



Highway Safety Improvement Program  
*Data Driven Decisions*

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## Executive Summary

The overall purpose of this program is to achieve a significant reduction in fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads through the implementation of highway safety improvement projects. This includes both infrastructure-related projects and non-infrastructure projects, selected and justified by proven data-driven approaches. All highway safety improvement projects should be chosen and implemented with the goal of reducing fatalities and serious injuries on public roads and the achievement of State safety targets. Some projects will directly impact these performance measures through the implementation of engineering or behavioral countermeasures, while others may advance the data systems and analysis capabilities of the State to more accurately identify locations with the highest potential for safety improvement, evaluate the performance of highway safety improvement projects, or identify high risk roadway characteristics and driver behaviors.

In 2006 FHWA established a new approach to advancing safety by focusing on performance. In order to effectively meet performance targets, States must apply limited resources to the areas that are most likely to achieve results. The requirement to develop and regularly update a SHSP ensures that this approach is maintained. NH annually tracks and reports performance measures including the number of fatalities and severe injuries and fatalities and severe injury rates per vehicle mile traveled. Several other performance measures of specific interest to the State are listed in the NH SHSP.

NH has embraced the goals and vision of the Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) initiative. The State named its SHSP *New Hampshire Driving Toward Zero* in recognition of the National plan, and created a public outreach program with the same name to promote change in New Hampshire's safety culture ([nhdtz.com](http://nhdtz.com)). The initiative recognizes that even one traffic death is unacceptable and sets the aggressive goal to reduce all deaths on the Nation's highways, a goal virtually achieved in the aviation industry in the past several decades. Dozens of public and private stakeholders from across the State have come together in a collaborative effort to update and carry out the strategies in the SHSP. The vision of Driving Toward Zero is embodied in NH's goal of reducing the number of fatalities and serious injuries by 50% by 2030, equaling an annual reduction of 3.4%. This is measured as a five-year rolling average with the most recent data. Maine and Vermont share this target, and to that end MaineDOT and VTrans have formed a tri-state collaborative partnership with NHDOT to more effectively reach the collective regional goal. NHDOT has also incorporated the reduction of fatalities into their Balanced Scorecard, representing one of the twelve Strategic Objectives of the agency.

The concept of a focused approach has been further reinforced with requirements for data-driven decision making and resource allocation. 23 USC 148(c)(2), as amended by section 1401(a)(1) of SAFETEA-LU, Identification and Analysis of Highway Safety Problems and Opportunities, delineates specific requirements for determining safety problem identification and countermeasure analyses. The legislation also provides flexibility in the use of HSIP funds to address a State's non-infrastructure safety issues. It is clear from legislation that safety funds are to be used on the most effective treatments and

activities at the locations with the greatest needs, or potential thereof, and that the best available data is to be used to determine the proposed treatments. NH has been moving forward with implementation of the Highway Safety Manual (HSM) as a participant in the NCHRP 17-50 Lead State Initiative to facilitate this process and allow for more robust analysis of the roadway network. Use of Part A, Part B, and Part D of the HSM is growing, while implementation of Part C is in the beginning stages in NH.

MAP-21 continued building on the concept of a safety data system that has the capability to identify key safety problems, establish their relative severity, and then adopt strategic and performance-based goals to maximize safety. Recent improvements to the NH data system include a phased initiative to implement electronic crash reporting through the State's Crash Report Management System (CRMS), the compilation of the Model Inventory of Roadway Elements (MIRE) fundamental data elements (FDE), and the completion of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Traffic Records Assessment. One of the key outcomes of the Traffic Records Assessment was that performance measures for data quality are needed, including measures of timeliness, accuracy, completeness, uniformity, integration, and accessibility in order to guide improvements to the data and data systems.

The States are required to define a clear linkage between the behavioral NHTSA-funded Highway Safety Program and the HSIP through the State SHSP. The 2012 version (2<sup>nd</sup> edition) of the NH SHSP identifies 9 critical emphasis areas (CEA) to be addressed by safety stakeholders in NH, listed below.

- Adolescent Drivers
- Comprehensive Safety Data Improvement
- Crash Locations
- Distracted Driving
- Impaired Driving
- Motorcycles and Vulnerable Roadway Users
- Older Drivers
- Speeding
- Vehicle Occupant Protection

The "4-E's" of safety (education, enforcement, engineering, and emergency medical services) should be considered in selection and development of HSIP projects, however the intent of the HSIP is to primarily target engineering-related countermeasure improvements. The crash types of special interest have been identified in the Crash Locations CEA. The next major update to the SHSP is scheduled for 2016, while more minor updates to the plan and strategies outlined in each section should be reviewed at least annually.

With respect to eligibility for funding, 23 USC 148(a)(4) provides a sample listing of eligible highway safety improvement project types. However, it is important to note that only data-driven projects that

target strategies identified in the State SHSP are eligible for funding in NH. Furthermore, given the limited funding available, funds should be prioritized to help ensure that projects with the greatest safety return will be the top priority. For example addressing crashes involving animals is a possible eligible activity per MAP-21, but since it is not addressed in the current version of the SHSP as a CEA or related strategy, and higher safety needs have been identified, HSIP funds should not be used for that purpose in NH.

23 USC 148(e)(2) makes clear that other Federal-aid funds are eligible to support and leverage the safety program. Improvements to safety features, such as guardrail, that are routinely provided as part a broader Federal-aid project should be funded from the same source funds as the broader project when that safety feature is included in the broader project, not HSIP funds. This allows the HSIP funds to be reserved for stand-alone safety projects thereby allowing for true targeting of safety needs. This is consistent with the provision of separate funding for safety projects and with FHWA's long-standing position on the use of safety funds.

Data in this report reflect 2013 crash data in order to align numbers with the report that Highway Safety Agency has to submit to NHTSA.

## Introduction

The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) is a core Federal-aid program with the purpose of achieving a significant reduction in fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. As per 23 U.S.C. 148(h) and 23 CFR 924.15, States are required to report annually on the progress being made to advance HSIP implementation and evaluation efforts. The format of this report is consistent with the HSIP MAP-21 Reporting Guidance dated February 13, 2013 and consists of four sections: program structure, progress in implementing HSIP projects, progress in achieving safety performance targets, and assessment of the effectiveness of the improvements.

## Program Structure

### Program Administration

**How are Highway Safety Improvement Program funds allocated in a State?**

Central

District

Other

**Describe how local roads are addressed as part of Highway Safety Improvement Program.**

Municipally-maintained local roads and intersections are included in the screening with State-maintained sites and are evaluated using the same methodology. The majority of rural collector as well as rural and urban local road (functional class 8, 9, and 19) traffic data are not available, and therefore the volumes are estimated based on similar roads that have measured data. Urban and rural local roads are categorized separately from the other functional classes in network screening to account for the estimation of volume data. The State is working to improve volume data on all public roads.

**Identify which internal partners are involved with Highway Safety Improvement Program planning.**

- Design
- Planning
- Maintenance
- Operations
- Governors Highway Safety Office
- Other: Other-Regional Planning Commission staff

**Briefly describe coordination with internal partners.**

The State's HSIP is centrally administered. Annually, the Bureau of Highway Design performs a statewide network screening of crashes on all roadway types and distributes results to NHDOT Districts, Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance, and Bureau of Traffic, as well as Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) and Regional Planning Commissions (RPC). These stakeholders are encouraged to review the results of the analysis and provide comments on known aspects of specific locations. Comments may include, but is not limited to: recent work in the area, significant changes to traffic patterns or volumes, upcoming capital projects in the area, local experience/insight on crashes, etc.

The HSIP committee consists of Assistant Director Project Development, design, traffic, maintenance, Bike Pedestrian coordinator and planning personnel from the NHDOT, RPCs, MPOs and FHWA . Committee meetings are held quarterly, or as necessary, to review project selection and progress reports from project managers. Regional Planning Commissions are encouraged to incorporate the HSIP process in their Transportation Improvement Plan development.

The State identifies lane departure crashes and intersections crashes as critical crash types in the Crash Locations Critical Emphasis Area in the SHSP, which addresses engineering and infrastructure-related improvements. Projects are identified that target these types of crashes using the methods listed below. The three approaches will identify sites for *Traditional*, *Systemic*, and *Road Safety Audit projects* that have potential for safety improvements.



HSIP Committee and other stakeholders will receive a list of sites identified through network screening for review. Some sites may go beyond the scope of an HSIP project, which typically means their cost is greater than the anticipated benefits, or the overall cost of right-of-way, environmental, and scope of improvements is of a magnitude that it is of an improvement is deemed too costly or prohibitive in relation to other potential HSIP projects. These sites are recommended for consideration in the long-range capital improvement plans.

**Identify which external partners are involved with Highway Safety Improvement Program planning.**

- Metropolitan Planning Organizations
- Governors Highway Safety Office
- Local Government Association
- Other: Other-Regional Planning Commission Staff

**Identify any program administration practices used to implement the HSIP that have changed since the last reporting period.**

- Multi-disciplinary HSIP steering committee
- Other: Other-HSIP crash data reporting aligns with Highway Safety Agency crash data reporting. Both using 2013 crash data for the report.

**Describe any other aspects of Highway Safety Improvement Program Administration on which you would like to elaborate.**

The NHDOT Highway Safety Engineer (HSE) updates the Safety Analyst data import to the ten most recent years of data and then the HSE performs the Network Screening and produces the *Transparency Report* of potential projects, by October 1. The HSE distributes the *Transparency Report* to stakeholders in October, for consideration of HSIP funding proposed projects locations and completion of submittal packages are due on January 1. The committee selects and prioritizes the projects from January – March. March – September completes the cycle and ends the Federal fiscal year; all annual funding is obligated by September 30.

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21) was signed into law, which eliminated specific HRRR funding and created a special rule for High Risk Rural Roads. MAP-21 also revised the definition of what is considered a “High Risk” Rural Road. The new definition is “any roadway functionally classified as a rural major or minor collector or a rural local road with significant safety risks, as defined by a State in accordance with an updated State Strategic Highway Safety Plan”.

The term “High Risk Rural Road” means any roadway functionally classified as a rural major or minor collector or rural local road (functional class 7, 8 and 9)- a) on which the crash rate for fatalities and incapacitating injuries exceeds the statewide average for roadways of the same functional classifications or roadway; or b) that will likely have increases in traffic volumes that are estimated to create a crash rate for fatalities and incapacitating injuries that exceeds the statewide average for those functional classifications of roadway.

Though there is no longer a specific pot of money for an HRRR program, NHDOT chooses to continue to fund improvement on these roadways through the HSIP program. A statewide analysis of lane departure crashes is used to identify towns with the greatest number of the targeted crash types. The prioritized list is filtered by each of the nine RPCs. Towns are selected from each RPC. Sixteen towns chose to participate in the first phase of the program.

## Program Methodology

Select the programs that are administered under the HSIP.

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Median Barrier    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intersection               | <input type="checkbox"/> Safe Corridor                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Horizontal Curve  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bicycle Safety             | <input type="checkbox"/> Rural State Highways            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skid Hazard                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crash Data                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Red Light Running Prevention    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roadway Departure | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Low-Cost Spot Improvements | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sign Replacement And |

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Safety    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian Safety | Improvement<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Right Angle Crash |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Left Turn Crash | <input type="checkbox"/> Shoulder Improvement         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Segments                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other:                     |   |  |

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**Program:** Median Barrier

**Date of Program Methodology:** 10/1/2013

**What data types were used in the program methodology?**

- | <i>Crashes</i>   | <i>Exposure</i>                             | <i>Roadway</i>  |
|--|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All crashes                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic | <input type="checkbox"/> Median width                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fatal crashes only                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Volume  | <input type="checkbox"/> Horizontal curvature                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fatal and serious injury crashes only | <input type="checkbox"/> Population         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Functional classification |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other-Run Off the Road     | <input type="checkbox"/> Lane miles         | <input type="checkbox"/> Roadside features                    |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other              | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                                |

**What project identification methodology was used for this program?**

- Crash frequency
- Expected crash frequency with EB adjustment
- Equivalent property damage only (EPDO Crash frequency)

- EPDO crash frequency with EB adjustment
- Relative severity index
- Crash rate
- Critical rate
- Level of service of safety (LOSS)
- Excess expected crash frequency using SPFs
- Excess expected crash frequency with the EB adjustment
- Excess expected crash frequency using method of moments
- Probability of specific crash types
- Excess proportions of specific crash types
- Other

**Are local roads (non-state owned and operated) included or addressed in this program?**

- Yes
- No

If yes, are local road projects identified using the same methodology as state roads?

- Yes
- No

If no, describe the methodology used to identify local road projects as part of this program.

no medians on local roads

**How are highway safety improvement projects advanced for implementation?**

- Competitive application process
- selection committee
- Other

Select the processes used to prioritize projects for implementation. For the methods selected, indicate the relative importance of each process in project prioritization. Enter either the weights or numerical rankings. If weights are entered, the sum must equal 100. If ranks are entered, indicate ties by giving both processes the same rank and skip the next highest rank (as an example: 1, 2, 2, 4).

Relative Weight in Scoring

Rank of Priority Consideration

Ranking based on B/C                      50

Available funding                      50

Incremental B/C

Ranking based on net benefit

Other

**Program:**                                      **Intersection**

**Date of Program Methodology:**    **10/1/2013**

**What data types were used in the program methodology?**

*Crashes*

All crashes

Fatal crashes only

Fatal and serious injury crashes only

Other-EPDO

*Exposure*

Traffic

Volume

Population

Lane miles

*Roadway*

Median width

Horizontal curvature

Functional classification

Roadside features

Other

Other-Site Subtype

**What project identification methodology was used for this program?**

- Crash frequency
- Expected crash frequency with EB adjustment
- Equivalent property damage only (EPDO Crash frequency)
- EPDO crash frequency with EB adjustment
- Relative severity index
- Crash rate
- Critical rate
- Level of service of safety (LOSS)
- Excess expected crash frequency using SPFs
- Excess expected crash frequency with the EB adjustment
- Excess expected crash frequency using method of moments
- Probability of specific crash types
- Excess proportions of specific crash types
- Other

**Are local roads (non-state owned and operated) included or addressed in this program?**

- Yes
- No

If yes, are local road projects identified using the same methodology as state roads?

- Yes
- No

If no, describe the methodology used to identify local road projects as part of this program.

EPDO

**How are highway safety improvement projects advanced for implementation?**

- Competitive application process
- selection committee
- Other

**Select the processes used to prioritize projects for implementation. For the methods selected, indicate the relative importance of each process in project prioritization. Enter either the weights or numerical rankings. If weights are entered, the sum must equal 100. If ranks are entered, indicate ties by giving both processes the same rank and skip the next highest rank (as an example: 1, 2, 2, 4).**

- Relative Weight in Scoring
- Rank of Priority Consideration

- Ranking based on B/C                      50
- Available funding                              50
- Incremental B/C
- Ranking based on net benefit
- Other

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**Program:**    **Horizontal Curve**

**Date of Program Methodology:**   **10/1/2013**

**What data types were used in the program methodology?**

<i>Crashes</i>	<i>Exposure</i>	<i>Roadway</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> All crashes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic	<input type="checkbox"/> Median width
<input type="checkbox"/> Fatal crashes only	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Volume	<input type="checkbox"/> Horizontal curvature
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fatal and serious injury crashes only	<input type="checkbox"/> Population	<input type="checkbox"/> Functional classification
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other-Run Off the Road	<input type="checkbox"/> Lane miles	<input type="checkbox"/> Roadside features
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other-site subtype

**What project identification methodology was used for this program?**

- Crash frequency
- Expected crash frequency with EB adjustment
- Equivalent property damage only (EPDO Crash frequency)
- EPDO crash frequency with EB adjustment
- Relative severity index
- Crash rate
- Critical rate
- Level of service of safety (LOSS)
- Excess expected crash frequency using SPFs
- Excess expected crash frequency with the EB adjustment
- Excess expected crash frequency using method of moments
- Probability of specific crash types
- Excess proportions of specific crash types
- Other

**Are local roads (non-state owned and operated) included or addressed in this program?**



Yes

No

If yes, are local road projects identified using the same methodology as state roads?

Yes

No

**How are highway safety improvement projects advanced for implementation?**

Competitive application process

selection committee

Other

**Select the processes used to prioritize projects for implementation. For the methods selected, indicate the relative importance of each process in project prioritization. Enter either the weights or numerical rankings. If weights are entered, the sum must equal 100. If ranks are entered, indicate ties by giving both processes the same rank and skip the next highest rank (as an example: 1, 2, 2, 4).**

Relative Weight in Scoring

Rank of Priority Consideration

Ranking based on B/C                      50

Available funding                      50

Incremental B/C

Ranking based on net benefit

Other

**Program:** Bicycle Safety

**Date of Program Methodology:** 10/1/2013

**What data types were used in the program methodology?**

*Crashes*

- All crashes
- Fatal crashes only
- Fatal and serious injury crashes only
- Other

*Exposure*

- Traffic
- Volume
- Population
- Lane miles
- Other

*Roadway*

- Median width
- Horizontal curvature
- Functional classification
- Roadside features
- Other

**What project identification methodology was used for this program?**

- Crash frequency
- Expected crash frequency with EB adjustment
- Equivalent property damage only (EPDO Crash frequency)
- EPDO crash frequency with EB adjustment
- Relative severity index
- Crash rate
- Critical rate
- Level of service of safety (LOSS)
- Excess expected crash frequency using SPFs
- Excess expected crash frequency with the EB adjustment
- Excess expected crash frequency using method of moments
- Probability of specific crash types

Excess proportions of specific crash types

Other

**Are local roads (non-state owned and operated) included or addressed in this program?**

Yes

No

If yes, are local road projects identified using the same methodology as state roads?

Yes

No

If no, describe the methodology used to identify local road projects as part of this program.

