

MAKAH INDIAN TRIBE

SAFETY MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Makah Nation is committed to reducing the number of deaths and serious injuries and improving the overall safety of the transportation system. As part of an ongoing effort to make safety improvements, this Safety Management Plan has been developed by a variety of disciplines within the Tribe in cooperation with the Federal Government. The plan is intended to outline existing programs and policies, procedures or projects that can be implemented to further improve transportation safety for the Makah Nation, its people and visitors to the Reservation.

The Makah Tribe has implemented a number of programs and developed relationships with other government entities to help assist in safety improvements. These include:

- The Nisqually and the Washington Department of Transportation have developed a positive working relationship based on mutual respect that has assisted in discussions of safety needs and implementation of projects.
- Tribal Law enforcement is using the Washington State crash report form and is submitting crash report forms to the state.
- The Tribe has implemented a secondary seat belt law.
- The Tribe has obtained funding in the past for purchase of radar guns.
- The Tribe has developed and implemented a Traffic Code.
- The Tribe has hosted a bike rodeo and provided bike helmets to the children that participated.
- The school has initiated a crossing guard program for before and after school.

In an effort to further enhance safety efforts and save lives, the following items have been identified as a priority for expansion or initiation within the Makah Nation:

- There is a shortage of sidewalks and paths in the community for use by bicyclists and pedestrians. A program to expand existing facilities will be initiated.
- To increase seatbelt and car seat use, the Tribe will initiate a program that may include training, car seat donations, car seat use workshops and checkpoints to promote better usage.
- The local school will have a Road Safety Audit performed of the streets in leading to and in the vicinity of the school. The audit will look at cross walks, signage, parking, pedestrian facilities, markings, speeds and other items that may affect the safety of the school age children.
- The Tribe will review the safety of the transit system, including drop off/pick up points and practices to ensure that these are made in the safest locations and using good practices to ensure the safety of the riders.