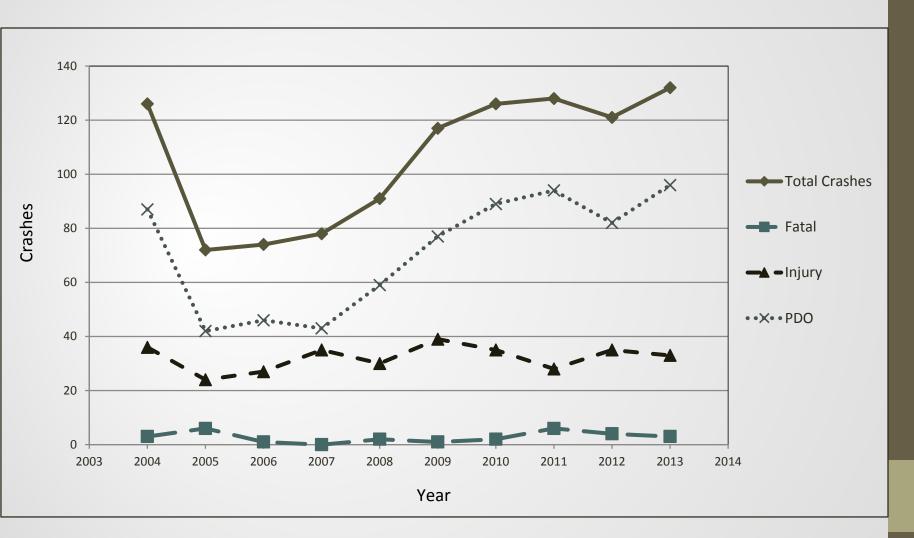
North Dakota						
Route	Combined Cost	Combined Benefit	B/C Combined Ratio			
ND 1806	\$1,200	\$2,298,600	1915.5			
ND 24	\$68,400	\$27,484,688	401.8			
Big Lake Road	\$100,000	\$226,080	2.2			

South Dakota					
Route	Combined Cost	Combined Benefit	B/C Combined Ratio		
US 12	\$25,200	\$3,808,800	151.1		
BIA 44	\$2,400	\$31,200	13		
113 St.	\$15,000	\$27,936	1.8		
BIA 3	\$56,000	\$58,344	1.0		
Honky Tonk Road	\$2,400	\$0	0		

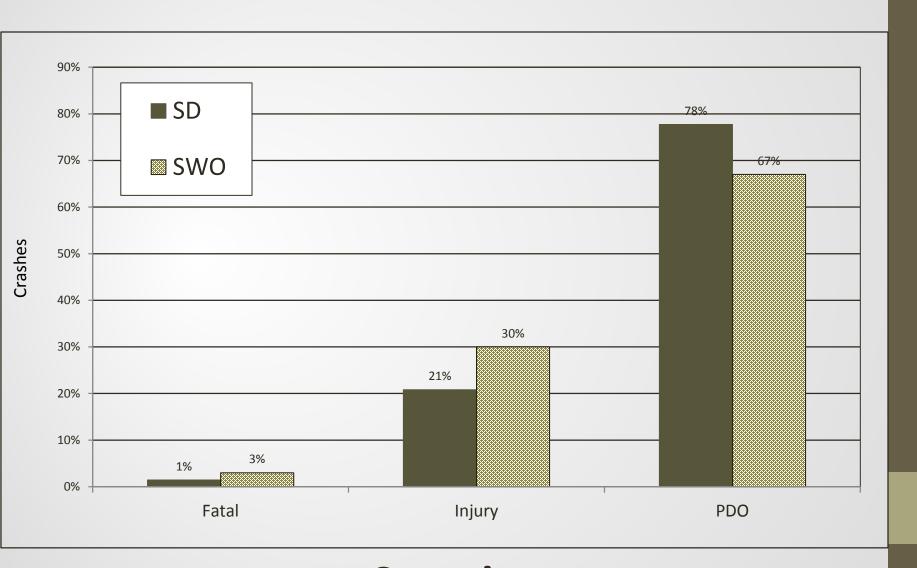
## **SRST Planning**

- The proposed improvement projects submit to the respective state DOT's for funding
- Strategic plan should be updated to include safety concerns identified not related to engineering improvements
- Long range pedestrian plan
- Speed safety studies
- Animal crashes should be investigated