EPDO

**How are highway safety improvement projects advanced for implementation?**

Competitive application process

selection committee

Other

**Select the processes used to prioritize projects for implementation. For the methods selected, indicate the relative importance of each process in project prioritization. Enter either the weights or numerical rankings. If weights are entered, the sum must equal 100. If ranks are entered, indicate ties by giving both processes the same rank and skip the next highest rank (as an example: 1, 2, 2, 4).**

Relative Weight in Scoring

Rank of Priority Consideration

Ranking based on B/C 50

Available funding 50

- Incremental B/C
- Ranking based on net benefit
- Other

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**Program:** Crash Data

**Date of Program Methodology:** 10/1/2013

**What data types were used in the program methodology?**

*Crashes*

- All crashes
- Fatal crashes only
- Fatal and serious injury crashes only
- Other

*Exposure*

- Traffic
- Volume
- Population
- Lane miles
- Other

*Roadway*

- Median width
- Horizontal curvature
- Functional classification
- Roadside features
- Other

**What project identification methodology was used for this program?**

- Crash frequency
- Expected crash frequency with EB adjustment
- Equivalent property damage only (EPDO Crash frequency)
- EPDO crash frequency with EB adjustment
- Relative severity index
- Crash rate

- Critical rate
- Level of service of safety (LOSS)
- Excess expected crash frequency using SPFs
- Excess expected crash frequency with the EB adjustment
- Excess expected crash frequency using method of moments
- Probability of specific crash types
- Excess proportions of specific crash types
- Other-need requirement MIRE and HSM

**Are local roads (non-state owned and operated) included or addressed in this program?**

- Yes
- No

If yes, are local road projects identified using the same methodology as state roads?

- Yes
- No

**How are highway safety improvement projects advanced for implementation?**

- Competitive application process
- selection committee
- Other

**Select the processes used to prioritize projects for implementation. For the methods selected, indicate the relative importance of each process in project prioritization. Enter either the weights or numerical rankings. If weights are entered, the sum must equal 100. If ranks are entered, indicate ties by giving both processes the same rank and skip the next highest rank (as an example: 1, 2, 2, 4).**

- Relative Weight in Scoring

Rank of Priority Consideration

- Ranking based on B/C
- Available funding 100
- Incremental B/C
- Ranking based on net benefit
- Other

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**Program:** Roadway Departure

**Date of Program Methodology:** 10/1/2013

**What data types were used in the program methodology?**

- | <i>Crashes</i>   | <i>Exposure</i>                             | <i>Roadway</i>  |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> All crashes                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Median width              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fatal crashes only                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Volume  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Horizontal curvature      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fatal and serious injury crashes only | <input type="checkbox"/> Population         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Functional classification |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other-Run Off the Road     | <input type="checkbox"/> Lane miles         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roadside features         |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other              | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                                |

**What project identification methodology was used for this program?**

- Crash frequency
- Expected crash frequency with EB adjustment

- Equivalent property damage only (EPDO Crash frequency)
- EPDO crash frequency with EB adjustment
- Relative severity index
- Crash rate
- Critical rate
- Level of service of safety (LOSS)
- Excess expected crash frequency using SPFs
- Excess expected crash frequency with the EB adjustment
- Excess expected crash frequency using method of moments
- Probability of specific crash types
- Excess proportions of specific crash types
- Other

**Are local roads (non-state owned and operated) included or addressed in this program?**

- Yes
- No

If yes, are local road projects identified using the same methodology as state roads?

- Yes
- No

**How are highway safety improvement projects advanced for implementation?**

- Competitive application process
- selection committee
- Other

Select the processes used to prioritize projects for implementation. For the methods selected, indicate the relative importance of each process in project prioritization. Enter either the weights or numerical rankings. If weights are entered, the sum must equal 100. If ranks are entered, indicate ties by giving both processes the same rank and skip the next highest rank (as an example: 1, 2, 2, 4).

Relative Weight in Scoring

Rank of Priority Consideration

Ranking based on B/C 50

Available funding 50

Incremental B/C

Ranking based on net benefit

Other

**Program:** Low-Cost Spot Improvements

**Date of Program Methodology:** 10/1/2013

**What data types were used in the program methodology?**

*Crashes*

All crashes

Fatal crashes only

Fatal and serious injury crashes only

Other

*Exposure*

Traffic

Volume

Population

Lane miles

Other

*Roadway*

Median width

Horizontal curvature

Functional classification

Roadside features

Other



**What project identification methodology was used for this program?**

- Crash frequency
- Expected crash frequency with EB adjustment
- Equivalent property damage only (EPDO Crash frequency)
- EPDO crash frequency with EB adjustment
- Relative severity index
- Crash rate
- Critical rate
- Level of service of safety (LOSS)
- Excess expected crash frequency using SPFs
- Excess expected crash frequency with the EB adjustment
- Excess expected crash frequency using method of moments
- Probability of specific crash types
- Excess proportions of specific crash types
- Other-RSA request from local agencies

**Are local roads (non-state owned and operated) included or addressed in this program?**

- Yes
- No

If yes, are local road projects identified using the same methodology as state roads?

- Yes
- No

**How are highway safety improvement projects advanced for implementation?**

- Competitive application process

selection committee

Other

Select the processes used to prioritize projects for implementation. For the methods selected, indicate the relative importance of each process in project prioritization. Enter either the weights or numerical rankings. If weights are entered, the sum must equal 100. If ranks are entered, indicate ties by giving both processes the same rank and skip the next highest rank (as an example: 1, 2, 2, 4).

Relative Weight in Scoring

Rank of Priority Consideration

Ranking based on B/C                      100

Available funding

Incremental B/C

Ranking based on net benefit

Other

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**Program:**    **Sign Replacement And Improvement**

**Date of Program Methodology:**    **10/1/2013**

**What data types were used in the program methodology?**

*Crashes*

*Exposure*

*Roadway*

All crashes

Traffic

Median width

Fatal crashes only

Volume

Horizontal curvature

Fatal and serious injury

Population

Functional classification

crashes only

- |                                |                                     |  |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Lane miles | <input type="checkbox"/> Roadside features |
|                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other             |

**What project identification methodology was used for this program?**

- Crash frequency
- Expected crash frequency with EB adjustment
- Equivalent property damage only (EPDO Crash frequency)
- EPDO crash frequency with EB adjustment
- Relative severity index
- Crash rate
- Critical rate
- Level of service of safety (LOSS)
- Excess expected crash frequency using SPFs
- Excess expected crash frequency with the EB adjustment
- Excess expected crash frequency using method of moments
- Probability of specific crash types
- Excess proportions of specific crash types
- Other-Run off the Road

**Are local roads (non-state owned and operated) included or addressed in this program?**

- Yes
- No

If yes, are local road projects identified using the same methodology as state roads?

- Yes

No

**How are highway safety improvement projects advanced for implementation?**

Competitive application process

selection committee

Other

**Select the processes used to prioritize projects for implementation. For the methods selected, indicate the relative importance of each process in project prioritization. Enter either the weights or numerical rankings. If weights are entered, the sum must equal 100. If ranks are entered, indicate ties by giving both processes the same rank and skip the next highest rank (as an example: 1, 2, 2, 4).**

Relative Weight in Scoring

Rank of Priority Consideration

Ranking based on B/C

Available funding                      100

Incremental B/C

Ranking based on net benefit

Other

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**Program:**                                      **Local Safety**

**Date of Program Methodology:**   **10/1/2013**

**What data types were used in the program methodology?**

<i>Crashes</i>	<i>Exposure</i>	<i>Roadway</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All crashes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic	<input type="checkbox"/> Median width
<input type="checkbox"/> Fatal crashes only	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Volume	<input type="checkbox"/> Horizontal curvature
<input type="checkbox"/> Fatal and serious injury crashes only	<input type="checkbox"/> Population	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Functional classification
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Lane miles	<input type="checkbox"/> Roadside features
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

**What project identification methodology was used for this program?**

- Crash frequency
- Expected crash frequency with EB adjustment
- Equivalent property damage only (EPDO Crash frequency)
- EPDO crash frequency with EB adjustment
- Relative severity index
- Crash rate
- Critical rate
- Level of service of safety (LOSS)
- Excess expected crash frequency using SPFs
- Excess expected crash frequency with the EB adjustment
- Excess expected crash frequency using method of moments
- Probability of specific crash types
- Excess proportions of specific crash types
- Other
- Other-RSA local agency

**Are local roads (non-state owned and operated) included or addressed in this program?**

Yes

No

If yes, are local road projects identified using the same methodology as state roads?

Yes

No

**How are highway safety improvement projects advanced for implementation?**

Competitive application process

selection committee

Other

**Select the processes used to prioritize projects for implementation. For the methods selected, indicate the relative importance of each process in project prioritization. Enter either the weights or numerical rankings. If weights are entered, the sum must equal 100. If ranks are entered, indicate ties by giving both processes the same rank and skip the next highest rank (as an example: 1, 2, 2, 4).**

Relative Weight in Scoring

Rank of Priority Consideration

Ranking based on B/C                      50

Available funding                      50

Incremental B/C

Ranking based on net benefit

Other

**Program:** Pedestrian Safety

**Date of Program Methodology:** 10/1/2013

**What data types were used in the program methodology?**

*Crashes*

- All crashes
- Fatal crashes only
- Fatal and serious injury crashes only
- Other

*Exposure*

- Traffic
- Volume
- Population
- Lane miles
- Other

*Roadway*

- Median width
- Horizontal curvature
- Functional classification
- Roadside features
- Other

**What project identification methodology was used for this program?**

- Crash frequency
- Expected crash frequency with EB adjustment
- Equivalent property damage only (EPDO Crash frequency)
- EPDO crash frequency with EB adjustment
- Relative severity index
- Crash rate
- Critical rate
- Level of service of safety (LOSS)
- Excess expected crash frequency using SPFs
- Excess expected crash frequency with the EB adjustment
- Excess expected crash frequency using method of moments
- Probability of specific crash types

Excess proportions of specific crash types

Other

**Are local roads (non-state owned and operated) included or addressed in this program?**

Yes

No

If yes, are local road projects identified using the same methodology as state roads?

Yes

No

**How are highway safety improvement projects advanced for implementation?**

Competitive application process

selection committee

Other

**Select the processes used to prioritize projects for implementation. For the methods selected, indicate the relative importance of each process in project prioritization. Enter either the weights or numerical rankings. If weights are entered, the sum must equal 100. If ranks are entered, indicate ties by giving both processes the same rank and skip the next highest rank (as an example: 1, 2, 2, 4).**

Relative Weight in Scoring

Rank of Priority Consideration

Ranking based on B/C                      50

Available funding                              50

Incremental B/C

Ranking based on net benefit



Other

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**Program:** Right Angle Crash

**Date of Program Methodology:** 10/1/2013

**What data types were used in the program methodology?**

*Crashes*

- All crashes
- Fatal crashes only
- Fatal and serious injury crashes only
- Other

*Exposure*

- Traffic
- Volume
- Population
- Lane miles
- Other

*Roadway*

- Median width
- Horizontal curvature
- Functional classification
- Roadside features
- Other-RSA request by local agency

**What project identification methodology was used for this program?**

- Crash frequency
- Expected crash frequency with EB adjustment
- Equivalent property damage only (EPDO Crash frequency)
- EPDO crash frequency with EB adjustment
- Relative severity index
- Crash rate
- Critical rate

- Level of service of safety (LOSS)
- Excess expected crash frequency using SPFs
- Excess expected crash frequency with the EB adjustment
- Excess expected crash frequency using method of moments
- Probability of specific crash types
- Excess proportions of specific crash types
- Other

**Are local roads (non-state owned and operated) included or addressed in this program?**

- Yes
- No

If yes, are local road projects identified using the same methodology as state roads?

- Yes
- No

**How are highway safety improvement projects advanced for implementation?**

- Competitive application process
- selection committee
- Other

**Select the processes used to prioritize projects for implementation. For the methods selected, indicate the relative importance of each process in project prioritization. Enter either the weights or numerical rankings. If weights are entered, the sum must equal 100. If ranks are entered, indicate ties by giving both processes the same rank and skip the next highest rank (as an example: 1, 2, 2, 4).**

- Relative Weight in Scoring
- Rank of Priority Consideration

- Ranking based on B/C 50
- Available funding 50
- Incremental B/C
- Ranking based on net benefit
- Other

**Program:** Left Turn Crash

**Date of Program Methodology:** 10/1/2013

**What data types were used in the program methodology?**

- | <i>Crashes</i>   | <i>Exposure</i>                             | <i>Roadway</i>  |
|--|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All crashes                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic | <input type="checkbox"/> Median width                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fatal crashes only                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Volume  | <input type="checkbox"/> Horizontal curvature                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fatal and serious injury crashes only | <input type="checkbox"/> Population         | <input type="checkbox"/> Functional classification                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Lane miles         | <input type="checkbox"/> Roadside features                              |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other-RSA requested by local agency |

**What project identification methodology was used for this program?**

- Crash frequency
- Expected crash frequency with EB adjustment
- Equivalent property damage only (EPDO Crash frequency)

- EPDO crash frequency with EB adjustment
- Relative severity index
- Crash rate
- Critical rate
- Level of service of safety (LOSS)
- Excess expected crash frequency using SPFs
- Excess expected crash frequency with the EB adjustment
- Excess expected crash frequency using method of moments
- Probability of specific crash types
- Excess proportions of specific crash types
- Other

**Are local roads (non-state owned and operated) included or addressed in this program?**

- Yes
- No

If yes, are local road projects identified using the same methodology as state roads?

- Yes
- No

**How are highway safety improvement projects advanced for implementation?**

- Competitive application process
- selection committee
- Other

**Select the processes used to prioritize projects for implementation. For the methods selected, indicate the relative importance of each process in project prioritization. Enter either the weights or numerical**

rankings. If weights are entered, the sum must equal 100. If ranks are entered, indicate ties by giving both processes the same rank and skip the next highest rank (as an example: 1, 2, 2, 4).

Relative Weight in Scoring

Rank of Priority Consideration

Ranking based on B/C 50

Available funding 50

Incremental B/C

Ranking based on net benefit

Other

**Program:** Segments

**Date of Program Methodology:** 10/1/2013

**What data types were used in the program methodology?**

*Crashes*

All crashes

Fatal crashes only

Fatal and serious injury crashes only

Other-Run off the Road

*Exposure*

Traffic

Volume

Population

Lane miles

Other

*Roadway*

Median width

Horizontal curvature

Functional classification

Roadside features

Other-Site subtype

**What project identification methodology was used for this program?**

- Crash frequency
- Expected crash frequency with EB adjustment
- Equivalent property damage only (EPDO Crash frequency)
- EPDO crash frequency with EB adjustment
- Relative severity index
- Crash rate
- Critical rate
- Level of service of safety (LOSS)
- Excess expected crash frequency using SPFs
- Excess expected crash frequency with the EB adjustment
- Excess expected crash frequency using method of moments
- Probability of specific crash types
- Excess proportions of specific crash types
- Other

**Are local roads (non-state owned and operated) included or addressed in this program?**

- Yes
- No

If yes, are local road projects identified using the same methodology as state roads?

- Yes
- No

**How are highway safety improvement projects advanced for implementation?**

- Competitive application process
- selection committee

Other

Select the processes used to prioritize projects for implementation. For the methods selected, indicate the relative importance of each process in project prioritization. Enter either the weights or numerical rankings. If weights are entered, the sum must equal 100. If ranks are entered, indicate ties by giving both processes the same rank and skip the next highest rank (as an example: 1, 2, 2, 4).

Relative Weight in Scoring

Rank of Priority Consideration

Ranking based on B/C 50

Available funding 50

Incremental B/C

Ranking based on net benefit

Other

What proportion of highway safety improvement program funds address systemic improvements?

50

Highway safety improvement program funds are used to address which of the following systemic improvements?

Cable Median Barriers

Rumble Strips

Traffic Control Device Rehabilitation

Pavement/Shoulder Widening

Install/Improve Signing

Install/Improve Pavement Marking and/or Delineation

Upgrade Guard Rails

Clear Zone Improvements

Safety Edge

Install/Improve Lighting

Add/Upgrade/Modify/Remove Traffic Signal

Other Other-intersections

Other Other-F--terminal Replacements

Other Other-Other Median Barriers

**What process is used to identify potential countermeasures?**

Engineering Study

Road Safety Assessment

Other:

**Identify any program methodology practices used to implement the HSIP that have changed since the last reporting period.**

Highway Safety Manual

Road Safety audits

Systemic Approach

Other: Other-no change



**Describe any other aspects of the Highway Safety Improvement Program methodology on which you would like to elaborate.**

The systemic approach to safety involves improvements to roadways that are widely implemented based on high-risk roadway features correlated with particular severe crash types. This method is very different from the traditional approach used in network screening in that locations receiving improvements are not necessarily required to have a demonstrated crash history. Systemic improvements serve as a strong complement to improvements identified through network screening, together treating the most hazardous sites and reducing the risk of severe crashes across the entire network.

Systemic countermeasure programs have also been shown to be more effective at reducing the overall number of crashes in the state than spot improvements, meaning that successful management of these programs will be essential in reaching State performance targets for reduction of fatalities and severe injuries. Whereas spot improvement projects only influence the safety at a single site or small area, systemic countermeasures are installed in entire towns, districts, or statewide with the potential to treat a large number of safety concerns and change driver behaviors. This is typically accomplished by implementing a large number of low-cost countermeasures that generally have a proportionally large safety benefit. Thus, it is the intent of the NH HSIP to use systemic countermeasure treatments as a significant means to improve highway safety in the State.

The systemic approach is iterative, flexible, and applicable to a variety of systems, locations, and crash types. Similar to the network screening approach, systemic planning involves problem identification, countermeasure selection, and project prioritization. The first step in the systemic process is to analyze system-wide crash and roadway data to target crash types (e.g., lane departure) and associated roadway risk factors (e.g., curves or roadside hazards) that make a significant contribution to the number of fatal and severe injury crashes in the State. Sites with these risk factors are identified and prioritized by potential for future severe crashes based on AADT, crash predictions for that roadway type, roadway characteristics, etc. Appropriate low-cost countermeasures (e.g., rumble strips) are then proposed to effectively address the specific crash types on roads with the identified risk factors. Finally, the chosen countermeasures are installed systemically at the selected sites.

In 2009, the State identified its first systemic project focusing on rural signing improvements. Since that time, the following additional systemic programs have been implemented: shoulder and centerline rumble strips and stripes, median barrier improvements, guardrail and end terminal improvements, rural curve signing and delineation, and an Intersection Safety Improvement Plan (ISIP). These programs are expected to continue in the next few years, with the ISIP growing in levels of effort as the phased implementation process begins.

