# Older Users Emphasis Area Team Report
## Tuesday, February 21, 2017, 9:30a.m.

**Follow Up Commitments**

| Commitment | Responsible Person | Due Date |
|---|---|---|
| Find law enforcement member for team | | Next meeting |

**Participants**

| Name | Agency/Organization |
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| Kara Thorp, Team Leader | AAA |
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The role of the Emphasis Area Teams is to develop the content of the Texas Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP), provide input to other areas of the Plan, assist the Management Team with outreach and networking, advise on implementation strategies, and track implementation progress.  The purpose of the EA teams is to utilize the members' knowledge, expertise, and experiences to identify the SHSP strategies and countermeasures pertaining to pedestrian safety..  The multiple disciplines that make up each EA team will ensure the proposed solutions are feasible, practical, and effective.  The consulting team will help by reviewing the literature, examining the data, etc., as requested.

## Older Road User Safety Strategies

### Strategy 1

Reduce wrong way crashes on ramps and freeways

### Strategy 2

Design and operate roadways to meet the needs of older system users

- Implement the Human Factors Guide and the Older Driver and Pedestrian Handbook broadly across Texas

- Adopt Complete Streets approaches to designing and operating streets

- Adopt a Safe System (Vision Zero) approach to designing and operating streets

### Strategy 3

Implement effective methods and tools to prepare older road users to deal with the limitations brought on by the aging process

### Strategy 4

Improve mobility options for older road users

- Use the required regional plans and other sources to create a clearinghouse on mobility options

- Educate the public on methods for identifying mobility options at the community level

### Strategy 5

Implement methods to reduce injury severity among older road users

- Adopt a Safe System (Vision Zero) Approach to reduce the consequences of human error

- Educate older drivers about vehicles and after-market products useful for reducing injuries due to traffic incidences

## Next Steps

### *Data and Resource Requests*

- Fatalities and serious injuries for all crashes involving at least one driver 65+

- Crashes day vs night

- Crashes male vs female

- Break down of casualties by drivers, passengers, pedestrians, motorcyclists

- Population of older people (2010, 2011, 2012…)

- Crashes by region

- Crashes by crash type (intersection, impaired, run-off road, etc)

### *Additional Resources*

- Handbook for Designing Roadways for the Aging Population
  https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/older_users/handbook/

- FHWA Office of Safety Older Road Users page
  https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/older_users/

- Administration on Aging Profile of Older Americans
  https://aoa.acl.gov/Aging_Statistics/Profile/2010/docs/2010profile.pdf

### *Upcoming Meeting Dates*

- Tuesday, March 7, 2017 9:30a.m.

- Tuesday, March 28, 2017 9:30a.m.