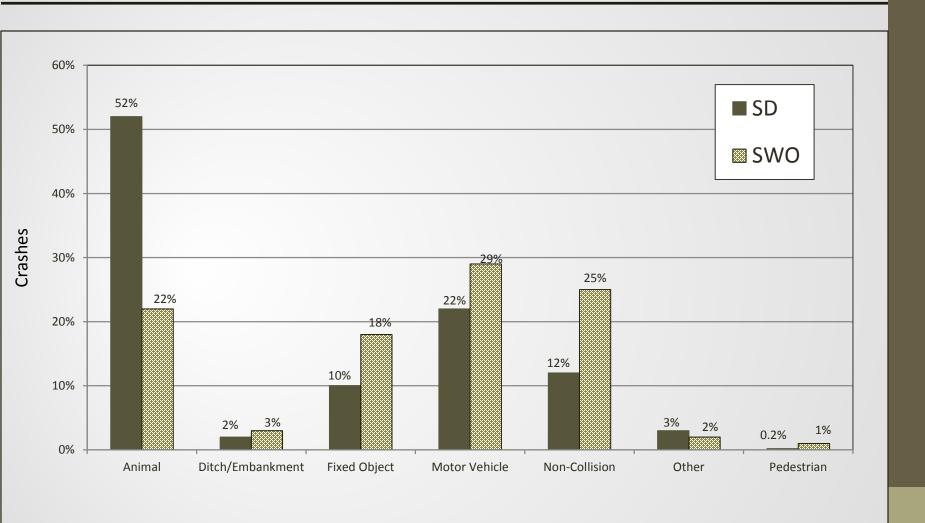
- South Dakota
  - DPS manages crash data
  - 2004-1013 analysis period
  - Compared crashes within SWO with all state rural roads



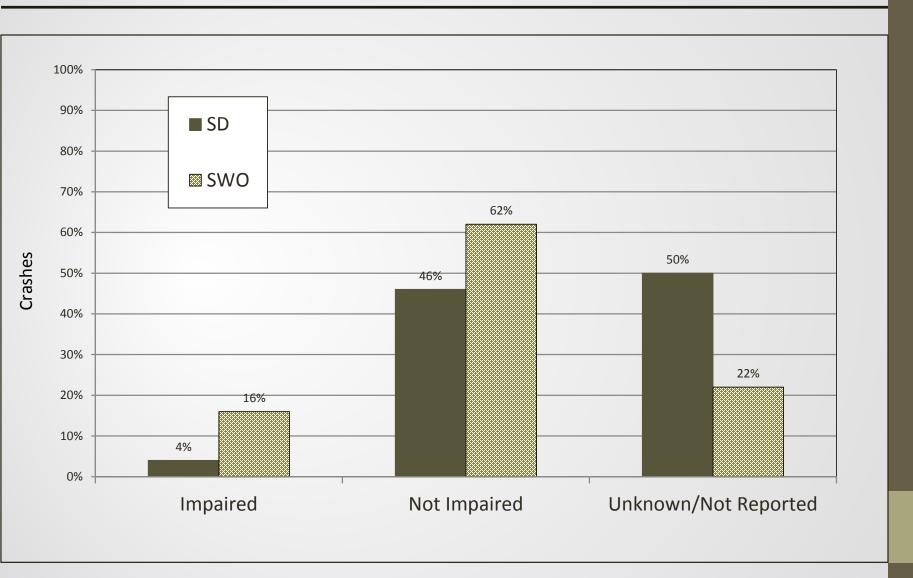
### **Annual Reporting**



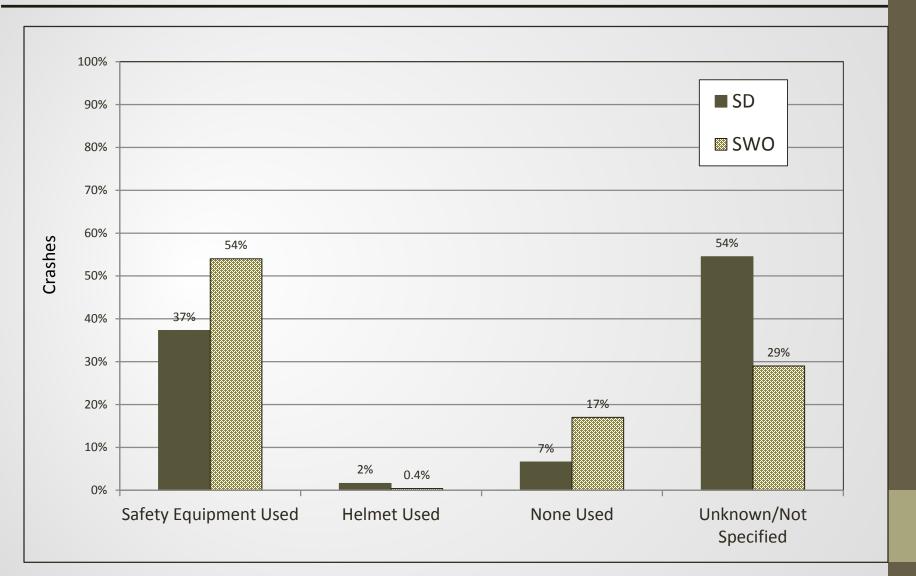
### Severity



#### **First Harmful Event**



### **Impairment**



### Safety Equipment

## **SWO Summary**

- SWO higher severity rates than statewide
- SWO has more young drivers involved in crashes than statewide
- SWO has higher driver impairment rates than statewide
- SWO has high seatbelt compliance
- Many intersection related crashes