Within the next year the State plans to develop a system that is capable of regularly evaluating the effectiveness of its implemented countermeasures. Evaluation of systemic projects should be

considered when developing this data. This is vital in determining which programs should be allocated more or less funding, and whether the sites receiving treatments were correctly identified as those with potential to reduce fatal and severe crashes. A new feature for Safety Analyst is planned within the next couple of years with the capability to easily identify and evaluate systemic projects. Information showing the overall effectiveness of the current programs will also guide the Committee's review of funding allocations for projects selected in each project identification method; e.g. if systemic countermeasure projects are more cost-effective than other types of HSIP projects then a greater amount of funding should be spent on them in the program.

The Road Safety Audit program is changing the application criteria and when the applications can be accepted. The program will move to having a application deadline submitted once a year.

## Progress in Implementing Projects

### Funds Programmed

Reporting period for Highway Safety Improvement Program funding.

- Calendar Year
- State Fiscal Year
- Federal Fiscal Year

Enter the programmed and obligated funding for each applicable funding category.

Funding Category	Programmed*		Obligated	
<b>HSIP (Section 148)</b>	15000000	94 %	15000000	94 %
<b>HRRRP (SAFETEA-LU)</b>				
<b>HRRR Special Rule</b>	900000	6 %	900000	6 %
<b>Penalty Transfer - Section 154</b>				
<b>Penalty Transfer - Section 164</b>				
<b>Incentive Grants - Section 163</b>				
<b>Incentive Grants (Section 406)</b>				
<b>Other Federal-aid Funds (i.e. STP, NHPP)</b>				
<b>State and Local Funds</b>				

<b>Totals</b>	15900000	100%	15900000	100%
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**How much funding is programmed to local (non-state owned and maintained) safety projects?**

\$18,000.00

**How much funding is obligated to local safety projects?**

\$18,000.00

**How much funding is programmed to non-infrastructure safety projects?**

\$374,000.00

**How much funding is obligated to non-infrastructure safety projects?**

\$374,000.00

**How much funding was transferred in to the HSIP from other core program areas during the reporting period?**

\$0.00

**How much funding was transferred out of the HSIP to other core program areas during the reporting period?**

\$0.00

**Discuss impediments to obligating Highway Safety Improvement Program funds and plans to overcome this in the future.**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has advised that the funding levels for the Federal Highway Trust Fund (HTF) will likely limit money for transportation disbursements to states. FHWA may need to institute cash management measures which would involve delayed or partial reimbursements to the states. The impact to The State of New Hampshire and the Transportation Improvement program will result in general uncertainty and will have a significant impact to funding the State Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan. Due to limited State Highway Trust Fund revenues, the State of New Hampshire uses Turnpike Toll Credits to meet the match of the federal program. As a result, there are limited State dollars to support the federal program and as a consequence, the STIP becomes dependent on the availability of federal funds. Any loss of federal funds could very well lead to suspension of work and delay of future State and local transportation projects. As a result of the Congressional discussion on the HTF and MAP-21 reauthorization, the Department of Transportation has employed a moderate risk management strategy in utilizing federal funds with a strong commitment to funding current construction projects under contract. Revenue in the HTF is approximately 70 percent of federally reimbursable construction program outlays. Due to the uncertainty of federal funds in the HTF, the New Hampshire Department of Transportation sought the full authorization of federal funds for current year construction cash needs on existing multi-year construction projects to ensure funds are available to maintain the current federally funded construction program. Taking proactive steps in anticipation of possible end of fiscal year redistribution of federal funds, the Department has maintained several projects in the September advertising schedule for any anticipated redistribution of federal funds. The NH DOT recognizes that every change in schedule regardless of project size can lead to considerable inconvenience for communities impacted and real economic consequences for our construction industry partners who plan on bidding on this work. We have worked diligently to avoid taking these steps that impact project schedules for as long as practical. We look forward to resolution of this issue through authorization of a long-term surface transportation bill and through sustainable revenue sources to fund our critical transportation infrastructure projects.

On July 31, 2014 the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives agreed to fund a short term fix of the Federal Highway Trust Fund. This short term plan provided funding through May 2015. Recent action by Congress extended authorization for two months through July 2015, but did not include additional

funding for the program. This funding uncertainty is placing the NHDOT in the position of deferring planned advertising of construction projects beyond July. If Congress fails to act, the State will also not be reimbursed fully for construction expenses on federally eligible infrastructure projects paid out to private contractors. Just through the end of the calendar year, this may create a substantial cash flow problem for the State.

**Describe any other aspects of the general Highway Safety Improvement Program implementation progress on which you would like to elaborate.**

The Road Safety Audit application criteria has been revised and the program has shifted from a rolling application submittal to a December 1st deadline annually.

**General Listing of Projects**

List each highway safety improvement project obligated during the reporting period.

Project	Improvement Category	Output	HSIP Cost	Total Cost	Funding Category	Functional Classification	AADT	Speed	Roadway Ownership	Relationship to SHSP	
										Emphasis Area	Strategy
<b>Barnstead #14121E (PE charges)</b>	Intersection traffic control Modify traffic signal - modernization/replacement	1 Miles	150000	3500000	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Minor Arterial	7370	40	State Highway Agency	Intersections	Reduce intersection crashes
<b>Belmont #16202 (PE charges)</b>	Intersection geometry Auxiliary lanes - add left-turn lane	1 Miles	5000	2325000	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	7900	45	State Highway Agency	Intersections	reduce intersection crashes
<b>Belmont #16203 (PE charges)</b>	Intersection geometry Auxiliary lanes - add left-turn lane	1 Miles	150000	1360000	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	13190	50	State Highway Agency	Intersections	Reduce intersection crashes
<b>Brookline #40092 (PE charges)</b>	Intersection geometry Auxiliary lanes - add left-turn lane	1 Miles	30000	205000	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	2000	50	State Highway Agency	Intersections	reduce intersection crashes

<b>Concord #28053 (ROW charges)</b>	Roadway narrowing (road diet, roadway reconfiguration)	3 Miles	10000	1650000	HSIP (Section 148)	Urban Minor Collector	19719	35	City of Municipal Highway Agency	Lane Departure	Reduce roadway segment crashes
<b>District 3 #24863</b>	Roadside Barrier- metal	Miles	1102750	1104000	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Other		55	State Highway Agency	Roadway Departure	Reduce roadway Departure crashes
<b>Exeter-Hampton #28535</b>	Roadside Barrier - concrete	10 Miles	3003484.7	3003484.7	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Interstate	42000	65	State Highway Agency	Roadway Departure	Reduce Roadway Departure crashes
<b>Farmington #16212 (PE &amp; ROW charges)</b>	Intersection geometry Auxiliary lanes - add left-turn lane	1 Miles	180000	1753924	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	15500	40	State Highway Agency	Intersections	Reduce intersection crashes
<b>Henniker #28735 (PE &amp; ROW charges)</b>	Pedestrians and bicyclists Install sidewalk	0 Miles	8000	249431	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Minor Arterial	4872	30	State Highway Agency	Pedestrians	Reduce pedestrian crashes and intersection crashes



<b>Swanzy #15697 (PE &amp; Con charges)</b>	Intersection traffic control Modify control - all-way stop to roundabout	1 Miles	1242804	1871895	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	14090	30	State Highway Agency	Intersections	Reduce intersection crashes
<b>Statewide 28137 (con charges)</b>	Roadway signs and traffic control Curve-related warning signs and flashers		150000	200000	HRRR Special Rule	Rural Minor Collector		50	State Highway Agency	Roadway Departure	Reduce Roadway Departure crashes
<b>Statewide 28138 (Con charges)</b>	Roadway signs and traffic control Roadway signs and traffic control - other		500000	700000	HRRR Special Rule	Rural Principal Arterial - Other		50	State Highway Agency	Roadway Departure	Reduce Roadway Departure crashes
<b>statewide 28513</b>	Roadway Rumble strips - edge or shoulder		500000	500000	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Other		50	State Highway Agency	Roadway Departure	Reduce Roadway Departure Crashes
<b>statewide 28653</b>	Roadside Barrier end treatments (crash cushions, terminals)		358518.75	483519	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Other		50	State Highway Agency	Roadway Departure	Reduce Roadway Departure Crashes
<b>Statewide 28655 (PE charges)</b>	Roadside Barrier end treatments (crash cushions, terminals)		5000	1155000	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Other		50	State Highway Agency	Roadway Departure	Reduce Roadway Departure Crashes

<b>Statewide 29342</b>	Intersection traffic control Modify traffic signal - add backplates		137500	175000	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Other		45	State Highway Agency	Intersections	Reduce intersection crashes
<b>Lancaster #16208</b>	Intersection traffic control Modify control - modifications to roundabout	1 Miles	127601	1313572	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	11270	30	State Highway Agency	Intersections	Reduce intersection crashes
<b>Lebanon #29362 (Pedestrian &amp; charges)</b>	Pedestrians and bicyclists Pedestrian signal - Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon	1 Miles	268915	268915	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	6900	30	State Highway Agency	Pedestrians	Reduce Pedestrian crashes
<b>Loudon #24941 PE &amp; Charges)</b>	Intersection traffic control Modify traffic signal - add backplates	1 Miles	1289580	1419589	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	15500	45	State Highway Agency	Intersections	Reduce intersection crashes
<b>Manchester #2004 (charges)</b>	Intersection geometry Intersection geometrics - modify skew angle	1 Miles	1558	118614	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Minor Arterial	4100	45	City of Municipal Highway Agency	Intersections	Reduce intersection crashes
<b>meredith #16470 (PE &amp; ROW)</b>	Intersection geometry Auxiliary lanes - add auxiliary through lane	1 Miles	97500	612500	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Principal Arterial -	11595	55	State Highway Agency	Intersections	Reduce intersection

charges)						Other					crashes
<b>Pelham #29338 (PE &amp; ROW charges)</b>	Intersection geometry - other	1 Miles	30000	155000	HSIP (Section 148)	Urban Principal Arterial - Other	11500	40	State Highway Agency	Intersections	Reduce intersection crashes
<b>Rochester #27873</b>	Intersection geometry - modify intersection corner radius	1 Miles	77000	120000	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	7400	45	State Highway Agency	Intersections	Reduce Intersection crashes
<b>Seabrook #16444 (PE &amp; Row charges)</b>	Intersection geometry - add auxiliary through lane	1 Miles	2200	2448000	HSIP (Section 148)	Urban Minor Arterial	1690	45	State Highway Agency	Intersections	Reduce intersection crashes
<b>statewide 16259</b>	Roadside Barrier - cable	Miles	63.17	1046738	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Other		45	State Highway Agency	Roadway Departure	Reduce Roadway Departure Crashes
<b>Statewide 24881</b>	Roadside Barrier end treatments (crash cushions, terminals)	Miles	652	1084419	HSIP (Section 148)	Rural Principal Arterial - Other		45	State Highway Agency	Roadway Departure	Reduce Roadway Departure Crashes
<b>Statewide</b>	Roadway signs and traffic control Curve-	Miles	902971.	902971.	HSIP (Section	Rural Principal		40	State Highway	Roadway	Reduce Roadway

<b>e 28135</b>	related warning signs and flashers		45	45	n 148)	Arterial - Other			Agency	Departure	Departur e Crashes

## Progress in Achieving Safety Performance Targets

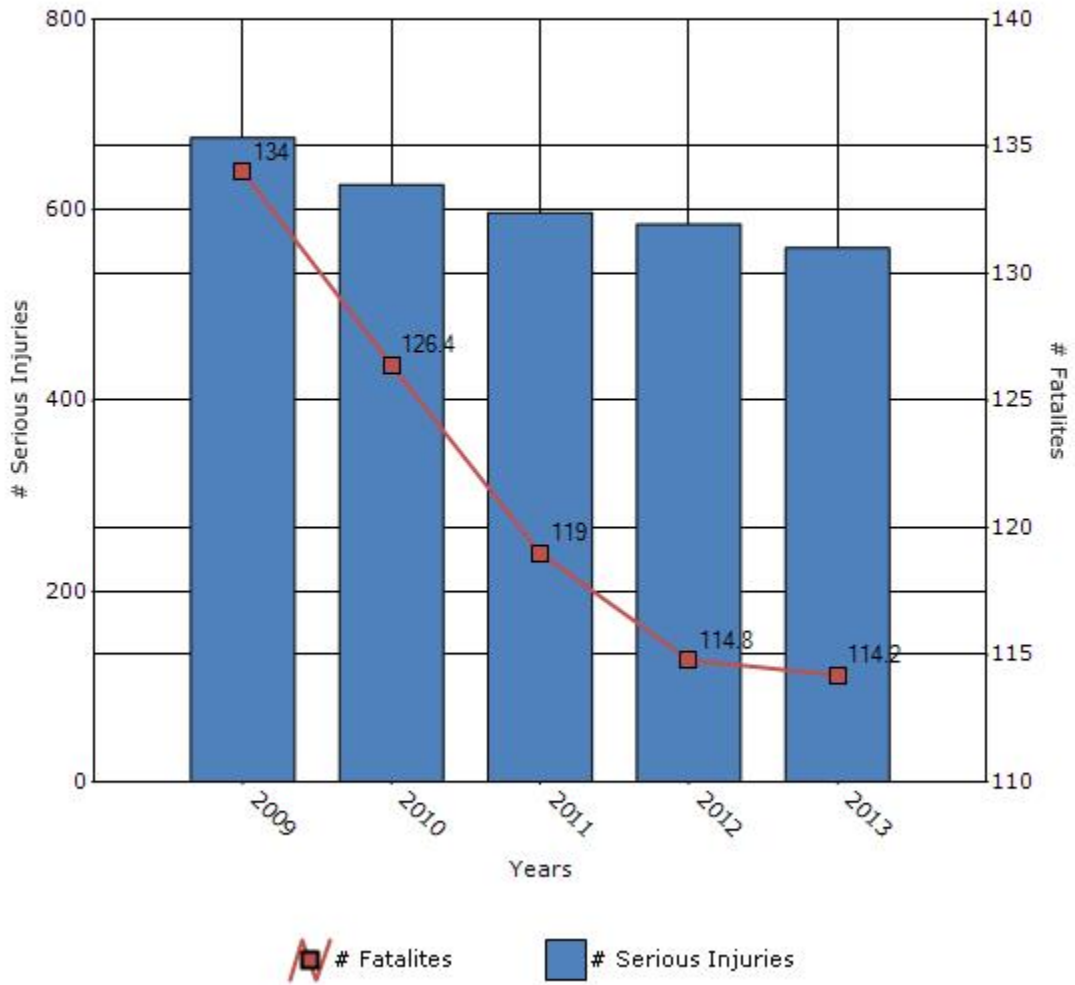
### Overview of General Safety Trends

Present data showing the general highway safety trends in the state for the past five years.

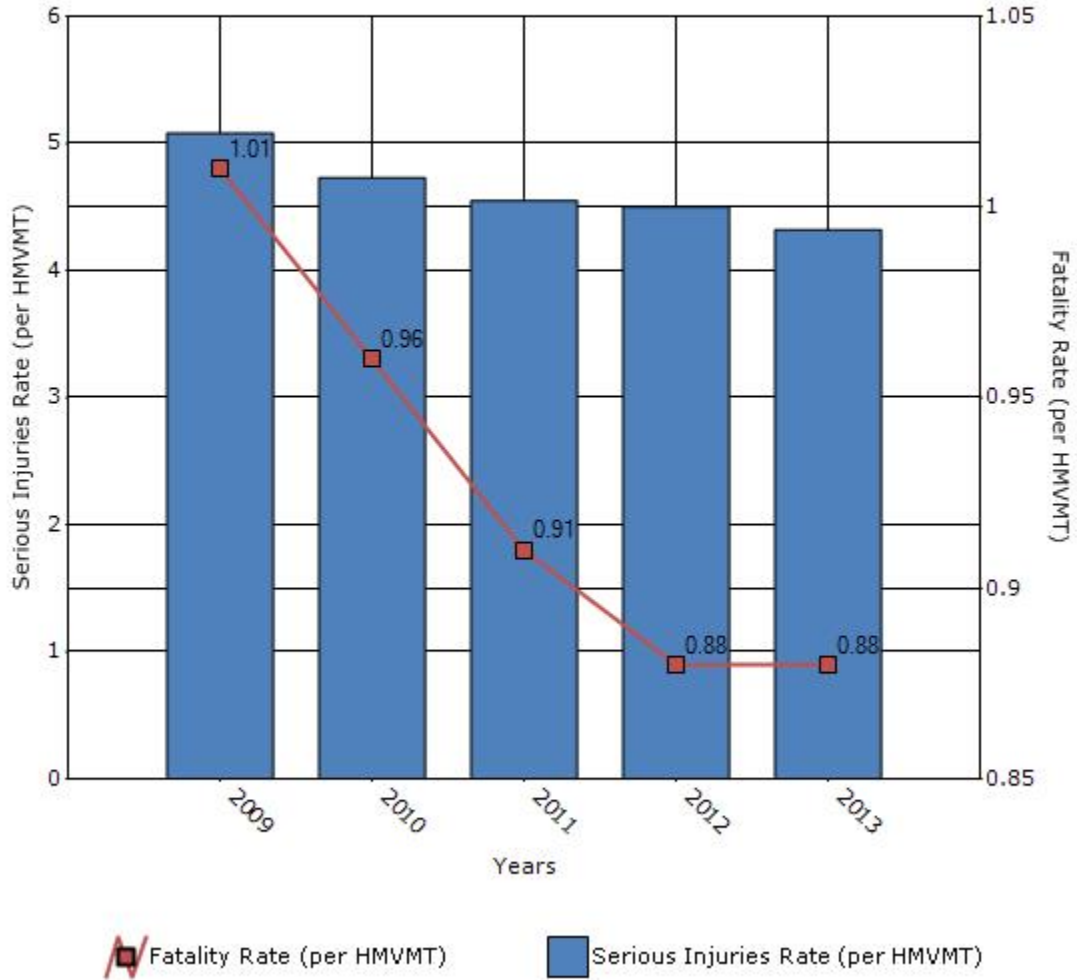
Performance Measures*	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
<b>Number of fatalities</b>	134	126.4	119	114.8	114.2
<b>Number of serious injuries</b>	676	626.6	597.2	585.2	560.2
<b>Fatality rate (per HMVMT)</b>	1.01	0.96	0.91	0.88	0.88
<b>Serious injury rate (per HMVMT)</b>	5.08	4.73	4.55	4.5	4.32

\*Performance measure data is presented using a five-year rolling average.

