

**APPENDIX 3B**  
**CALIFORNIA STRATEGIC HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN - FACT SHEET**





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### **Background**

The 2005 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) established a new core Highway Safety Improvement Program that is structured and funded to make significant progress in reducing highway fatalities on all public roadways. As required under SAFETEA-LU, the California Department of Transportation led the effort to develop California's Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) to identify key safety needs of the State, and strategies that address these needs. California's SHSP was approved by the Secretary of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency (BTH) on September 26, 2006.

### **Implementation of the SHSP**

Nearly 300 safety stakeholders representing 80 different agencies and organizations are working together to implement and monitor the effectiveness of the SHSP. This collaborative effort is led by: Jesse Bhullar, Department of Transportation (Caltrans); Chris Murphy, Office of Traffic Safety (OTS); Steve Lerwill, California Highway Patrol (CHP); and Pat Minturn, Shasta County of Public Works (representing local agencies).

The SHSP Steering Committee is comprised of 13 members from various agencies and organizations to provide guidance to each of the 16 Challenge Area Teams. Each Challenge Area Leader guides their team in analyzing collision data, and in identifying and prioritizing strategies and actions to implement the SHSP. The SHSP Steering Committee consolidated the most effective strategies and countermeasures from each Challenge Area into the Implementation of the SHSP document (152 actions). The Secretary of BTH approved the Implementation of the SHSP document on April 4, 2008. The SHSP Steering Committee will monitor the implementation and performance of these actions for the duration of the SAFETEA-LU. For more information on the SHSP organization, teams, committees, timelines and other details, please see the SHSP website provided below.

Implementation of the SHSP will include the most effective behavioral and infrastructure strategies, countermeasures, and actions for each of the Challenge Areas listed below.

- Challenge 1: Reduce Impaired Driving Related Fatalities
- Challenge 2: Reduce the Occurrence and Consequence of Leaving the Roadway and Head-on Collisions
- Challenge 3: Ensure Drivers are Licensed and Competent
- Challenge 4: Increase Use of Safety Belts and Child Safety Seats
- Challenge 5: Improve Driver Decisions about Rights of Way and Turning
- Challenge 6: Reduce Young Driver Fatalities
- Challenge 7: Improve Intersection and Interchange Safety for Roadway Users
- Challenge 8: Make Walking and Street Crossing Safer
- Challenge 9: Improve Safety for Older Roadway Users
- Challenge 10: Reduce Speeding and Aggressive Driving
- Challenge 11: Improve Commercial Vehicle Safety
- Challenge 12: Improve Motorcycle Safety
- Challenge 13: Improve Bicycling Safety
- Challenge 14: Enhance Work Zone Safety
- Challenge 15: Improve Post Crash Survivability
- Challenge 16: Improve Safety Data Collection, Access, and Analysis

### **SHSP Implementation Timeline**

October 2005 – September 2006	Develop Strategic Highway Safety Plan (Completed and Approved)
October 2006 – April 2008	Develop Implementation of the SHSP Document (Completed and Approved)
May 2008 – December 2010	Implement the SHSP Actions
January 2009	Begin Performance Monitoring of the SHSP Actions

### **Website and Contact Information**

Please visit the SHSP website for more information: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/SHSP/>

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