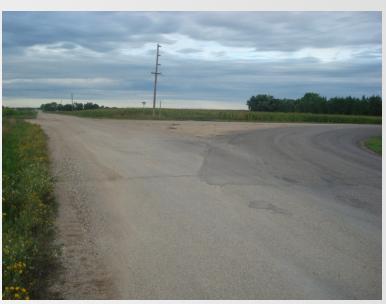
### **SWO Proposed Safety Improvements**

- Install warning signs
  - Chevrons, Curve warnings
  - Intersection ahead signs
- Install edge lines, centerlines
- Install rumble strips, or stripe
- Repair pavement and overlay
- Replace guardrail
- Remove objects in Clear Zone

118<sup>th</sup> Street



**Maintenance of Ditches** 



Intersection with 458 Ave



Intersection of 473<sup>rd</sup>
Avenue and 111<sup>th</sup> Street



164<sup>th</sup> Street Approach to 455<sup>th</sup> Avenue



446<sup>th</sup>A Avenue



446th Avenue



455<sup>th</sup> Avenue With Low Cable Guardrail



124<sup>th</sup> Street End of Roadway at Water's Edge





452<sup>nd</sup> Avenue

456<sup>th</sup> Avenue
With Steep Slopes and Recent
Shoulder Maintenance



**BIA 200** 



**Lake Road** 



**Township Roads** 

## **SWO Proposed Safety Improvements**

Highway	Project		
127 Street	Install Rumble Strip/Stripe		
164 Street	Install Transverse Rumble Strip		
445 Avenue	Install Curve Warning Signs		
	Install Chevrons		
	Replace Curve Sign		
	Repair pavement and overlay		
446 Avenue (South)	Install Rumble Stripe		
	Install Chevrons		
446A/446 Avenue	Install Rumble Strip		
	Install Chevrons		
	Replace Double Arrow Sign		
455 Avenue (North)	Install Edgelines		
	Install Safety Wedge		
455 Avenue (South)	Install Edgelines and Centerline		
	Replace Guardrail		
	Remove Objects in Clear Zone		
	Install Intersection Ahead Signs		
459/458 Avenue	Install Safety Wedge		
	Install Delineators in Curve		
462 Avenue	Install Edgelines		
	Install Safety Wedge		
Lake Road	Install Edgelines and Centerline		
	Clear Vegetation in ROW		
	Replace Guardrail		
System-Wide	Speed Study		
System-Wide	Intersection Study		

### **SWO Proposed Safety Improvements**



**Proposed Realignment of 119th Street with Lake Road** 

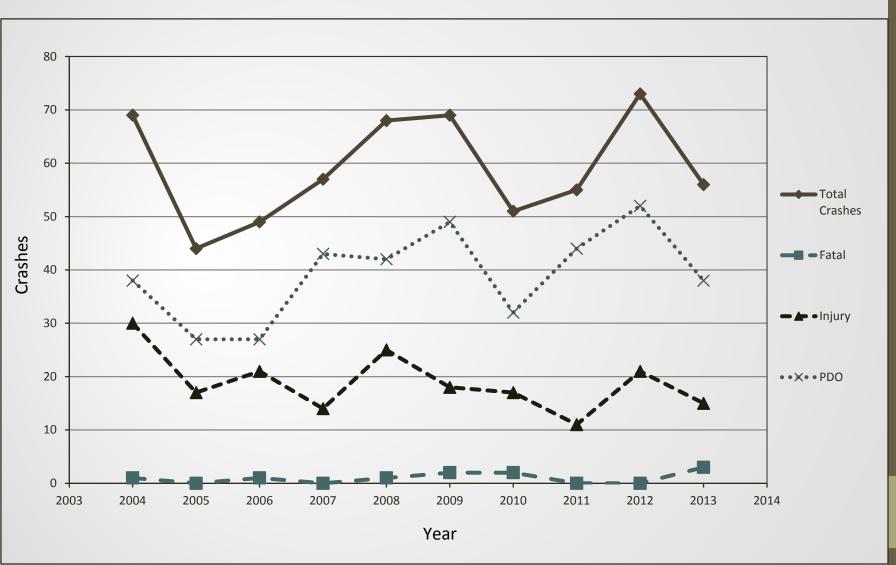
## **SWO B-C Ratio Analysis**

Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate			
Route	Combined Cost	Combined Benefit	B/C Combined Ratio
458/459 Ave.	\$10,000	\$1,247,568	124.7
446 A Ave.	\$15,600	\$1,802,826	115.5
127 St	\$21,200	\$1,658,984	78.2
455 Ave. (S)	\$71,200	\$2,841,521	39.9
455 Ave. (N)	\$13,000	\$308,112	23.7
446 Ave. (S)	\$7,100	\$157,200	22.1
462 Ave.	\$5,000	\$69,120	13.8
164 St	\$19,066	\$127,548	6.6
445 Ave	\$6,000	\$21,600	3.6
Lake Road	\$50,000	\$147,258	2.9
118 St	\$10,000	\$13,800	1.3
123 St	\$10,000	\$13,800	1.3
456 Ave.	\$10,000	\$7,200	0.7