### Number of Fatalities and Serious injuries for the Last Five Years



### Rate of Fatalities and Serious injuries for the Last Five Years



To the maximum extent possible, present performance measure\* data by functional classification and ownership.

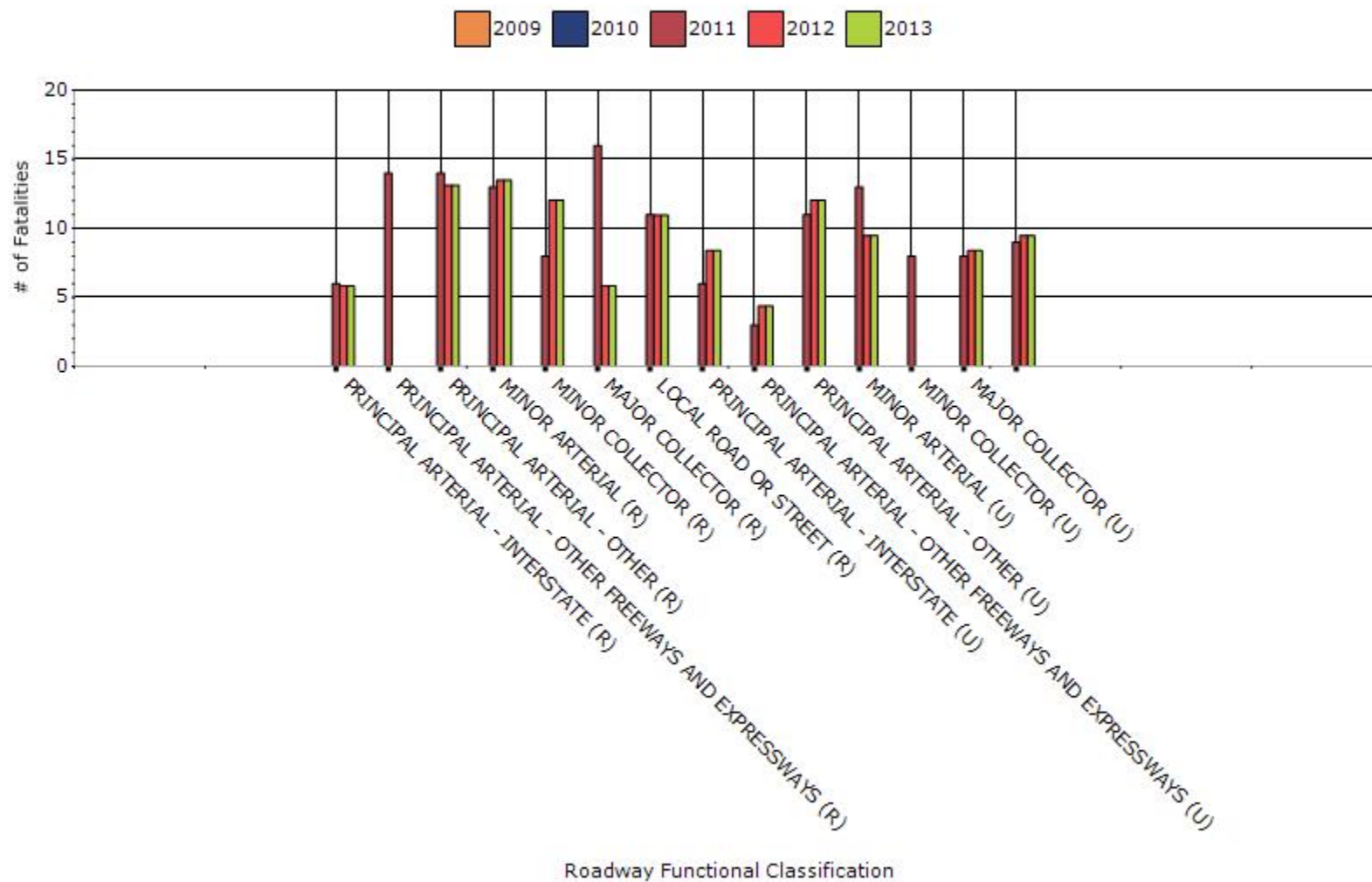
**Year - 2013**

Function Classification	Number of fatalities	Number of serious injuries	Fatality rate (per HMVMT)	Serious injury rate (per HMVMT)
RURAL PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL - INTERSTATE	5.84	17.33	0.46	1.37
RURAL PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL - OTHER FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS	0	0	0	0
RURAL PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL - OTHER	13.13	41.76	1.2	3.83
RURAL MINOR ARTERIAL	13.5	49.31	1.29	4.7
RURAL MINOR COLLECTOR	12.04	59.97	1.07	5.32
RURAL MAJOR COLLECTOR	5.84	23.55	1.02	4.13
RURAL LOCAL ROAD OR STREET	10.95	53.75	2.69	13.21
URBAN PRINCIPAL	8.39	37.76	0.52	2.34

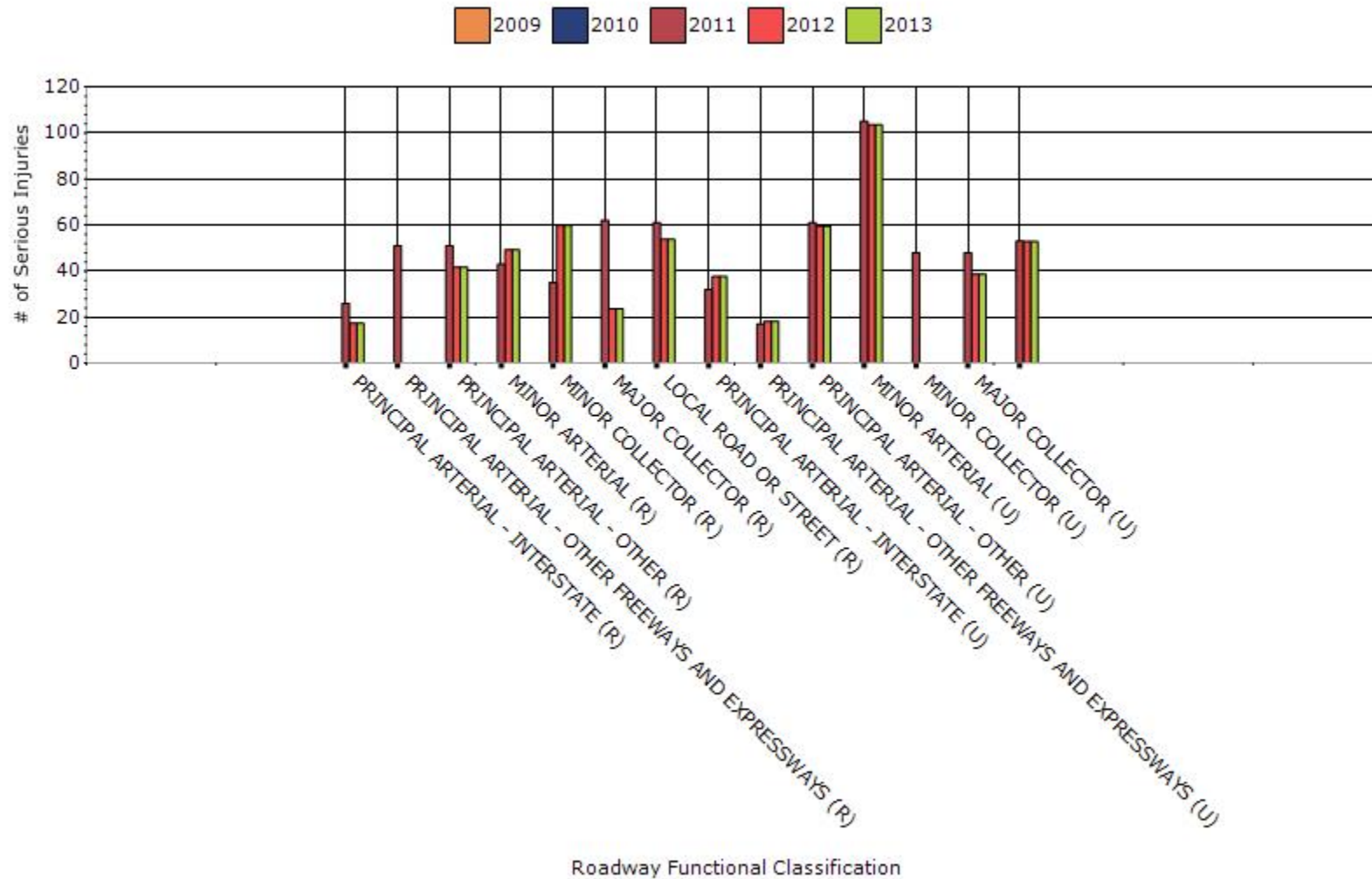


<b>ARTERIAL - INTERSTATE</b>				
<b>URBAN PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL - OTHER FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS</b>	4.38	18.21	0.45	1.85
<b>URBAN PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL - OTHER</b>	12.04	59.53	0.97	4.8
<b>URBAN MINOR ARTERIAL</b>	9.49	103.51	0.56	6.08
<b>URBAN MINOR COLLECTOR</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>URBAN MAJOR COLLECTOR</b>	8.39	38.65	1	4.63
<b>URBAN LOCAL ROAD OR STREET</b>	9.49	52.87	1.34	7.49

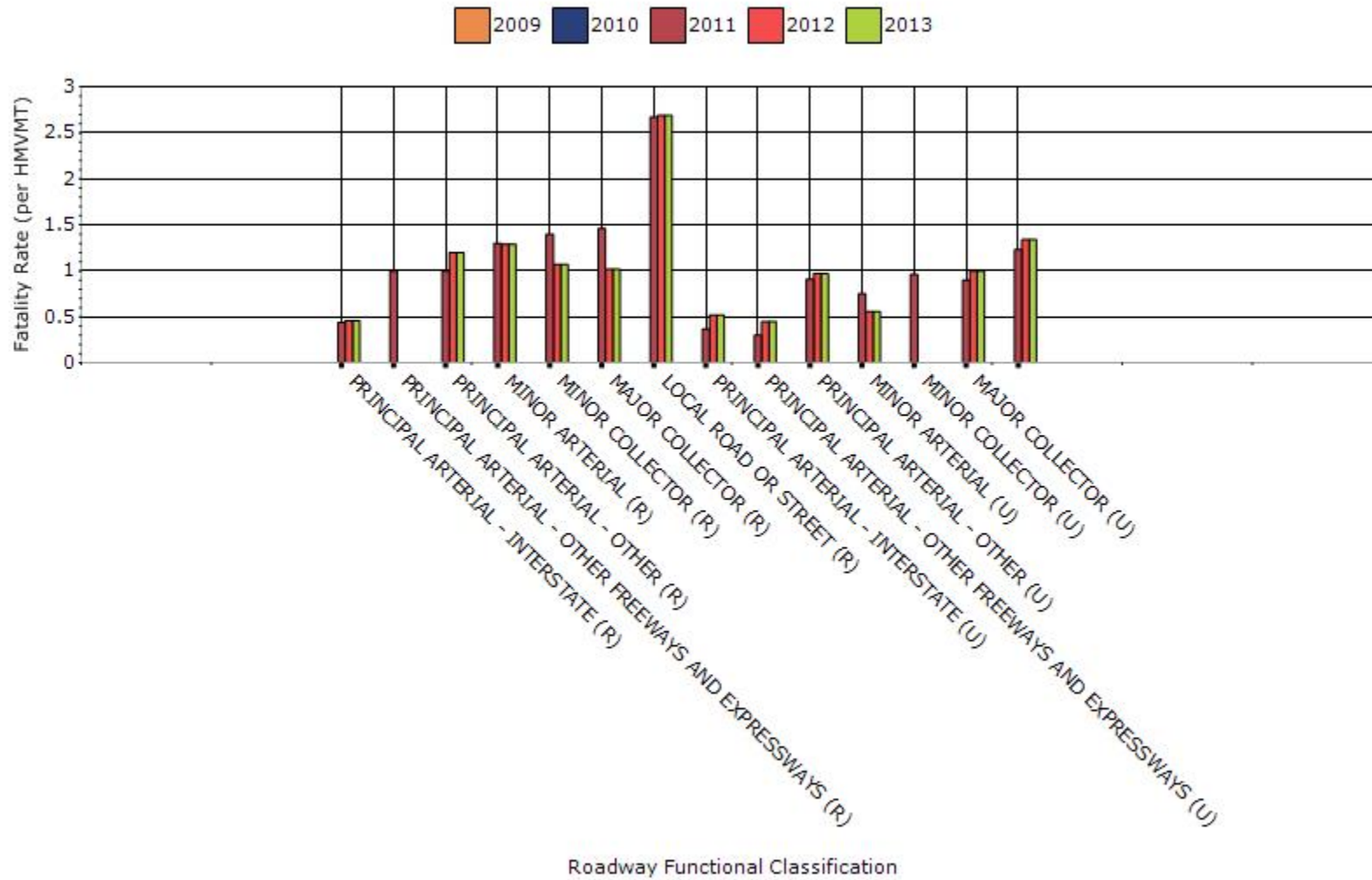
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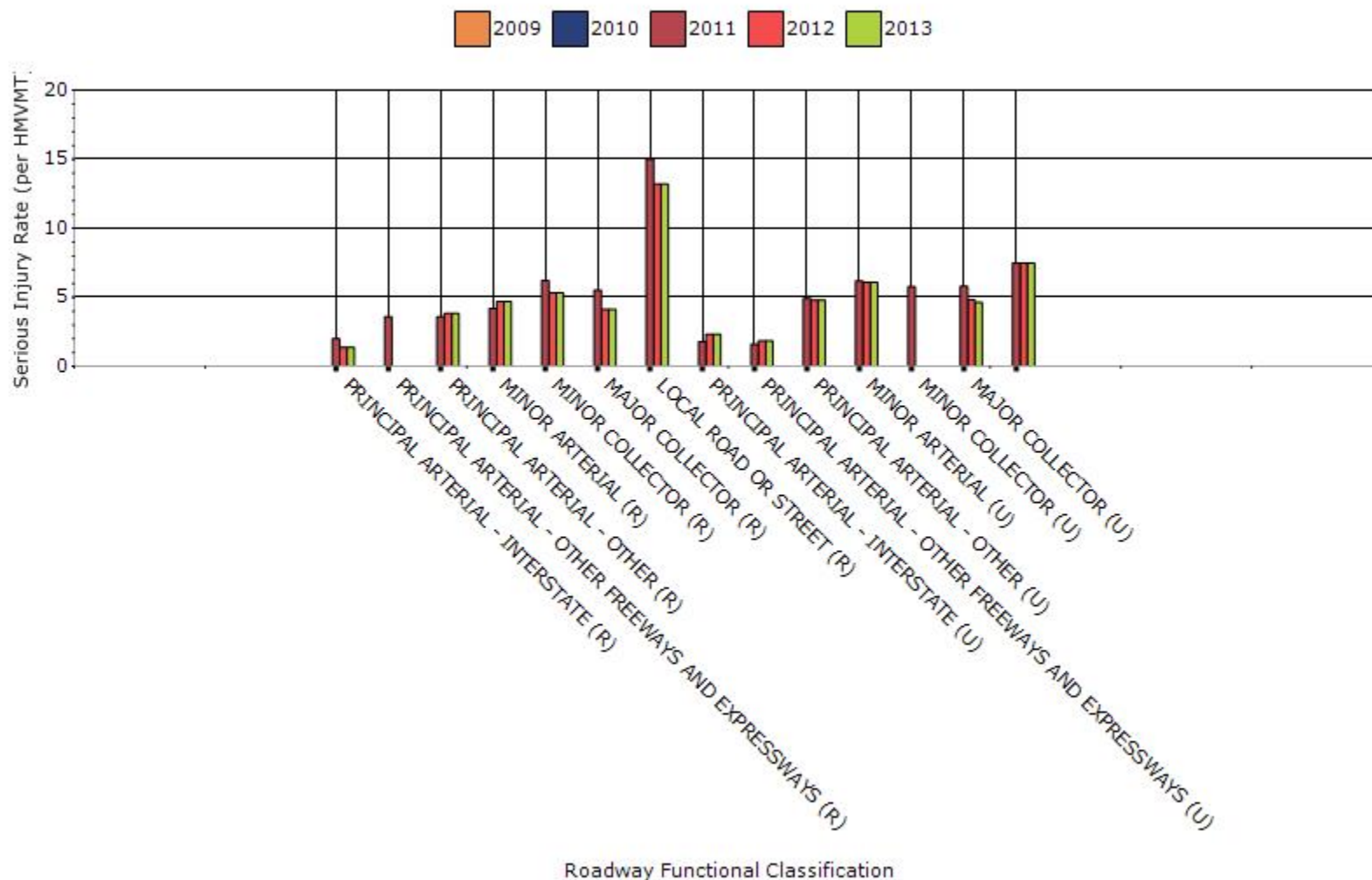
### # Serious Injuries by Roadway Functional Classification



