



SALT Traffic Safety Update

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Revitalizing GM HSIP

- Reason
- Work to date
- Next steps

Reduction in overall HSIP participation

- Fewer applications
- Fewer agencies applying frequently
- Feedback from Statewide traffic safety workshops
- Engagement with MCEA Traffic Safety Committee

Meeting with SALT and OTE offices

- Outreach with MCEA and CEAM Traffic Safety Committees
- Establish Revitalizing HSIP TAP
- Brainstorm ideas with TAP members

Establishing TAP

District	Name
1	Vic Lund
2	Bruce Hasbargen
3	Chad Hausmann
	Nick Preisler
4	Matt Yavarow
	Jonathan Atkins
6	Nicholas Sandford
7	Jim Kollar
	Willy Rabenberg
8	Andrew Engel
	Todd Broadwell
FHWA	Kristi Sebastian
OTE	Derek Leuer
	Mark Wagner
SALT	Girma Feyissa

- One County per district
- Two cities
- Two DSAEs
- MnDOT OTE Staff
- FHWA – advisory role
- January 2026 Kickoff
- Monthly meeting

Revitalizing HSIP Objective



Educate stakeholders on HSIP Law and Process



Identify challenges and opportunities



Foster collaboration between MnDOT and local agencies



Develop steps to improve the HSIP process



**Goal: Increase
Greater Minnesota
HSIP Applications**

Initial Feedbacks

- Summarize previous engagement feedbacks
 - SALT staff district visits D2, 3, 4, 8
 - 17 in person Statewide Traffic Safety workshop
 - MCEA Traffic Safety Committee meetings
 - TAP members feedbacks

Monthly Meetings

Meeting 1 - Understanding the HSIP Program

- Understanding the rules and requirements
- Data Driven
- Focus on Reducing Fatal and Serious Injuries
- Very small program
- Effective when used for low-cost strategies

Meeting 2 - Understanding the HSIP process

- Greater MN Fall Solicitation
- Application
- Selection meetings
- Awards

Meetings 3-6 – Local Perspectives

Administrative Burden Slows Participation

- Federalizing small projects often feels disproportionate to scale.
- Environmental Clearance
- Multi-county applications and high project development costs
- Confusion around exceptions and eligibility adds uncertainty.
- Shifting Safety Priorities (staff, officials,..)

CRSP: Progress and Confusion

- Initial CRSP projects widely implemented, some agencies await plan updates for next steps.
- Uncertainty persists around pursuing HSIP funding for non-CRSP projects.
- Updated guidance is crucial to maintain momentum and encourage proactive safety planning.

Meetings 3-6 – Local Perspectives

- Opportunities to Improve Engagement & Delivery
- Updated CRSPs can reenergize proactive work and align priorities.
- Strengthen education and outreach through TZD and regional partners.
- Clarify eligibility, simplify application processes, and provide concrete examples.
- Streamline documentation for multi-county and statewide efforts to boost participation.

What Next?

Meeting with SALT
and OTE leadership
6/29

Follow up with TAP
08/26

Explore
improvement ideas
with OTE, FHWA

Revise HSIP
application

Update the HSIP
Guidebook

Update the Fall
HSIP application

Obtain better
clarification related
to Bulk Clearance

Continue to
provide one-on-
one support

What's Next – Fall Solicitation



Thank you again!

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