



2023 AASHTO Safety Summit Update

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Setting the Stage for the Summit

- State & Federal DOT Executives spoke on...
 - Fatalities
 - Cost of Incidents and Congestion
 - Vehicle Safety (Inspections)
 - Policy and Legislative Action
 - Collaboration
 - Safe System Approach
 - The Vulnerable Road Users (Pedestrian, cyclists and workers)



We are committed to moving the message of safety forward. But we must also be more intentional about safety – to talk about it every day, regardless of our audience. Delaware Sec. of Trans., Nicole Majeski

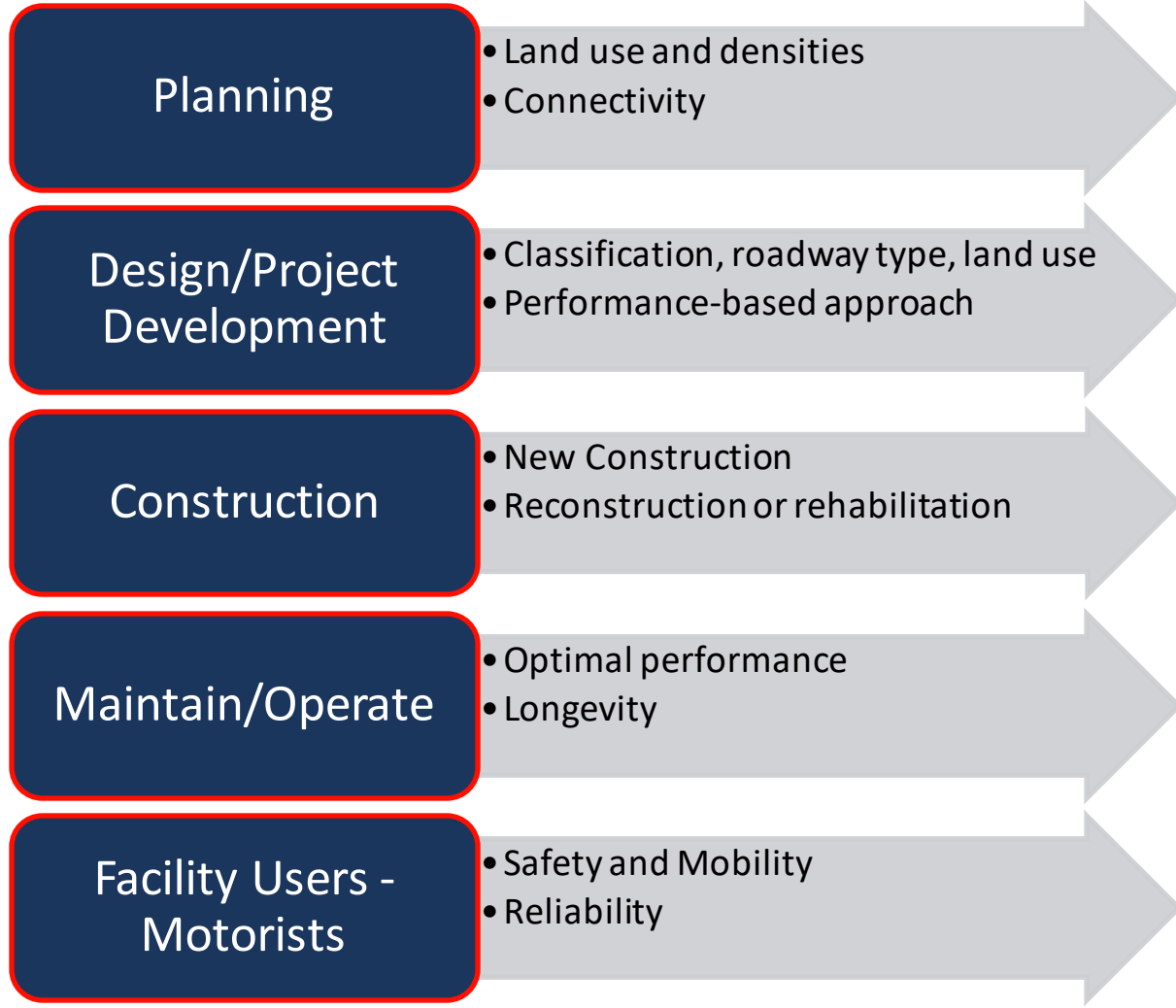
A Shared Responsibility for Safety

Holistic approach.

- Collaboration
- Focus/Importance of Worker Safety
- Conference Representation – It's Important!!
 - 28 AASHTO Committees
 - 49 of 52 Members (states/territories) present
 - US DOT
 - NHTSA
 - FMCSA
 - NAATSHO – employee safety



A changing viewpoint for safety.



How does this get accomplished?

- Who makes the planning and designs become a reality?
- Who operates and maintains the facility?

The vulnerable worker!



What other partners?

- Our friends in emergency services, TEMA, Law Enforcement.

They are vulnerable too!



So are the Facilities users...

- Friends, family, colleagues.

Motorists, Pedestrians, and Cyclists are vulnerable too!





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Develop a Plan of
Action...Together

Breakout Session – Functional Groups

Planning and Programming

Project Development, Design, Traffic Engineering

Construction, Operations, Maintenance

Safety Culture and Employee Safety

Breakout Session – Worker Safety

Safety Culture:

- Starts at the top – “clearly define or it will define itself”
- Learning and development resources
- Safe System Approach

Employee Safety:

- “Safety in everything we do...”
- Support the workforce – resources, training, behaviors
- Look for ways to engage and learn from others; NAATSHO, AASHTO, etc.