### Fatality Rate by Roadway Functional Classification



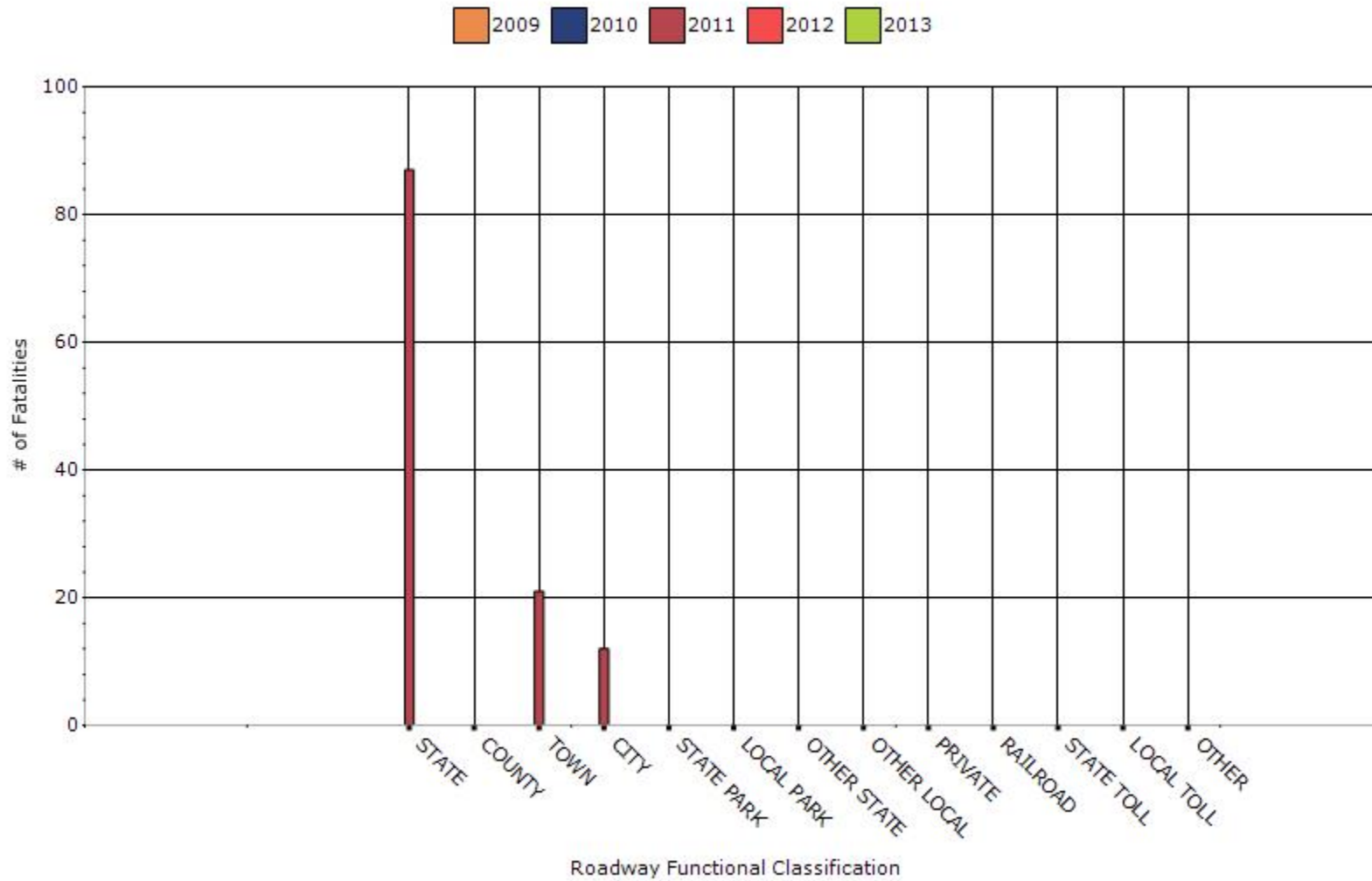
### Serious Injury Rate by Roadway Functional Classification



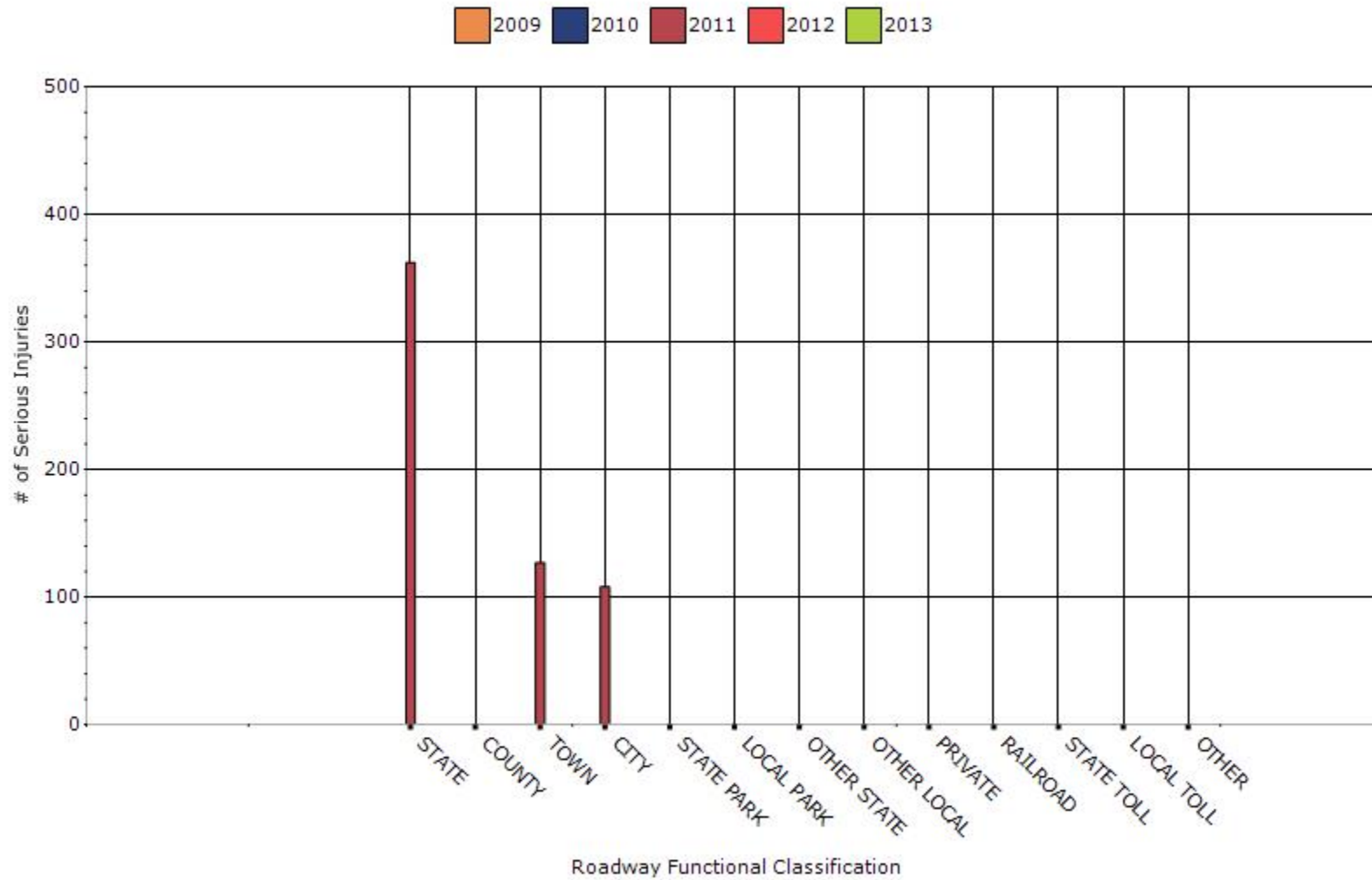
## Year - 2011

Roadway Ownership	Number of fatalities	Number of serious injuries	Fatality rate (per HMVMT)	Serious injury rate (per HMVMT)
STATE HIGHWAY AGENCY	87	362	0.86	3.57
COUNTY HIGHWAY AGENCY	0	0	0	0
TOWN OR TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY AGENCY	21	127	1.35	8.23
CITY OF MUNICIPAL HIGHWAY AGENCY	12	108	0.8	7.5
STATE PARK, FOREST, OR RESERVATION AGENCY	0	0	0	0
LOCAL PARK, FOREST OR RESERVATION AGENCY	0	0	0	0
OTHER STATE AGENCY	0	0	0	0
OTHER LOCAL AGENCY	0	0	0	0
PRIVATE (OTHER THAN RAILROAD)	0	0	0	0
RAILROAD	0	0	0	0
STATE TOLL AUTHORITY	0	0	0	0
LOCAL TOLL AUTHORITY	0	0	0	0
OTHER PUBLIC INSTRUMENTALITY (E.G. AIRPORT, SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY)	0	0	0	0

### Number of Fatalities by Roadway Ownership

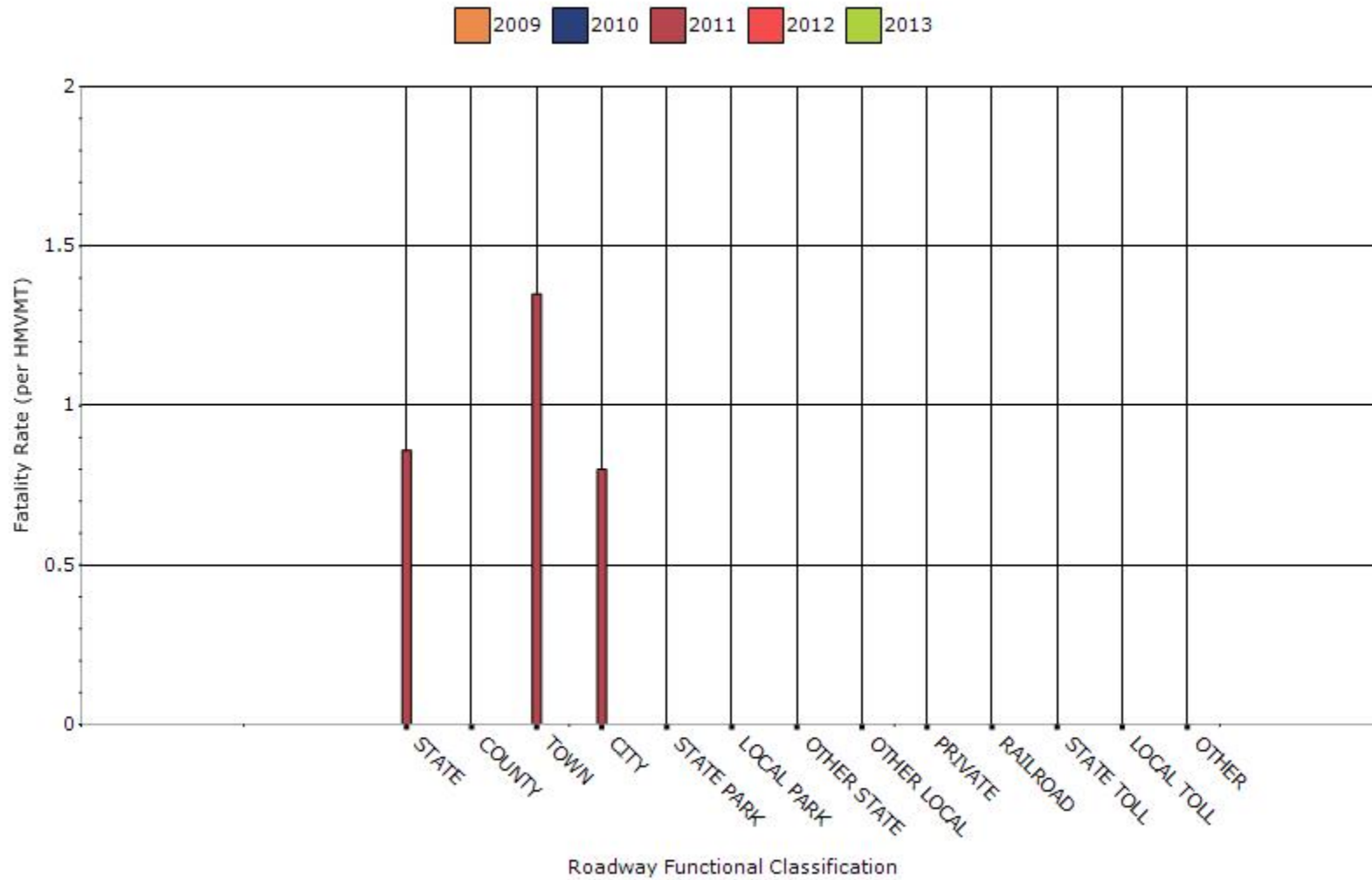


### Number of Serious Injuries by Roadway Ownership

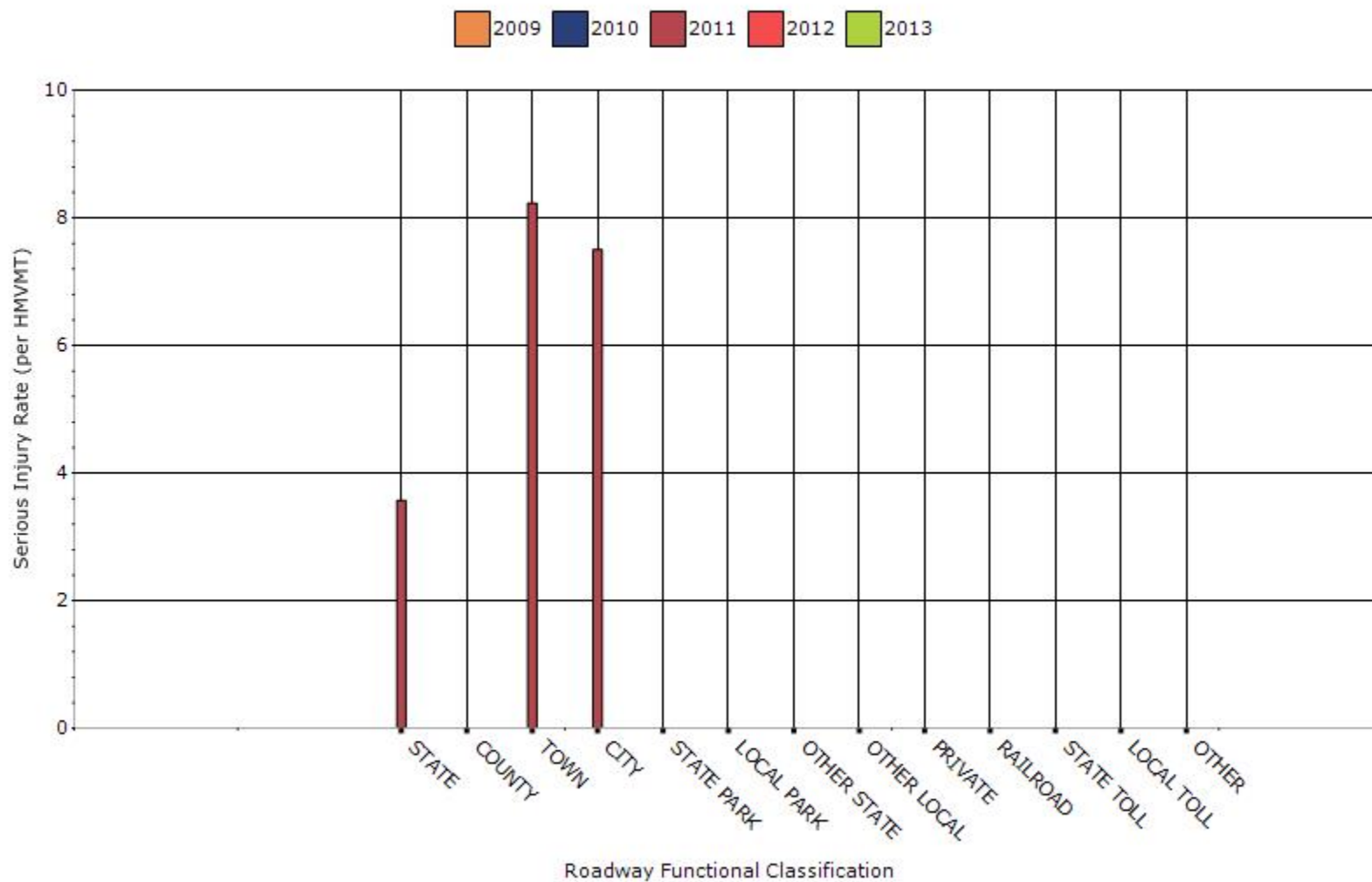




### Fatality Rate by Roadway Ownership



### Serious Injury Rate by Roadway Ownership



**Describe any other aspects of the general highway safety trends on which you would like to elaborate.**

Similar to infrastructure-related projects, non-infrastructure projects should be consistent with the NH SHSP and based on crash experience, crash potential, crash rate, or other data-supported means. HSIP funds should be used to implement proven, effective strategies in order to support the State’s safety performance targets. Strategies should either add to existing successful non-infrastructure programs (but not replace existing funding sources), or be used to implement new activities proven through research. In addition, the safety benefit and economic effectiveness of both infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects should be considered during the Project Selection Process described later in this manual. Non-infrastructure projects must be approved by the NHDOT HSIP Committee in competition with all other projects. Examples of eligible non-infrastructure projects include behavioral countermeasures; safety culture programs; transportation safety planning; collection, analysis, and improvement of safety data; and road safety audits. The HSIP Committee has previously funded data improvements, road safety audits, and safety culture and public outreach efforts of the New Hampshire Driving Toward Zero (NHDTZ) program. HSIP contributes about \$250,000 annually to NHDTZ, or about 3% of total HSIP funding. There are many opportunities to build on these efforts and to coordinate with other agencies in non-infrastructure programs.

**Application of Special Rules**

**Present the rate of traffic fatalities and serious injuries per capita for drivers and pedestrians over the age of 65.**

<b>Older Driver Performance Measures</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>Fatality rate (per capita)</b>	0.194	0.168	0.16	0.156	0.118
<b>Serious injury rate (per capita)</b>	0.44	0.4	0.402	0.394	0.328
<b>Fatality and serious injury rate (per capita)</b>	0.634	0.566	0.56	0.55	0.444

\*Performance measure data is presented using a five-year rolling average.

divide total older driver injuries by the older driver population data as shown on your website.