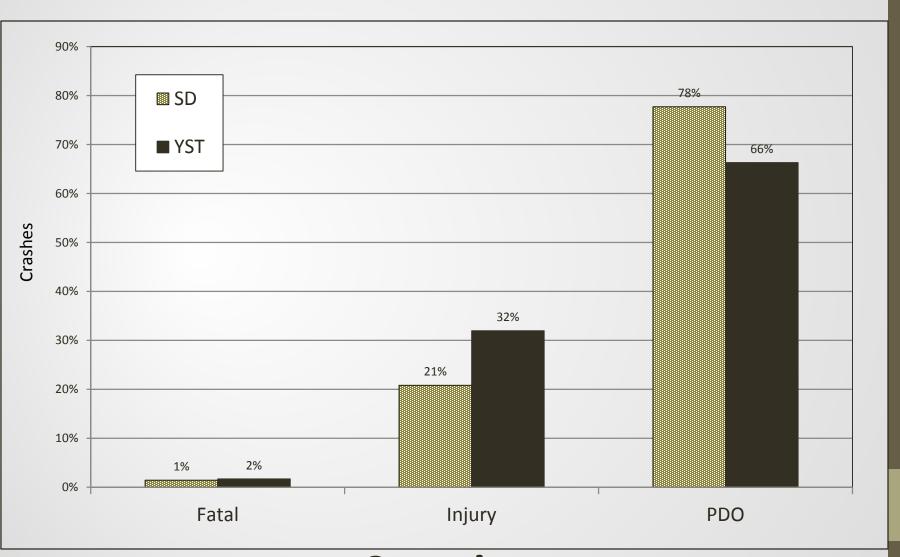
## **SWO Planning**

- The proposed improvement projects should be coordinated with DOT and respective counties for funding
- Strategic plan should be updated to include safety concerns identified not related to engineering improvements
- Intersection study
- Speed safety studies
- Consider partnership with Townships

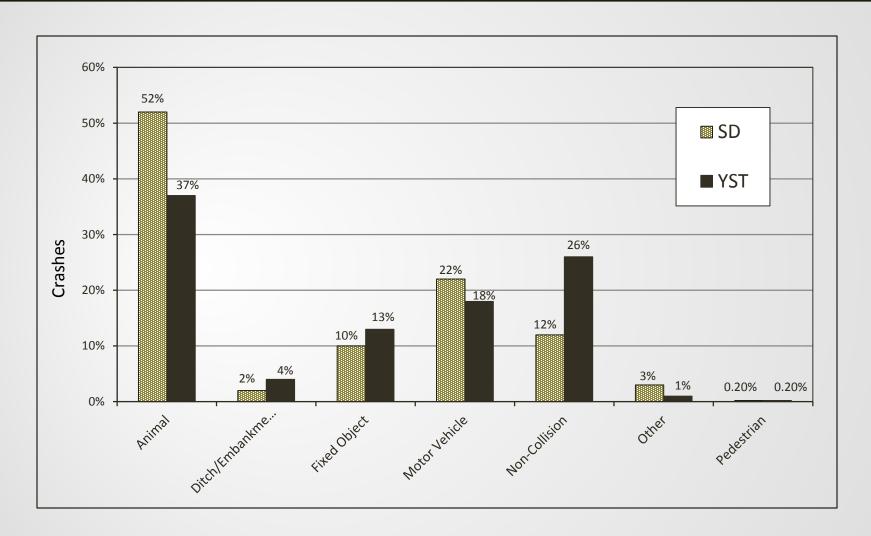
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  - 2004-1013 analysis period
  - Compared crashes within
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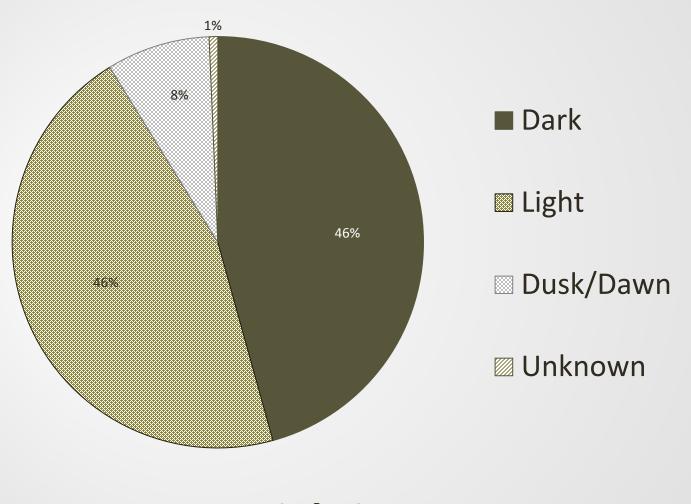
### **Annual Reporting**



