

Photo shows the LRSP Team working with local stakeholders and DOTD in a Road Safety Assessment (RSA) conducted at a horizontal curve on a high-crash local road in Louisiana.

Application Cutoff Project Dates: March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31

#### Who is eligible to apply? Parish or municipal jurisdictions

### What Projects Are Eligible?

Eligible safety projects include those for roadways and transportation systems owned and operated by parish and municipal road agencies. Individual projects are limited to \$500,000. Projects involving state roads are not eligible under this program.

### **Types of Eligible Projects:**

Site-specific improvements such as new or enhanced signs, pavement marks, rumble strips, mini-roundabouts and more.

Safety Initiatives like work zone safety, Road Safety Assessment (RSA). and public information and education.

### Who We Are



The new Louisiana Center for Transportation Safety (LCTS)

Center for Transportation Safety (LCTS), aptly called the Safety Center, was established in January 2015. It is the latest addition to the Louisiana Transportation Research Center (LTRC) at LSU in Baton Rouge, funded by the state's key lead agencies in road safety and injury prevention.

The Safety Center now administers the Local Road Safety Program (LRSP) in coordination with Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD). It facilitates the submittal and review of LRSP project applications.

The LRSP was formerly administered through the Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP).

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## LOCAL ROAD SAFETY PROGRAM

Improving local road safety to save lives





Funding for local road safety improvements is available through the Local Road Safety Program (LRSP).

The LRSP is intended to increase local community participation in developing and implementing road safety improvements that help reduce fatalities and injuries on locally owned public roads in Louisiana. The LRSP is part of the statewide implementation of the LA Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) and its mission of *Destination Zero Deaths*.



Grab this opportunity to improve your community's local roadway system and help Louisiana reach

**Destination Zero Deaths!** 

"A simple traffic sign can help save a life."

### LA Local Road Safety Profile

Road safety is a critical issue across the United States and in Louisiana. There are about 16,698 miles of state highways and 44,691 miles of locally owned roads. About 73% of the public roads in the state are owned by local agencies.

Based on the 2013 statistics from the LSU's Highway Safety Research Group (HSRG), over 62,000 crashes happened on local roads alone, which resulted in 141 deaths or 20% of the 703 fatalities statewide. Around 42% of the crashes happened at intersections, while roadway departure crashes accounted for 30% with most of them occurring on two-lane rural curves.

More motorists in Louisiana wear seat belts than ever before. The seatbelt use rate of 82.5% in 2013 (for drivers and passengers combined) is the highest ever to date—which is 3.2% higher than 79.3% in 2012. Seat belt use on local roads is at 81.7% which is lower than statewide average. About 63% of the local road fatalities did not wear a seat belt, and about 43% of these deaths were alcohol-related.

To put all of this in perspective, on average, in about three and a half minutes, a motorist will be involved in a crash on Louisiana road. In 7 minutes, someone will be injured, and *in about 16 hours and 54 minutes, another person will die.* 



The LRSP Team provides support for crash data analysis, technical assistance, training and safety outreach.

# Resources and Technical Assistance

**Technical Assistance and Research.** We assist local governments in the project development process through site visits, crash data analyses, safety research studies, and program evaluations.

**Road Safety Assessment (RSA).** We offer an opportunity for regions and Parishes to conduct RSA's, which are data-driven, multidisciplinary and formal examinations of existing or future roadway. RSA results can be used as a basis to justify a project's feasibility for implementation.

**Training.** Various road safety training classes are available, including data analysis, work zone safety, proper sign installation, intersection safety, and Road Safety 101.

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