VMT rate for K =  $K/HMVMT$  for 2012 where  $k=22, HMVMT=128.61$

VMT rate for K =0.17

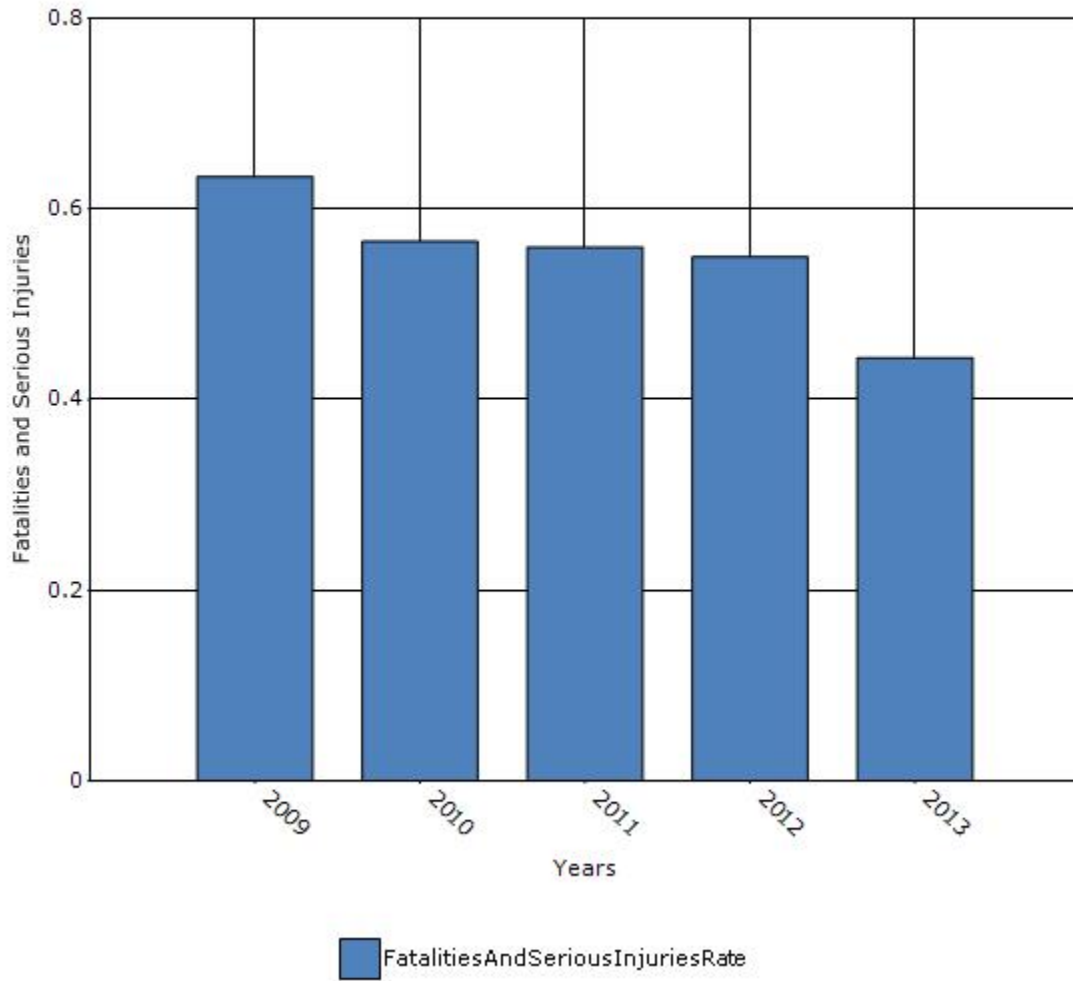
For the special rule VMT rate for  $K=k/\#$  of people 65 yrs or older for 2012, where  $k=22, \#$  people =147

Special rule for  $K = 22/147=0.15$

For special rule of injuries for  $A=A/\#$  people 65 or older for 2012, where  $A=65$ , # people= 147

Special rule for  $A=65/147=0.44$

### Rate of Fatalities and Serious injuries for the Last Five Years



**Does the older driver special rule apply to your state?**

No



## Assessment of the Effectiveness of the Improvements (Program Evaluation)

**What indicators of success can you use to demonstrate effectiveness and success in the Highway Safety Improvement Program?**

- None
- Benefit/cost
- Policy change
- Other:

**What significant programmatic changes have occurred since the last reporting period?**

- Shift Focus to Fatalities and Serious Injuries
- Include Local Roads in Highway Safety Improvement Program
- Organizational Changes
- None
- Other:

**Briefly describe significant program changes that have occurred since the last reporting period.**

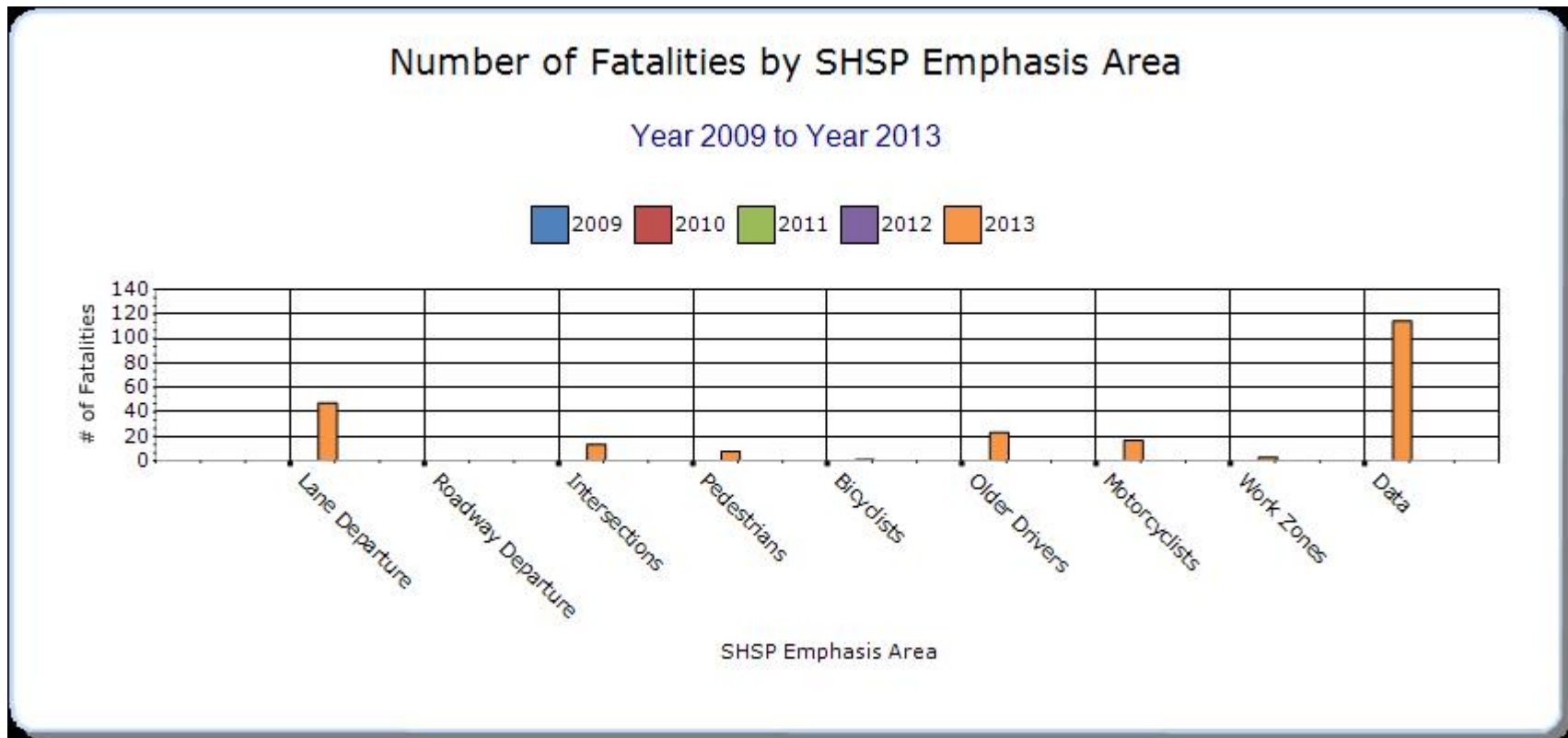
Road Safety Audit application criteria has been developed and the Road safety audit program has moved from a rolling application to a annual application submittal deadline.

### SHSP Emphasis Areas

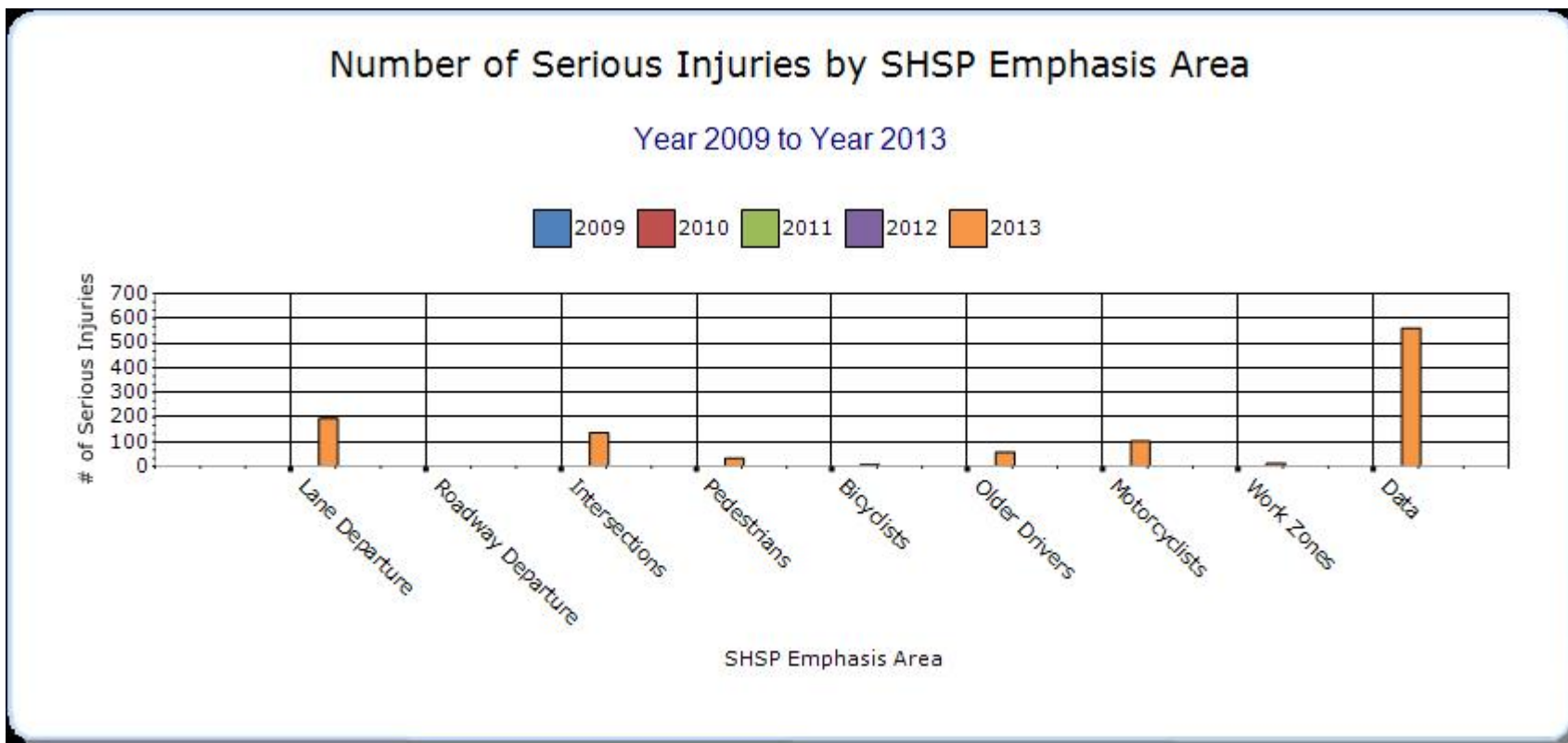
For each SHSP emphasis area that relates to the HSIP, present trends in emphasis area performance measures.

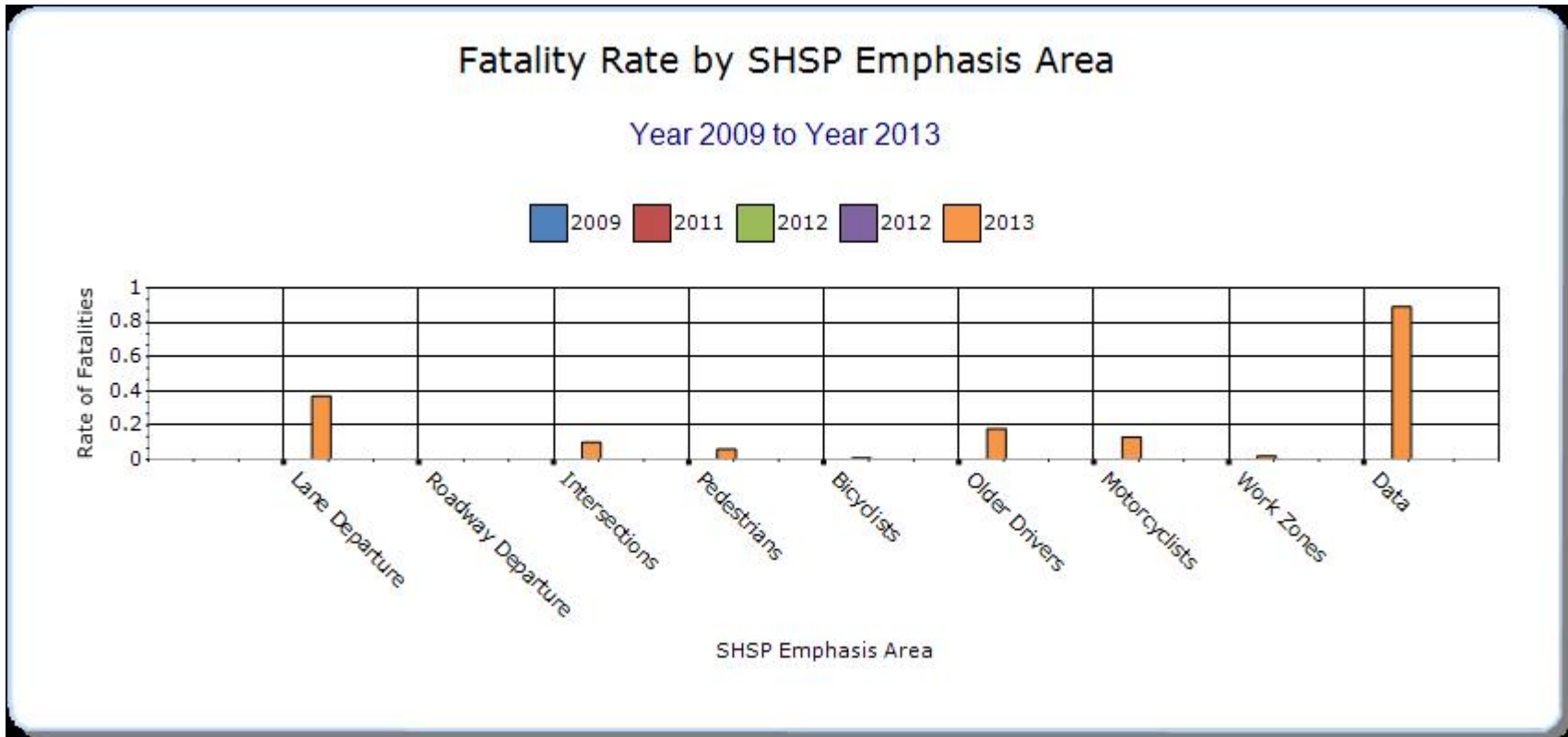
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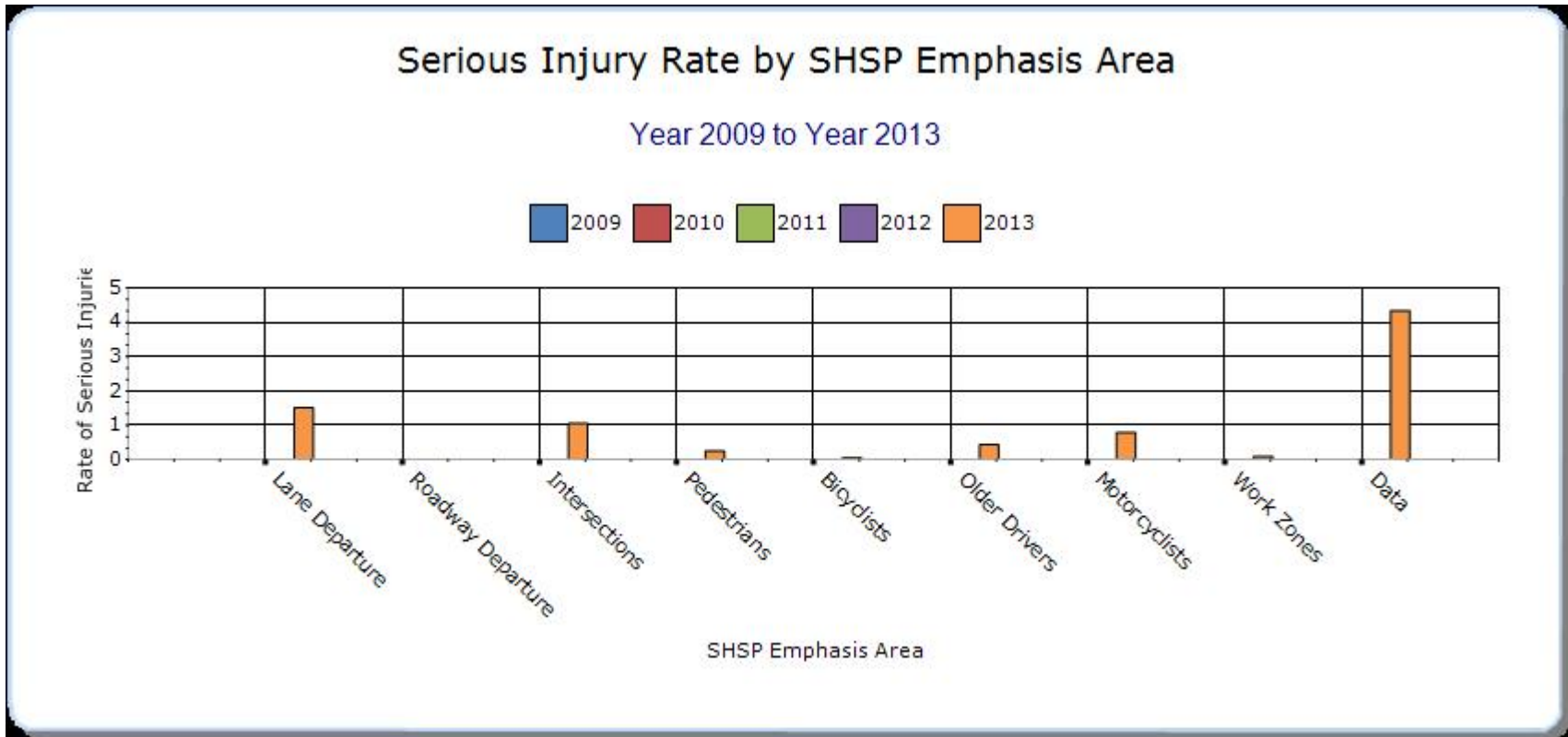
HSIP-related SHSP Emphasis Areas	Target Crash Type	Number of fatalities	Number of serious injuries	Fatality rate (per HMVMT)	Serious injury rate (per HMVMT)	Other-1	Other-2	Other-3
<b>Lane Departure</b>	Run-off-road	47.2	194.2	0.37	1.51	47.2	0	0
<b>Intersections</b>	Intersections	13.4	136	0.1	1.05	13.4	0	0
<b>Pedestrians</b>	Vehicle/pedestrian	7.8	32	0.06	0.25	7.8	0	0
<b>Bicyclists</b>	Vehicle/bicycle	0.8	7	0.01	0.05	0.8	0	0
<b>Older Drivers</b>	all older driver crashes	23	57.4	0.18	0.44	23	0	0
<b>Motorcyclists</b>	All	16.8	102.4	0.13	0.79	16.8	0	0
<b>Work Zones</b>	All	2.8	11.8	0.02	0.09	2.8	0	0
<b>Data</b>	All	114.2	560.2	0.89	4.34	114.2	0	0