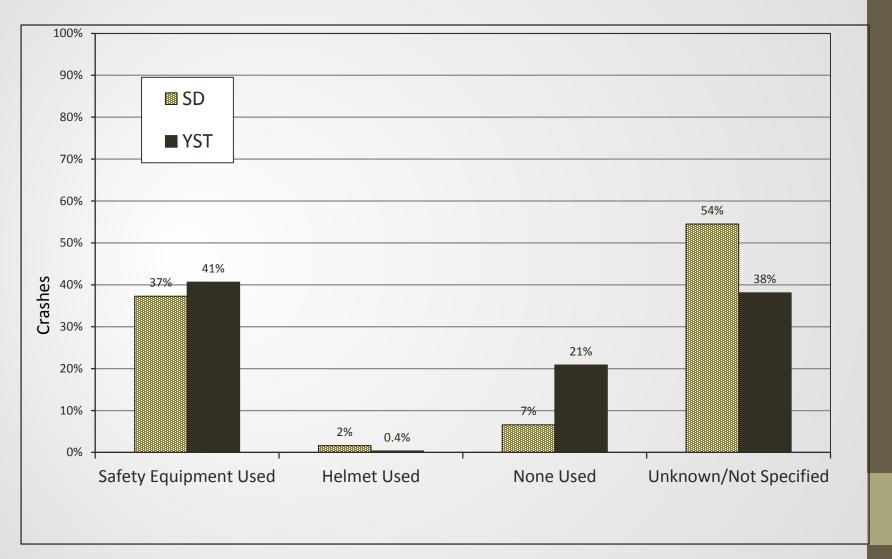
Severity



First Harmful Event



Lighting



### Safety Equipment

## **YST Summary**

- YST higher severity rates than statewide
- YST has more young drivers involved in crashes than statewide
- YST has higher driver impairment rates than statewide
- YST had less safety restraint usage compared to statewide
- Many crashes occurred at night



400th Avenue



388th Avenue

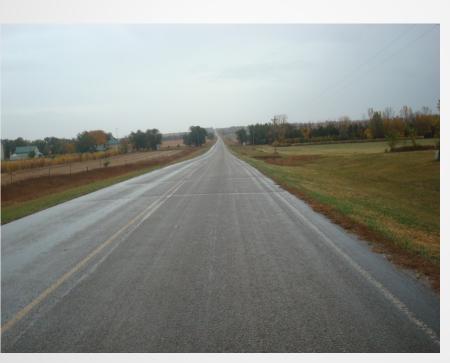


**303rd Street in the Town of Marty** 



395<sup>th</sup> Avenue

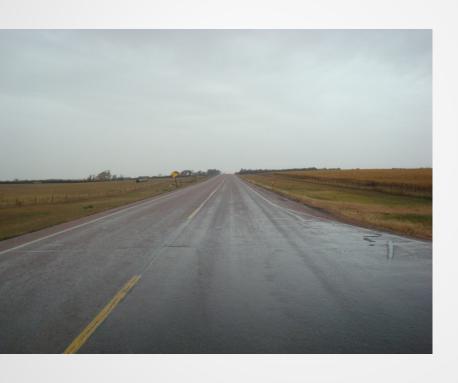






285th Street

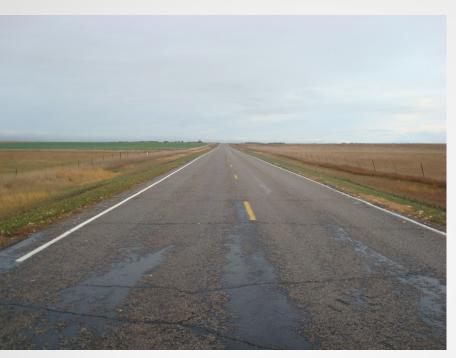
382<sup>nd</sup> Avenue





SD Highway 50

**US Highway 281/18** 



395th Avenue







SD Highway 50 North of Wagner

**SD Highway 46 East of Wagner** 

### **YST Proposed Safety Improvements**

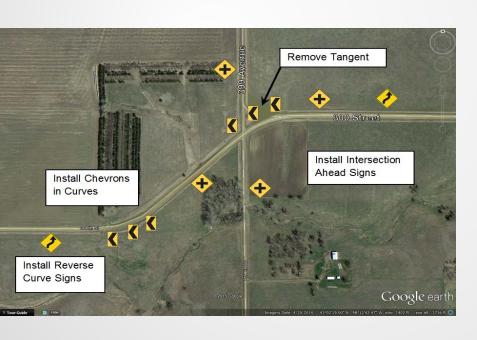
- Install warning signs
  - Chevrons, Curve warnings
  - Intersection ahead
  - School zones
  - Deer Xing & Livestock Xing
- Install bridge rail
- Intersection improvements, lighting
- Install edge line, rumble strips

