

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SAFETY PROJECT PLANNING

TASPP is a program of the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham to provide transportation safety technical assistance to cities and counties in the Metropolitan Planning Area. The program aims to reduce fatalities and serious injuries in the Birmingham region through data analysis, training, and technical assistance for safety project development.

WHY TASPP?

- Alabama has a goal **Toward Zero Deaths** over a 25-year period
- Approximately 50% of fatal and serious injury crashes in Alabama occur on locally maintained roads
- Despite a reduction in traffic volumes over the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been an increase in severe injury crashes in Alabama
- **Jefferson County ranks 3rd statewide** in highest rate of pedestrian-involved crashes per 100,000 population (2016-2020 data)
- Through collaboration we can explore and implement solutions to make transportation infrastructure safer for all users

GOALS:

- Analyze safety data and prepare Safety Profiles
- Help local leaders
 - identify safety issues in their jurisdiction
 - understand how to select safety countermeasures
 - develop and find funding for safety improvement projects
- Increase road safety advocacy in the Birmingham region
- Encourage a Safe System approach to managing local transportation systems



A SAFE SYSTEM FOR THE BIRMINGHAM REGION

The Safe System approach is a coordinated set of strategies focused on reducing fatalities and serious injuries in the transportation system.

Foundational principles of the Safe System are:

- Death and serious injury are unacceptable
- Humans make mistakes
- Humans are vulnerable
- Responsibility is shared
- Safety is proactive
- Redundancy is crucial



Through education, collaboration, commitment, and innovation we hope to mitigate and prevent severe crashes by implementing solutions to make roads safer, road users more aware, and match speeds to context.

HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE IN TASPP?

- Join the TASPP stakeholder group
- Complete an online survey
- Review your jurisdiction's Safety Profile
- Attend a training workshop
- Be a Safety Champion and tell us what you are doing to advance safety in your area
- Request individual technical assistance
- Visit the TASPP website:

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