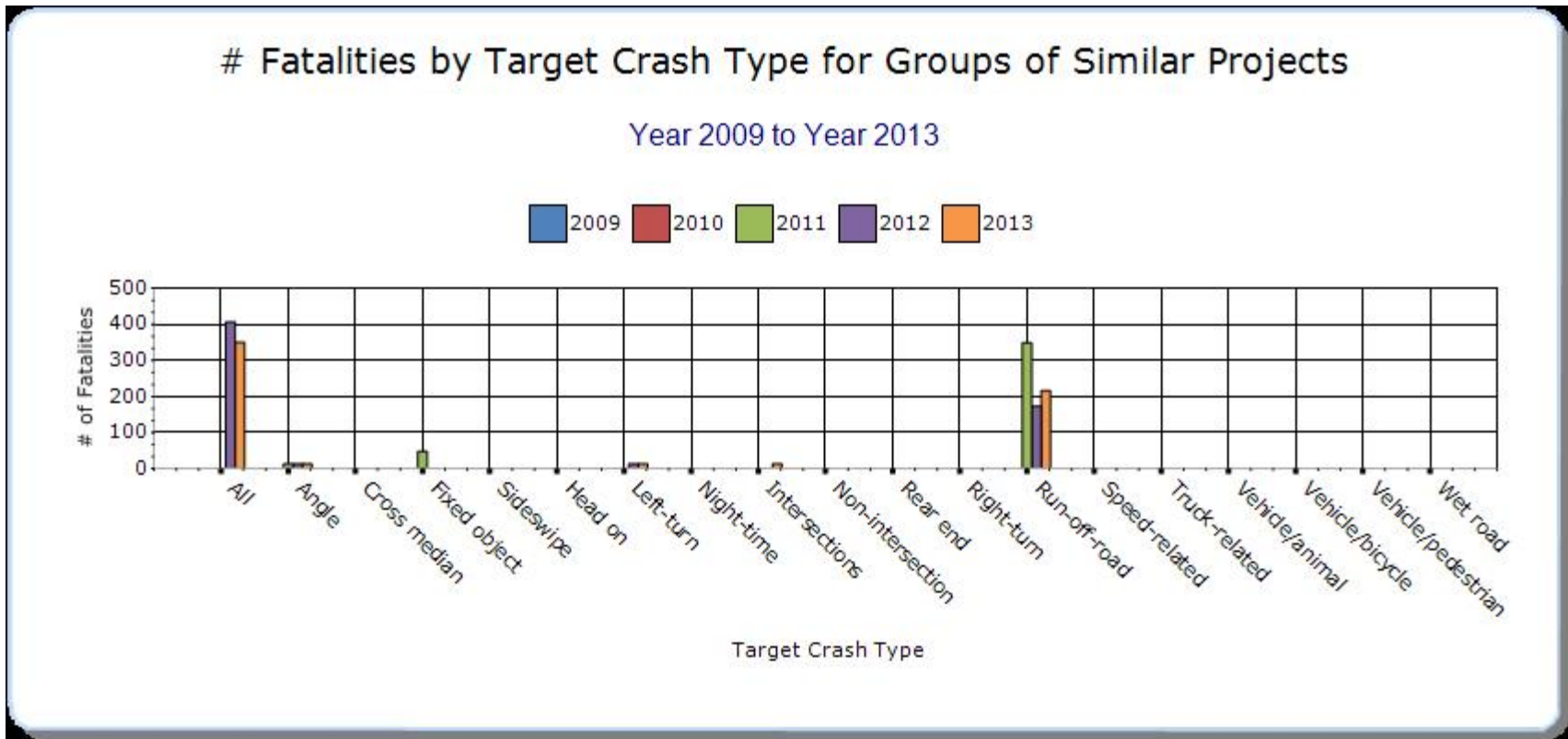
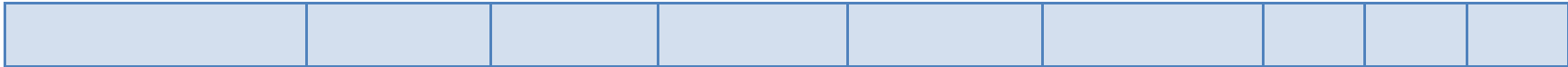


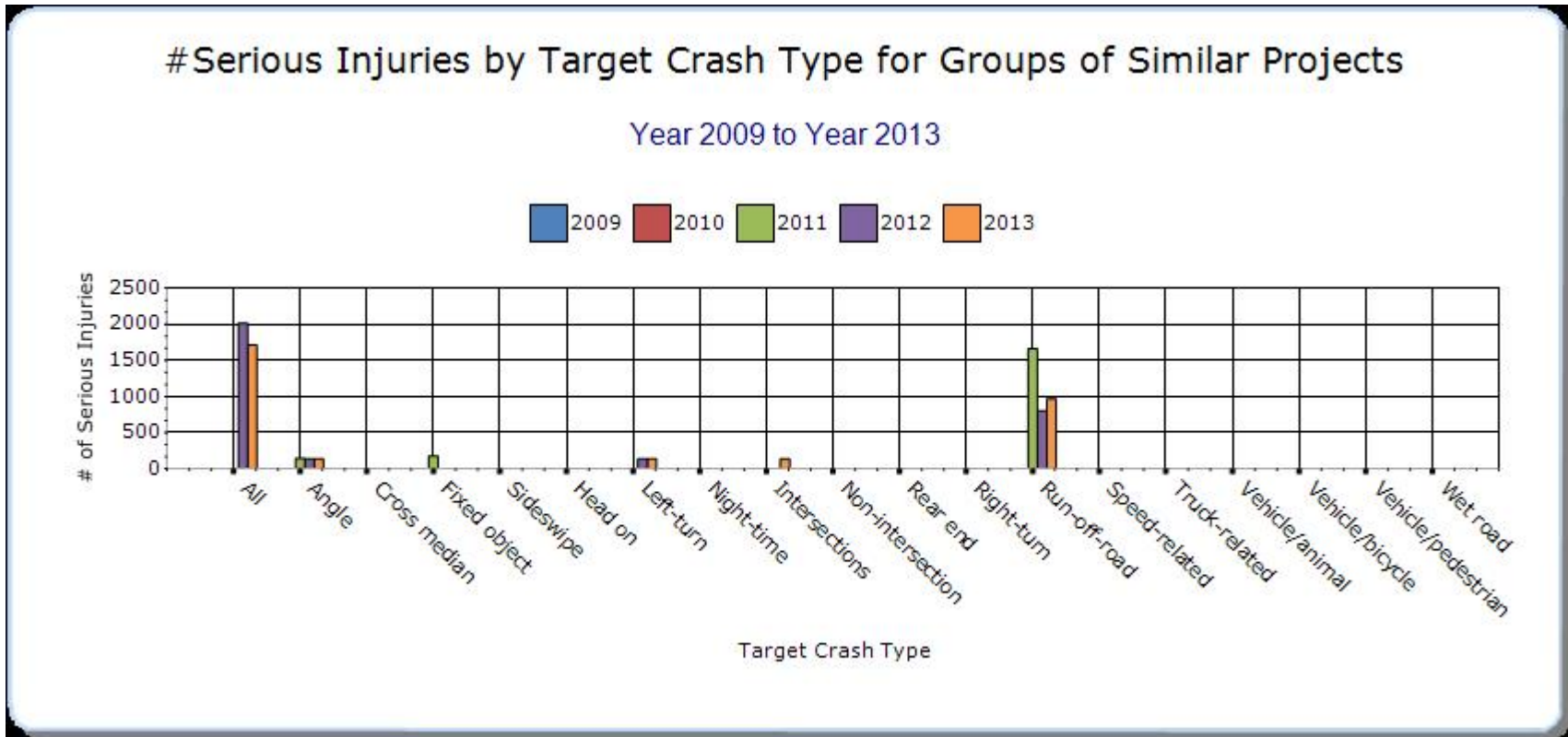
### Groups of similar project types

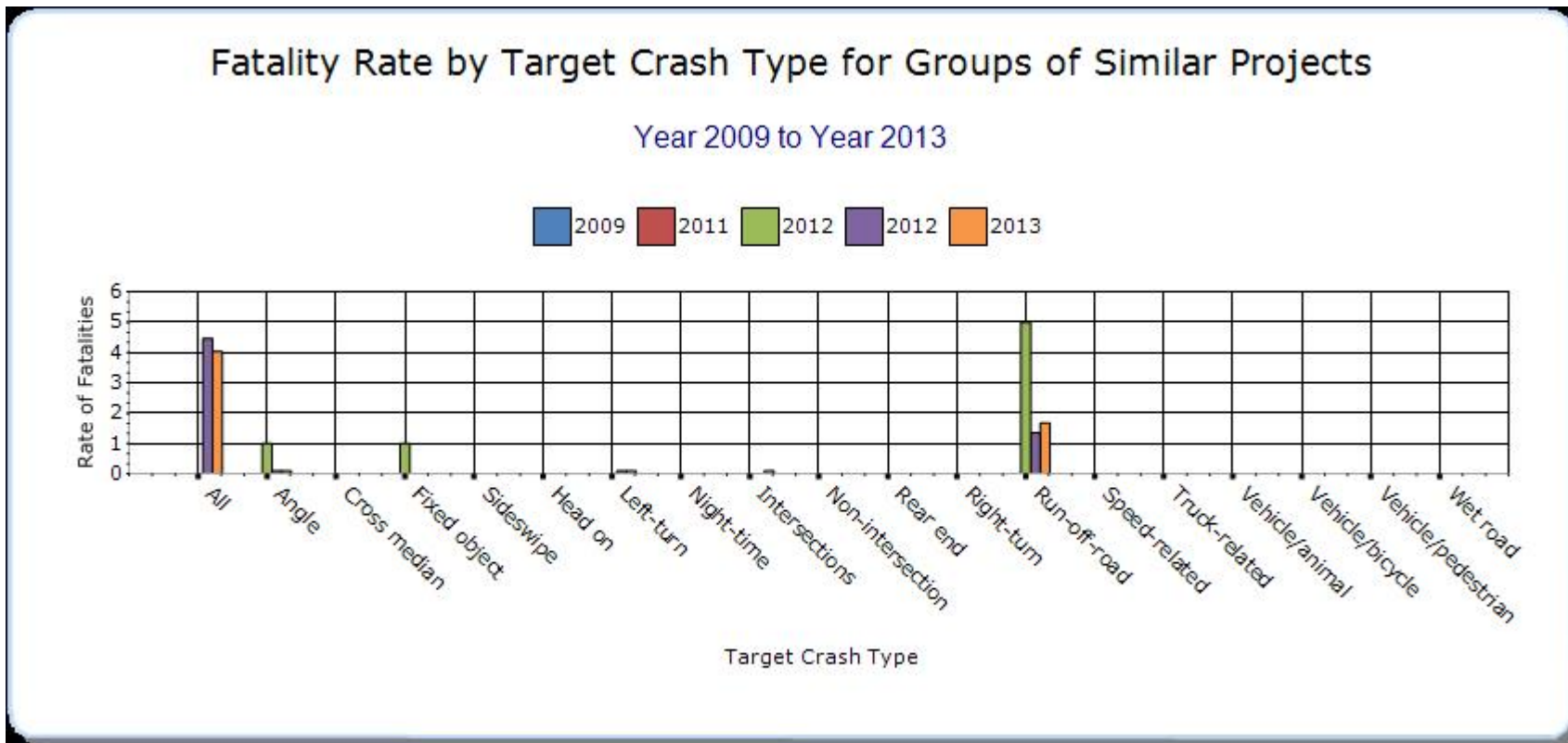
Present the overall effectiveness of groups of similar types of projects.

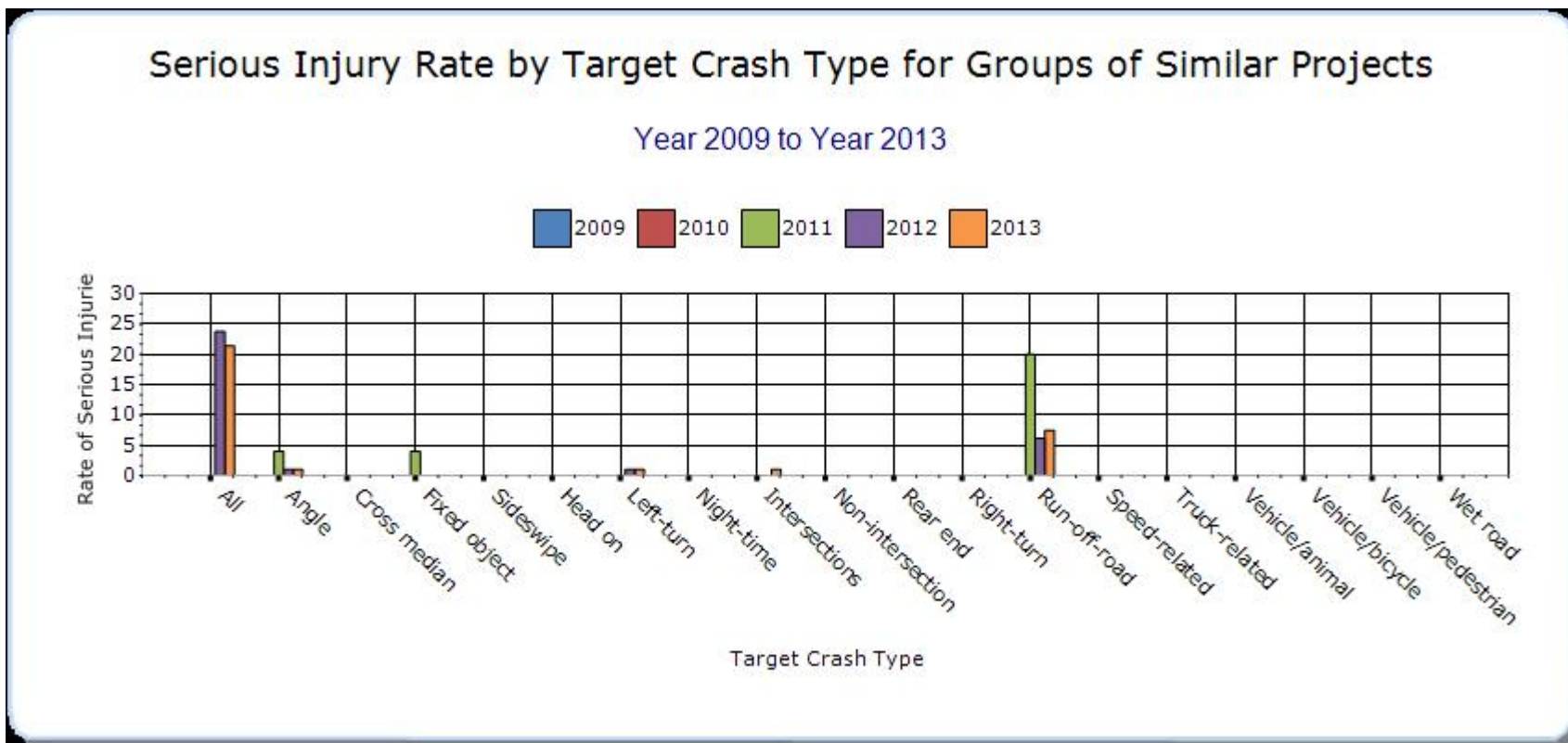
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HSIP Sub-program Types	Target Crash Type	Number of fatalities	Number of serious injuries	Fatality rate (per HMVMT)	Serious injury rate (per HMVMT)	Other-1	Other-2	Other-3
<b>Segments</b>	All	89.8	391.2	0.7	3.03	89.8	0	0
<b>Left Turn Crash</b>	Left-turn	13.4	136	0.1	1.05	13.4	0	0
<b>Median Barrier</b>	Run-off-road	11.4	42.8	0.09	0.33	11.4	0	0
<b>Sign Replacement And Improvement</b>	Run-off-road	114.2	560.2	0.89	4.34	114.2	0	0
<b>Horizontal Curve</b>	Run-off-road	43.2	168.2	0.33	1.3	43.2	0	0
<b>Right Angle Crash</b>	Angle	13.4	136	0.1	1.05	13.4	0	0
<b>Local Safety</b>	All	31.8	198.4	1.55	9.68	31.8	0	0
<b>Low-Cost Spot Improvements</b>	All	114.2	560.2	0.89	4.34	114.2	0	0
<b>Crash Data</b>	All	114.2	560.2	0.89	4.34	114.2	0	0
<b>Intersection</b>	Intersections	13.4	136	0.1	1.05	13.4	0	0
<b>Roadway Departure</b>	Run-off-road	47.2	194.2	0.37	1.51	47.2	0	0









