

Baltimore Regional Safety Forum

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Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

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The State Highway Administration (SHA) has developed a **Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP)** as per requirements of the new federal transportation legislation, SAFETEA-LU. The purpose of the SHSP is to develop goals and strategies that elected officials in conjunction with state and local agencies (engineering, education, enforcement, emergency response) can stand behind to reduce fatalities and serious injuries on Maryland's roads. The SHSP addresses all public roads, including those maintained by local jurisdictions.

From 1996 to 2005 more than 6,000 have died on Maryland roads and highways, and over 600,000 were injured at a cost of more than \$4.5 billion annually. In 2005, over 52,300 motor vehicle crashes occurred **in the Baltimore region** resulting in over 26,000 injuries and 222 fatalities. The human and economic consequences of these crashes are unacceptable and unaffordable. The purpose of the SHSP is to reduce these crashes and the resulting fatalities and injuries by combining and sharing resources and targeting efforts to the areas of greatest need.

Evidence shows that success in reducing roadway deaths and injuries can be attributed to effective strategies that are data driven, system-wide, multi-modal, collaborative, and comprehensive. This means that it will require the cooperation of all of our organizations and appropriate stakeholders working together and sharing resources for greater impact.

Regional Safety Forum

The Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC) is a member of the Steering Committee of the SHSP and is actively involved in promoting safety in the region. BMC is assisting the SHSP team in providing outreach to regional stakeholders by conducting a **Regional Safety Forum on Wednesday, May 9, 2007 from 8 AM to 12 PM** at our offices located at 2700 Lighthouse Point East, Baltimore, MD 21224 (<http://www.baltometro.org/content/view/38/71/>).

It is critically important that we have a broad cross section of regional participants from the **engineering, education, enforcement, and emergency response communities**. During the meeting, the SHSP and the various emphasis areas and specific goals and objectives to reduce overall fatalities and injuries will be presented. Input will be sought from local representatives on current safety initiatives and how they can assist in implementing the SHSP.

For more information on this forum, please feel free to contact Bala Akundi at 410-732-0500 x 1019 or bakundi@baltometro.org.

8:00 - 8:30	Continental Breakfast
8:30 - 9:30	WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS Welcome Harvey Gold, BRTB Chair Opening Remarks Neil Pedersen, Administrator, Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA)
9:30 - 9:45	Break
9:45 - 10:30	Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) – Overview, Emphasis Areas, Objectives, Performance Measures – Bala Akundi (BMC) Roadway Safety Audits – Esther Strawder Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Local Applications of Roadway Safety Audits – Debbie Jennings, MSP Prince Frederick Barrack
10:30 - 10:45	Discussion/Comments/Feedback
10:45 - 11:00	Break
11:00 - 11:45	Long Range Planning and Safety Conscious Planning (SCP) – Bala Akundi (BMC) Access Management - SHA Local Safety Activities – Overview of Community Traffic Safety Program (CTSP) – Ernest F. Lehr, Baltimore County Police Department
11:45 - 12:00	Discussion/Comments/Feedback
12:00	Adjourn

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I cannot attend. However, I will designate someone to attend on my behalf

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