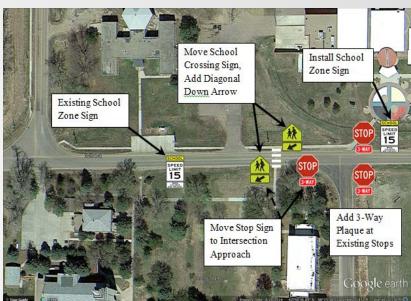




### **YST Proposed Safety Improvements**

#### Proposed Signage Imporvements





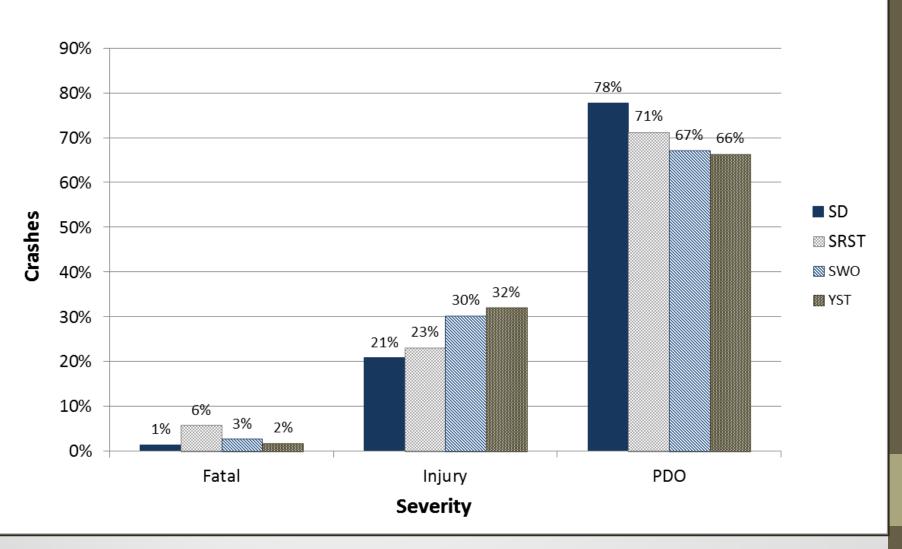
# **YST B-C Ratio Analysis**

#### **Yankton Sioux Tribe**

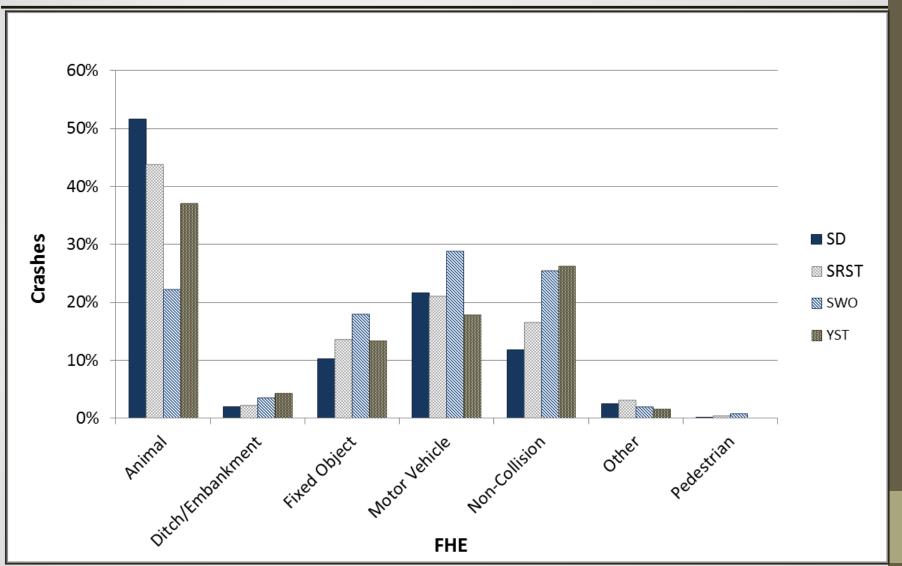
Route	Combined Cost	<b>Combined Benefit</b>	B/C Combined Ratio
SD Hwy 46	\$20,000	\$3,554,800	177.7
SD Hwy 50 (Central)	\$6,000	\$192,124	32.0
395 Ave. (S)	\$4,800	\$141,600	29.5
County Road 2	\$4,800	\$86,400	18
394 Ave.	\$16,100	\$204,108	12.6
400 Ave.	\$26,000	\$126,360	4.8
395 Ave. (N)	\$30,000	\$126,762	4.2
388 Ave.	\$21,200	\$85,248	4.0
Chalk Rock Rd	\$7,200	\$26,400	3.6
300 St	\$57,200	\$170,880	2.9
303 St	\$71,200	\$111,340	1.5

