

An Important Message from Dallas Hammit, Deputy Director of Transportation/State Engineer

Updated plan addresses transportation safety issues, offers solutions

These monthly messages typically focus on how you, as a driver, can make the roads safer, but to start off 2015, I want to offer a look at what ADOT is doing.

A major effort that began in 2012 to update Arizona's Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) reached a milestone last year when a new plan was formally approved. Now that it is in effect, the updated SHSP is being used by ADOT and other agencies to address several transportation safety issues.

ADOT, along with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, the Department of Public Safety, the Arizona Department of Health Services, the Federal Highway Administration, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and dozens of stakeholders statewide collaborated on the state's new SHSP. The update was a big endeavor and I want to say thank you to everyone involved who worked so diligently on this task.

The new safety plan is now available to view online and I encourage you all to take a look.

You'll see that the goal of the SHSP is to reduce fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads in Arizona. To help achieve that goal, the SHSP outlines several emphasis areas including speeding and aggressive driving, impaired driving, occupant protection, motorcycles and distracted driving. Multiple strategies and action steps have been formulated to make sure the objectives are met.

It's a comprehensive document that provides a guide for where we want to go.

You can view the plan at www.azdot.gov/shsp.

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