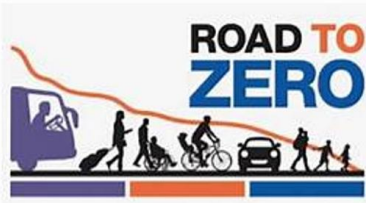
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Draft a Plan

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Plan Step 1

- Urgency to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries



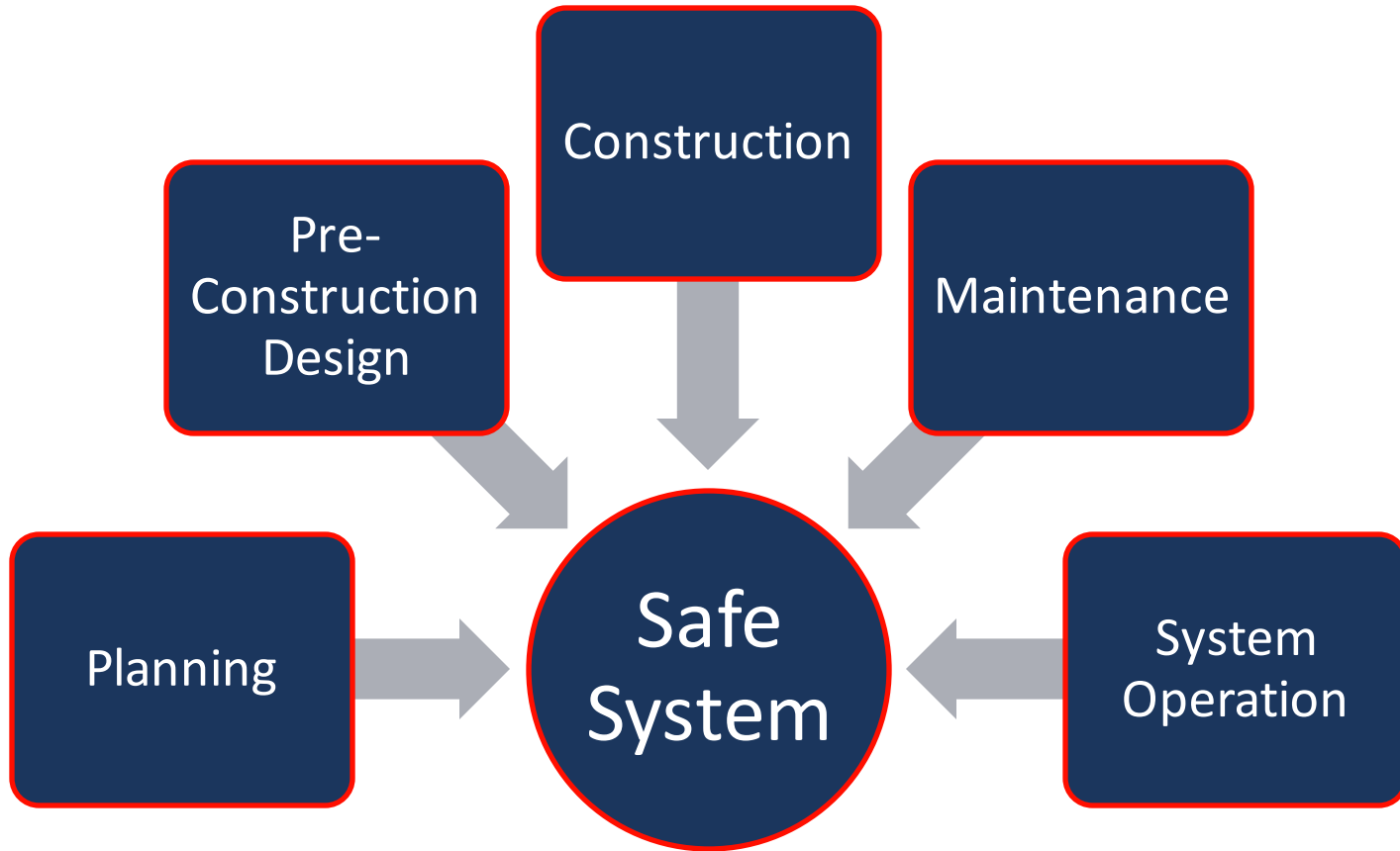
Plan Step 2

- Set realistic, specific, and proactive goals



Plan Step 3

- Multidisciplinary approach to safety

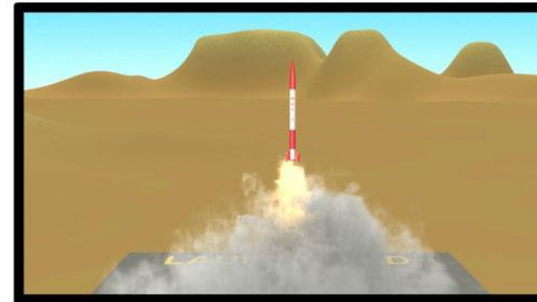


Plan Step 3

– Maintain Momentum

- Develop both organizational and community-wide positive traffic safety culture

Momentum



Momentum = mass x velocity

Momentum of stationary object is 0
as a result of its velocity being 0

Momentum  as the mass  or the velocity 

ACTION!

Work the plan...

The proposed AASHTO Safety Action Plan will:

- Promote collaboration and sharing
 - Practices, policies, tools, resources, etc.
 - Individual committee contributions to the whole
- Promote coordinated and consistent decision-making
 - Safety in all aspects of project lifecycle
- Prioritize resource development to assist DOTs
- Maintain Momentum, set timeframes

Lights! Camera!



ACTION

What can we do?

- Engage with committees, your business, and work units
 - Ideas are welcome to develop safe systems
 - Safety in all aspects of project lifecycle
- Support and develop a safety culture and mindset
 - Safety important at all levels (executive to the individual)



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