## **YST Planning**

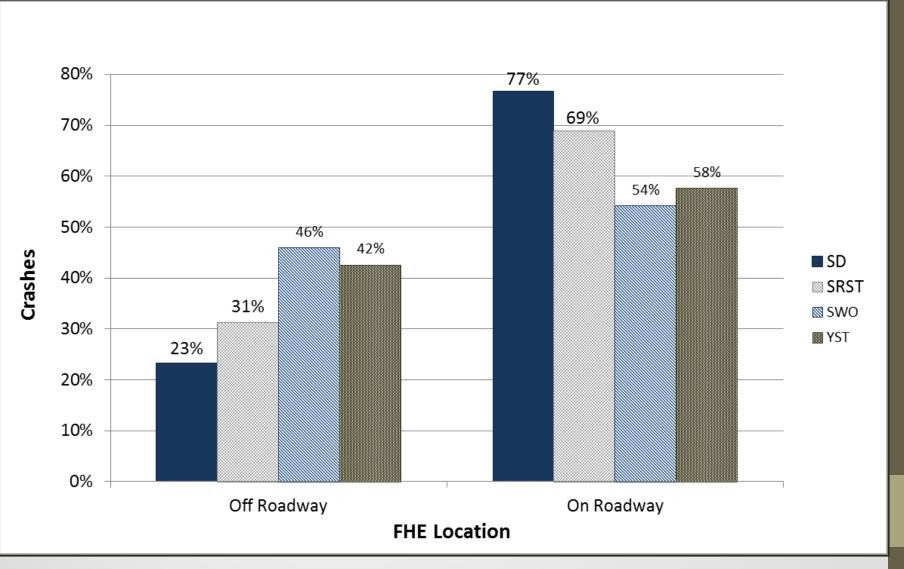
- The proposed improvement projects should be coordinated with DOT and respective counties for funding
- Strategic plan should be updated to include safety concerns identified not related to engineering improvements
- Stop warrant study
- Speed safety studies
- Animal crash reduction study



