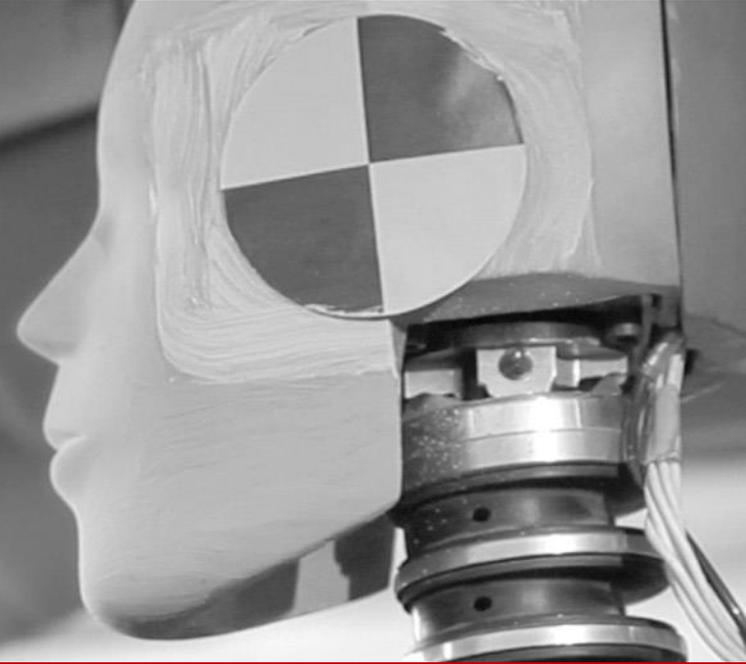


Safer People, Safer
Streets—Pedestrian and
Bicycle Safety Initiatives



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Today's Focus:

- Safer People, Safer Streets Initiative
- Mayors' Challenge
- Pedestrian safety resources



Some Background Information



In the fall of 2014, US Department of Transportation (DOT) Secretary Anthony Foxx announced a new initiative to reduce our nation's growing number of pedestrian and bicyclist injuries and fatalities through a comprehensive approach.

Safer People, Safer Streets: Ped/Bike Safety Initiative

This initiative sought to increase safety through a coordinated effort in the following areas:

- infrastructure safety
- behavioral safety and education
- vehicle safety (e.g., vehicle-to-pedestrian communications; crash avoidance technologies) and
- enhanced data collection and analysis

Safer People, Safer Streets

U.S. DOT has worked with our partners to.....

- Conduct Road Safety Assessments in every state (Safer Streets Assessments)
- Launch the Mayors' Challenge for Safer People and Safer Streets
- Remove barriers to improving non-motorized safety (Safer Policies)

Road Safety Assessments

- U.S. DOT field offices conducted corridor-level safety assessments with State and local partners.
- Division and Regional Staff from FHWA, FTA, NHTSA, FMCSA, and FRA took a leadership role in convening, facilitating, and participating in at least one assessment in each state.



Road Safety Assessments, cont'd

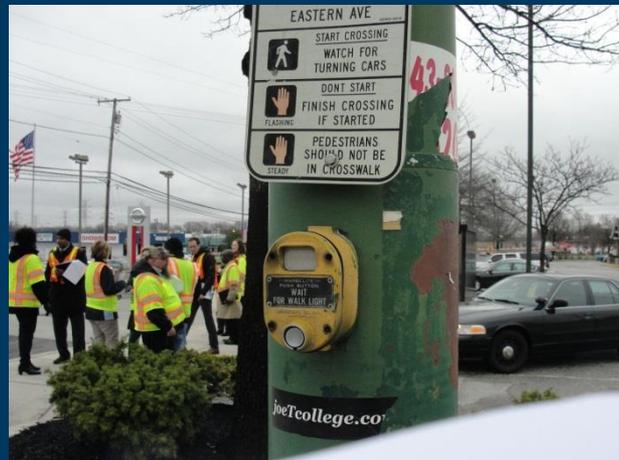
These safety assessments were on-the-ground examinations of a road corridor or transit center conducted by a multidisciplinary team.



- **The purpose of the assessments was to:**
- facilitate and encourage relationship-building;
- engage practitioners who are not typically focused on pedestrian and bicycle safety, and
- focus on locations that have nonmotorized safety challenges.

Maryland's Assessment...

