



MINNESOTA TOWARD **ZERO** DEATHS

Legislative Update

Metro TZD Workshop

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Status of Traffic Safety Bills

HF100/SF73 Cannabis Bills

- In Conference Committee
- Everything discussed is as it exists today – changes likely through conference committee and on the floor

HF2887/SF3157 Transportation Omnibus Bills

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Legislation – HF 100/SF73

Legalization of Recreational Cannabis

- Office of Cannabis Management Established
- Cannabis Advisory Council Created
 - Colonel, OTS Director included on council
- Significant need for public education/awareness on risks of driving while high
 - If you feel different, you drive different
 - How best to reach targeted audiences



Legislation – HF 100/SF 73

Legalization of Recreational Cannabis

- Major challenge for enforcement
- DPS Appropriations for education/awareness and for Drug Recognition Experts, Evaluators, Training, Phlebotomists

	SFY24	SFY25
- OTS	\$ 1.485	\$0.010
- State Patrol	\$16.157	\$7.718



HF2887 Transportation Omnibus Bill

General Fund Appropriations - DPS

- \$2.5M in both SFY24 and SFY25 for administration of Traffic Safety Advisory Council (Senate \$2M)
- \$814k in SFY24 and \$1.67M in SFY25 to create a Traffic Safety Data Analytics Center (Senate half these amounts)
- \$50k in SFY24 for education/awareness campaign on motor vehicles passing school buses
- \$100k in SFY24 to promote understanding/compliance regarding passing of parked authorized vehicles
- \$98k in both years for a statewide traffic safety equity program (Research FTE in OTS to examine data)



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General Fund Appropriations – DPS (continued)

- \$2M in FY24 for law enforcement grants to target speed reduction on rural high-risk roadways
- \$2M in FY24 for local law enforcement grants to increase traffic safety enforcement activities (similar to DWI traffic safety officer program)
- \$350k in FY24 local government grants for safe ride programs that support hospitality/entertainment businesses
- \$500k in FY24 for local law enforcement activities in safe road zones (169.065 – bill)



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General Fund Appropriations – DPS (continued)

- \$2M in SFY24/25 for grants to schools and bus companies for school bus stop signal arm camera systems. (Senate bill only)
- \$500k in FY24 for traffic safety violation disposition analysis



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Traffic Safety Violations Disposition Analysis

- Evaluate:
 - Rates of citations issued vs rates of citations contested and their outcomes
 - Fines imposed vs fines paid
 - Changes in patterns of enforcement from 2017-2022
- Interim report by July 2024, Final by July 2025



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General Fund Appropriations - DOT

- \$20,000,000 in SFY24/25 for improvements that reduce speeds and eliminate intersection interactions on rural high-risk roadways. The commissioner must identify roadways based on crash information and in consultation with Toward Zero Deaths program representatives and local traffic safety partners.
- \$300,000 in SFY24/25 for additions and modifications to work zone design or layout to reduce vehicle speeds in a work zone. This appropriation is available following a determination by the commissioner that the initial work zone design or layout insufficiently provides for reduced vehicle speeds.



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Active Transportation

- Districts must provide schools with age-appropriate transportation safety training for K-8
- A number of bicycle law provisions, including at stop signs and signals
- Active Transportation Advisory Committee to make recommendations to the Commissioner on safety, education, and development programs; the active transportation program; and the safe routes to school program until 2033



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Traffic Safety Advisory Council (agreed upon language)

- Advise/make recommendations to MDH, DPS, and DOT commissioners on development and implementation of projects and programs intended to improve traffic safety
- 30+ members to broaden involvement/ownership in TZD
- Helps to provide more structured leadership of TZD program and funding available – consistent with recommendations of TZD 2.0



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Safe Road Zones

- Local agencies may request commissioner to designate a Safe Road Zone. Considerations include speed, crashes, vulnerable road user safety, intersection risks, roadway design.
- Measures may include: signs, design modifications, public awareness/education, speed limit evaluation, safety assessment



Legislation - General

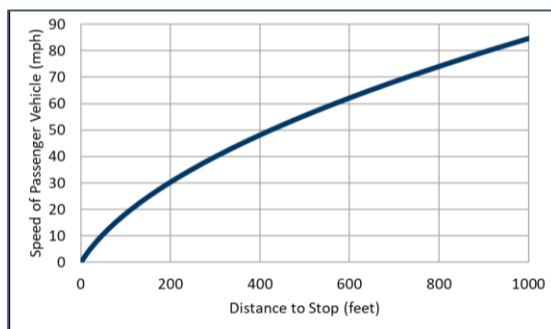
Speed Safety Cameras

- 3 different bills introduced would have allowed for some type of speed safety camera pilot
- Main issue: Commercial Vehicle License Masking with any proposals that include administrative citations
- Legislative Report required by DPS on Speed Safety Cameras by January 2024 (agreed upon language)
- MnDOT Transportation Research Synthesis (TRS) available online summarizing experience of other states
 - Will be completing a follow-up TRS on Masking (summer)

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Legislation - General

Posted Speed Limits



2018-2022

Nearly 25% of all fatal & serious injury crashes in Minnesota involved speeding (over 2,000 crashes)



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Legislation - General

Posted Speed Limits

- Numerous bills introduced to reduce speed limits on specific segments, or change the process for determining posted speed limits
- There are no studies we are aware of that show reduction in crashes in the short term as a result of reducing speed limits
 - Long-term implications of systematically lowering speed limits yet to be seen (citywide 20mph residential)
 - The discussion changes if we were to implement more systematic enforcement approaches (SSC)



Legislation - General

Posted Speed Limits

- Minnesota Trunk Highways: 55 to 60
 - Thoughtful analysis in selecting corridors (5000+ miles)
 - 2019 Study showed no statistically significant change in fatal/serious injury crashes (no change in 85th percentile speeds)
 - Need to update this study to reflect COVID experience

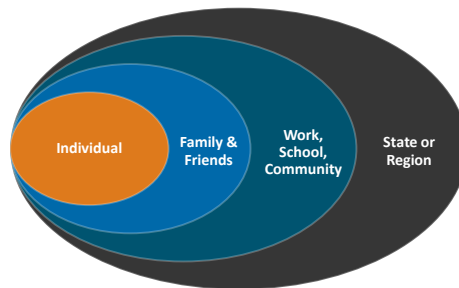


Legislation - General

Posted Speed Limits

- Need to focus our efforts on 2 fronts:

Traffic Safety Culture



Safe System



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Takeaways

- Momentum for Traffic Safety
 - Embrace it. How can we leverage it?
 - Almost \$30M in traffic safety investment
- Opportunity to broaden ownership in TZD through the Traffic Safety Advisory Council
- Cultural Belief Change/Formation needed with Speed, Cannabis

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