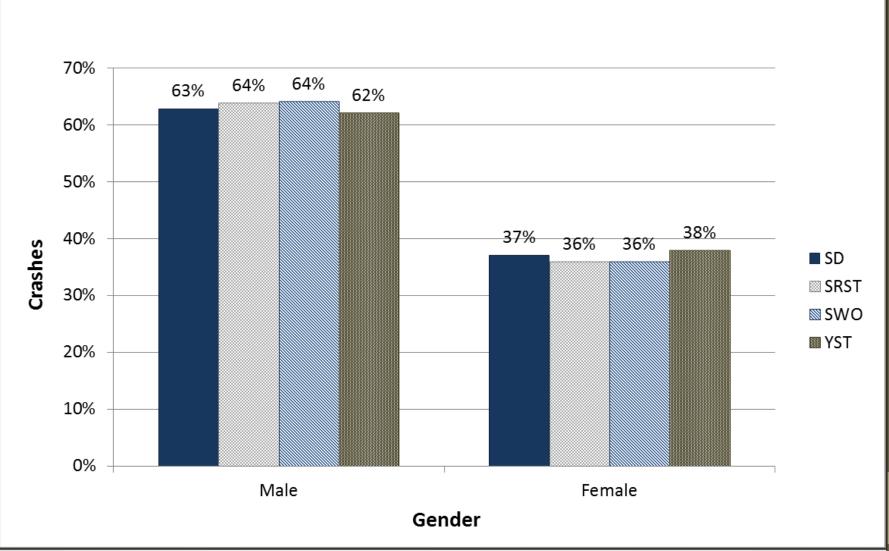
### **Severity**



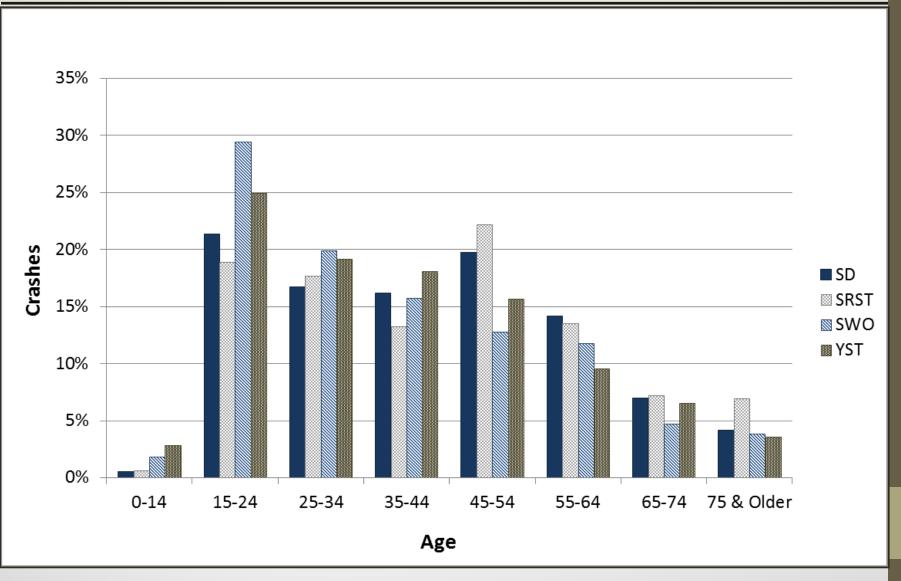
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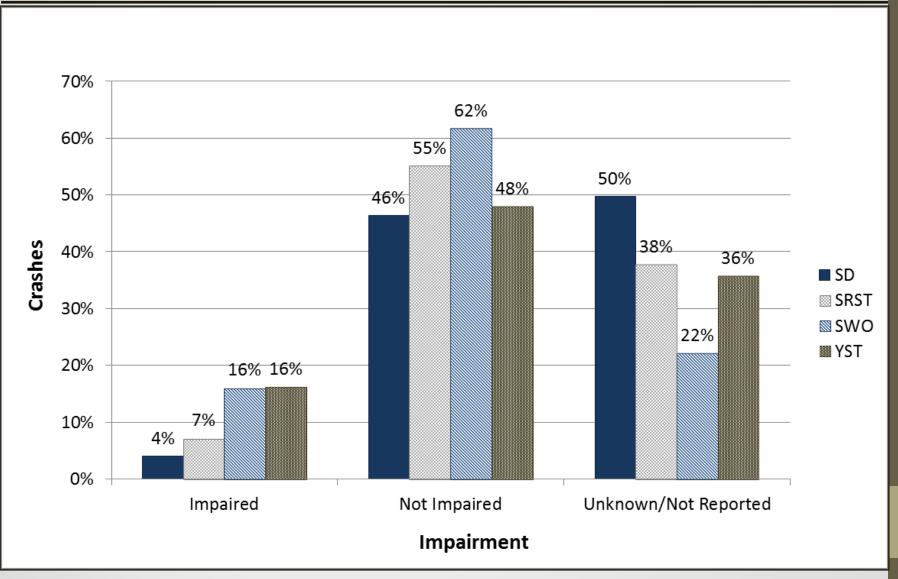
#### **FHE Location**



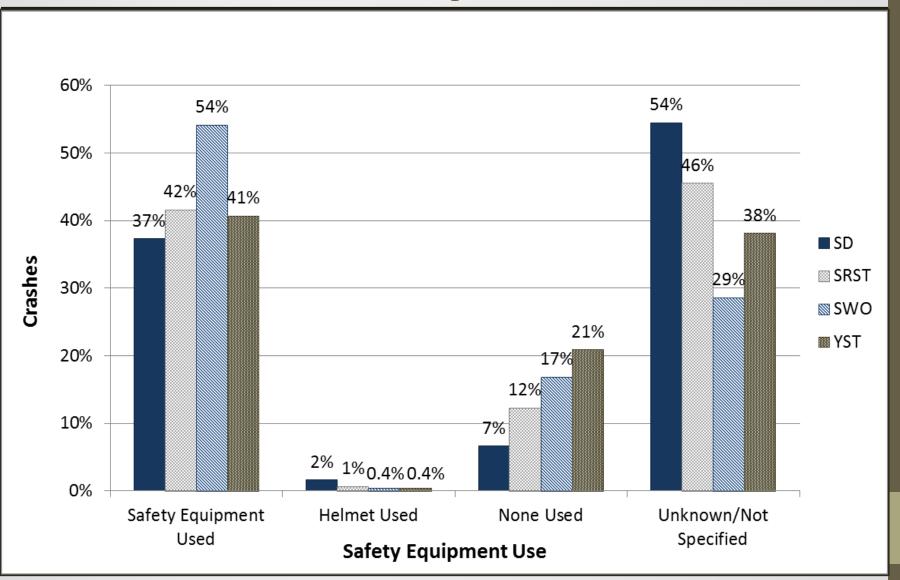
#### **Driver Gender**



#### **Driver Age**



## **Driver Impairment**



## Safety Equipment Use

## **Summary**

Factor	SRST	swo	YST	SD
Fatal Crashes	6%	3%	2%	1%
Animal	44%	22%	37%	52%
Collisions	21%	29%	18%	22%
Older Drivers (45-54)	22%	13%	16%	20%
Younger Drivers (15-24)	19%	29%	25%	21%
Impaired Driver	7%	16%	16%	4%
Safety Equipment Used	42%	54%	41%	37%

## Nationwide Implementation

- WYLTAP facilitate
- Collaboration with TTAP Centers
- Advertise Methodology on TTAP Websites
- Prepare Brochure
- Present at Tribal Meetings



# Livability

- New Concept
- Key Elements
  - Transportation
  - Community (Culture)
  - Quality of life
- The priorities of the communities define the livability of that community

## Conclusions

- Roadway safety needs vary among Tribes
- Methodology flexible to meet needs of individual Tribes
- System-wide improvements where crash data is lacking
- Strategic plan tool for Tribes to address safety goals
- Livability closely tied to roadway safety

## Conclusions

- Tribal leadership recognizes need for safety improvements
- Restrained by resources
- Collaboration and communication critical
- Individual Tribal needs vary

# Tribal Roadway Safety Improvement Program In North and South Dakota

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# Appendix L