- Took place on MD Route 150 (Eastern Avenue) in Dundalk



Resources

- **FHWA's Bicycle and Pedestrian website**
http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/
- **Safer People, Safer Streets: Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Initiative**
<https://www.transportation.gov/safer-people-safer-streets>
- **Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center**
<http://www.pedbikeinfo.org/>
- **National Complete Streets Coalition**
<http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/complete-streets>

We Were Referenced in the Report!



- **Different professionals all looking at the same situation can draw different conclusions** about the key problems, their root causes, and potential solutions.
- “For example, the Maryland assessment report highlighted different ways of interpreting a problem – poor roadway design, poor signal timing, insufficient enforcement, poor transit stop placement – when examining a problem with drivers “blocking the box” or pedestrians crossing in the “wrong” place.”



Safer drivers. Safer cars. Safer roads.

The Mayors' Challenge



- Secretary Foxx has challenged mayors and local elected officials to improve safety for bicycle riders and pedestrians of all ages and abilities over the next year.
- Baltimore is a part of the Challenge! (along with more than 230 other cities)
- Mayors' Challenge participants are spending a year helping their communities undertake 7 activities to improve safety.
- Go here for more info:

<http://www.dot.gov/mayors-challenge>

Some Other New Resources

- **Everyone is a Pedestrian website**
 - <http://www.nhtsa.gov/nhtsa/everyoneIsAPedestrian/>
- **Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Operations: A How-To Guide**
 - <http://www.nhtsa.gov/staticfiles/nti/pdf/812059-PedestrianSafetyEnforceOperaHowToGuide.pdf>
- **A Resident's Guide for Creating Safer Communities for Walking and Biking**
 - http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/ped_bike/ped_cmnlty/ped_walkguide/residents_guide2014_final.pdf

What's Next?

U.S. DOT is Continuing to Work on...

Safer Communities

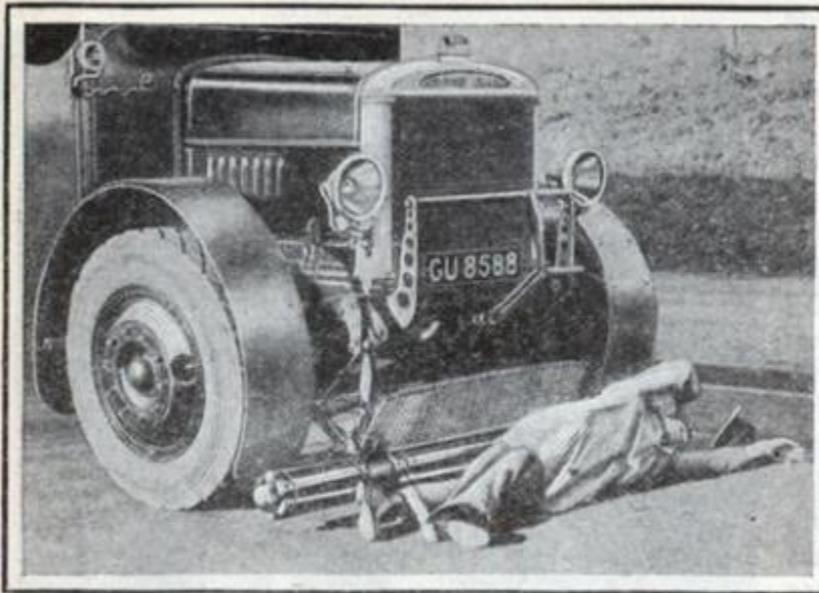
Safer Streets

Safer Policies



We don't have these...

This Roller Safety Device Sweeps Away Fallen Pedestrian



This new safety device, consisting of a shield and roller geared to the motor, sweeps the man ahead till the truck comes to a halt.

TRUCKS equipped with the new safety device shown in the photo at the left will literally sweep a fallen pedestrian before it and thus save him from being crushed to almost certain death beneath the heavy wheels. The device consists chiefly of a grooved roller mounted on an extension arm in front of the wheels and geared to the engine.

On coming in contact with a fallen pedestrian it tends to roll him ahead till the truck can be brought to a stop. Ordinarily, it projects out in front of the car, serving as a bumper, but is released immediately by the driver when there is a possibility of an accident.

So thank you for
your help in making
our roads safer for
everyone!

Questions?

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