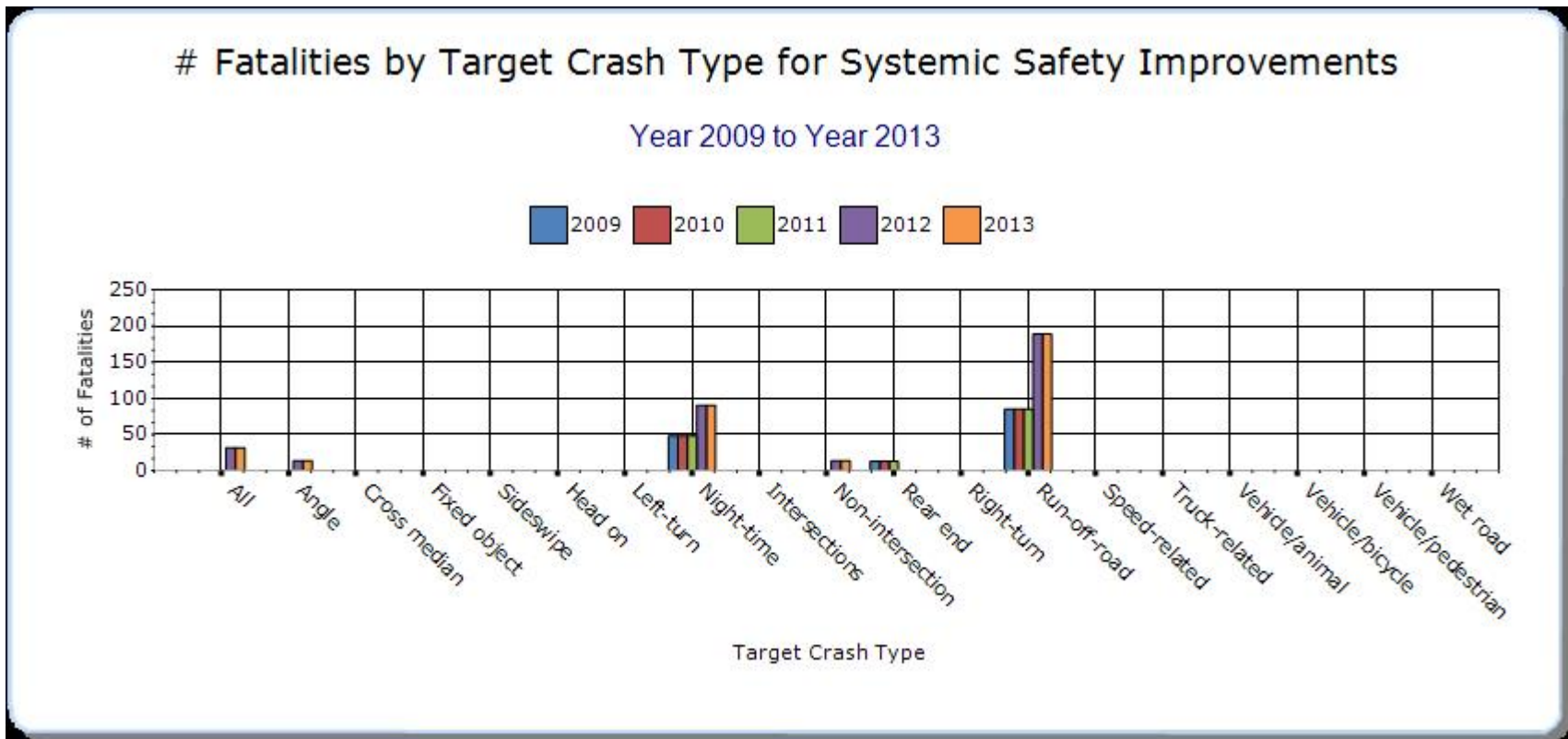


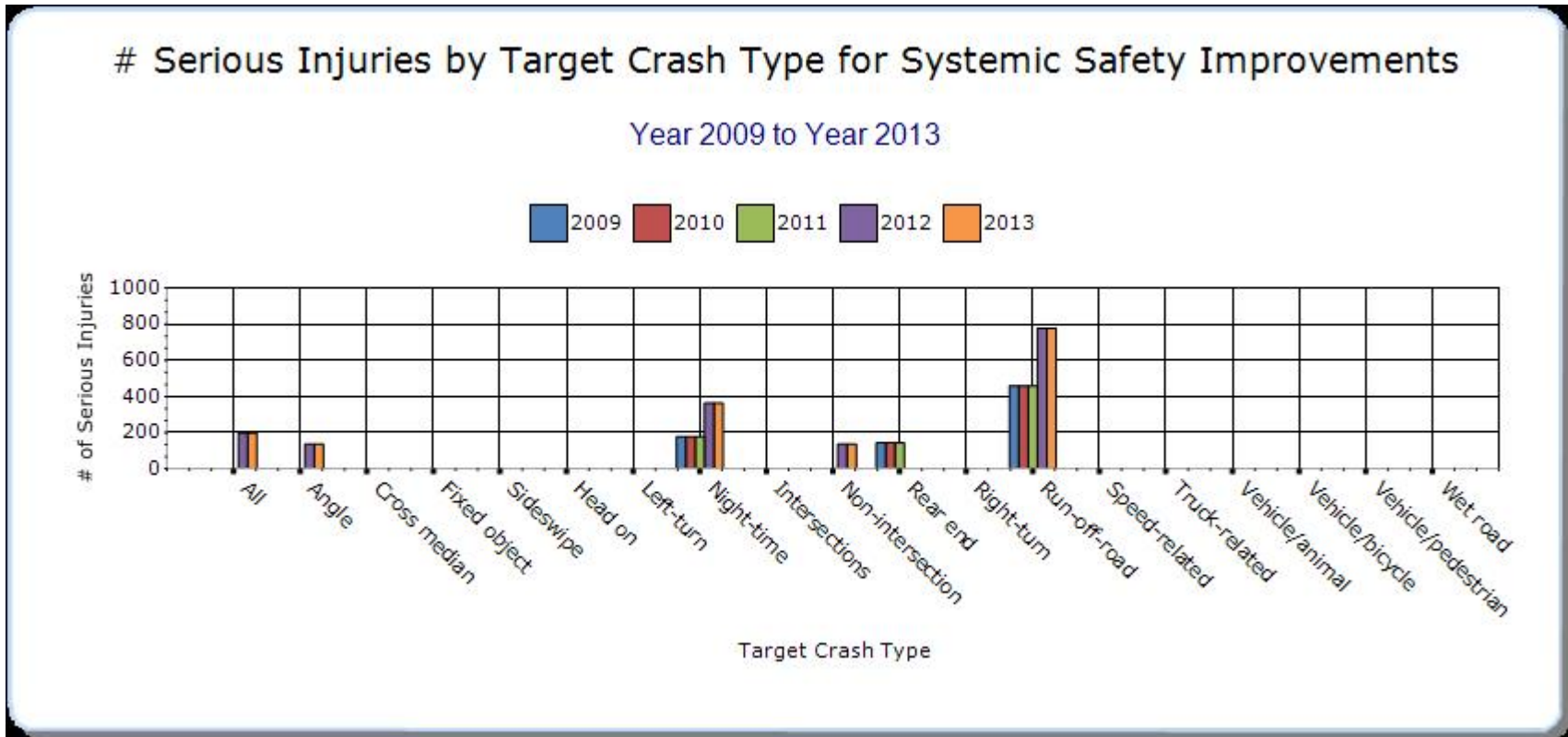
### Systemic Treatments

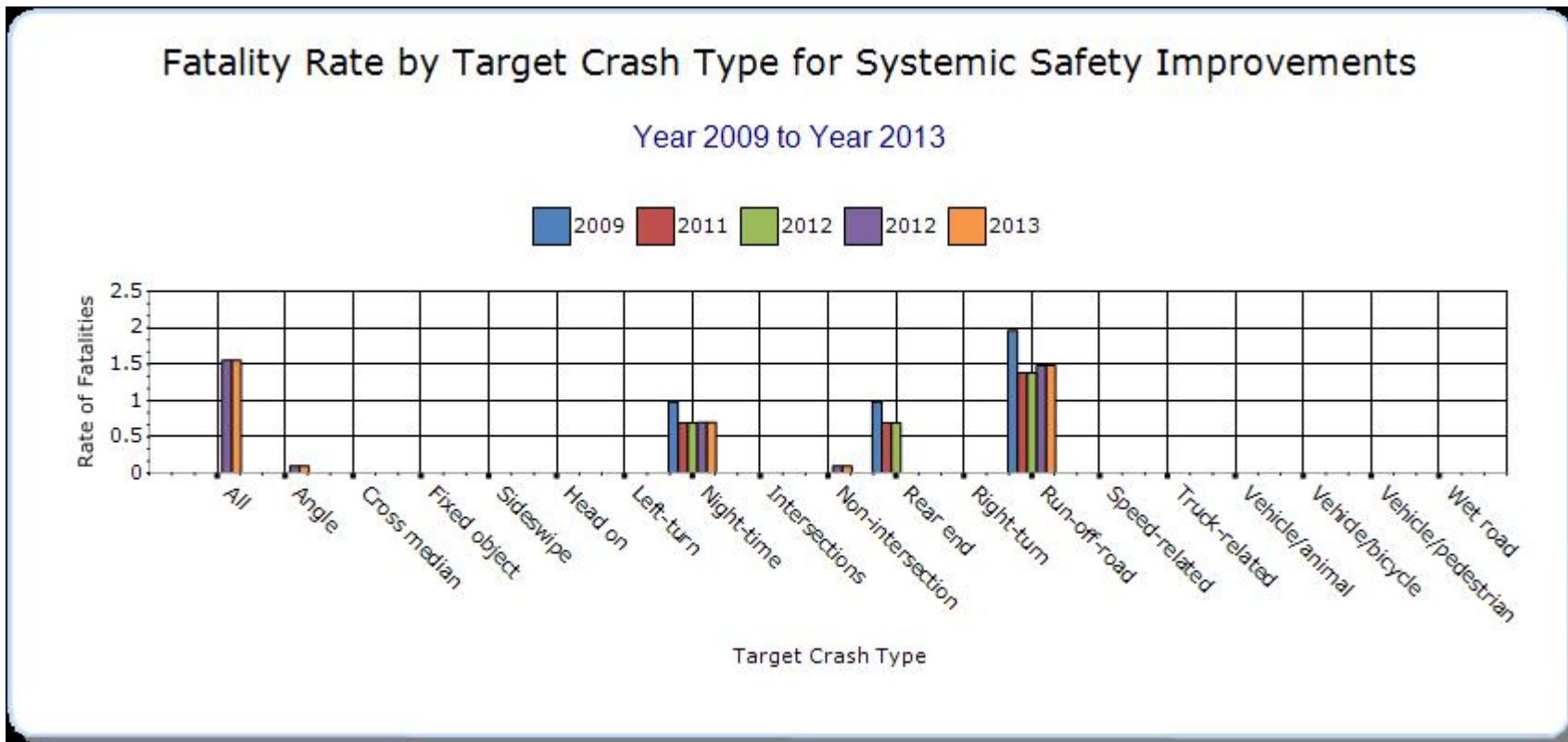
Present the overall effectiveness of systemic treatments.

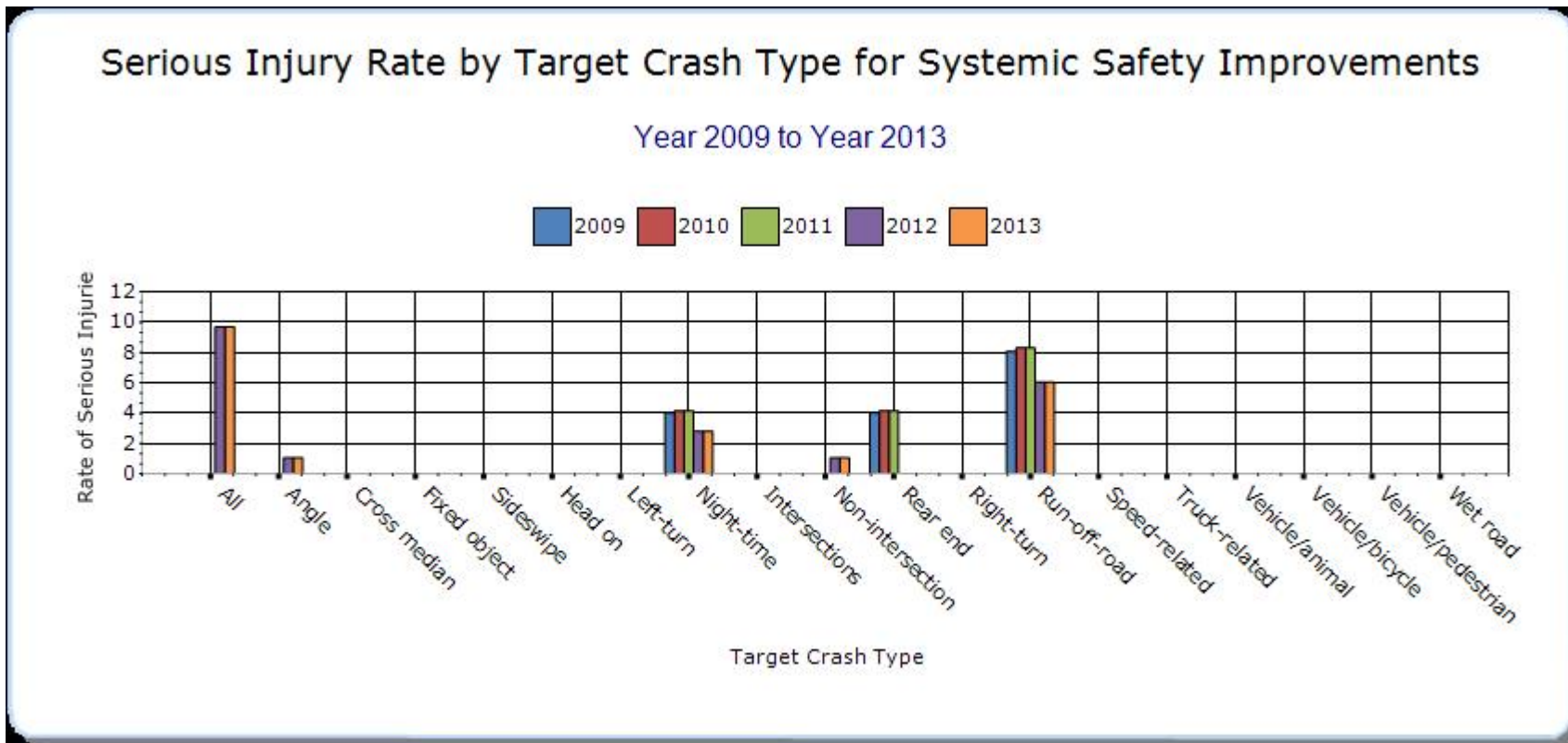
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Systemic improvement	Target Crash Type	Number of fatalities	Number of serious injuries	Fatality rate (per HMVMT)	Serious injury rate (per HMVMT)	Other-1	Other-2	Other-3
Install/Improve Signing	Night-time	43.2	168.2	0.33	1.3	43.2	0	0
Rumble Strips	Run-off-road	47.2	194.2	0.37	1.51	47.2	0	0
Upgrade Guard Rails	Run-off-road	47.2	194.2	0.37	1.51	47.2	0	0
Other-F--terminal Replacements	Run-off-road	47.2	194.2	0.37	1.51	47.2	0	0
Add/Upgrade/Modify/Remove Traffic Signal	Angle	13.4	136	0.1	1.05	13.4	0	0
Install/Improve Pavement Marking and/or Delineation	Night-time	47.2	194.2	0.37	1.51	47.2	0	0
Other-intersections	Non-intersection	13.4	136	0.1	1.05	13.4	0	0
local safety	All	31.8	198.4	1.55	9.68	31.8	0	0
Other-Other Median Barriers	Run-off-road	47.2	194.2	0.37	1.51	47.2	0	0









**Describe any other aspects of the overall Highway Safety Improvement Program effectiveness on which you would like to elaborate.**

The systemic approach to safety involves improvements to roadways that are widely implemented based on high-risk roadway features correlated with particular severe crash types. This method is very different from the traditional approach used in network screening in that locations receiving improvements are not necessarily required to have a demonstrated crash history. Systemic improvements serve as a strong complement to improvements identified through network screening, together treating the most hazardous sites and reducing the risk of severe crashes across the entire network.

Systemic countermeasure programs have also been shown to be more effective at reducing the overall number of crashes in the state than spot improvements, meaning that successful management of these programs will be essential in reaching State performance targets for reduction of fatalities and severe injuries. Whereas spot improvement projects only influence the safety at a single site or small area, systemic countermeasures are installed in entire towns, districts, or statewide with the potential to treat a large number of safety concerns and change driver behaviors. This is typically accomplished by implementing a large number of low-cost countermeasures that generally have a proportionally large safety benefit. Thus, it is the intent of the NH HSIP to use systemic countermeasure treatments as a significant means to improve highway safety in the State.

The systemic approach is iterative, flexible, and applicable to a variety of systems, locations, and crash types. Similar to the network screening approach, systemic planning involves problem identification, countermeasure selection, and project prioritization. The first step in the systemic process is to analyze system-wide crash and roadway data to target crash types (e.g., lane departure) and associated roadway risk factors (e.g., curves or roadside hazards) that make a significant contribution to the number of fatal and severe injury crashes in the State. Sites with these risk factors are identified and prioritized by potential for future severe crashes based on AADT, crash predictions for that roadway type, roadway characteristics, etc. Appropriate low-cost countermeasures (e.g., rumble strips) are then proposed to effectively address the specific crash types on roads with the identified risk factors. Finally, the chosen countermeasures are installed systemically at the selected sites.

### Project Evaluation

Provide project evaluation data for completed projects (optional).

Location	Functional Class	Improvement Category	Improvement Type	Bef-Fatal	Bef-Serious Injury	Bef-All Injuries	Bef-PDO	Bef-Total	Aft-Fatal	Aft-Serious Injury	Aft-All Injuries	Aft-PDO	Aft-Total	Evaluation Results (Benefit/Cost Ratio)
Whitefield	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	Shoulder treatments	Widen shoulder - paved or other	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	2	4	6	-0.21
Whitefield	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	Roadway	Roadway - other	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.01
Derry	Urban Principal Arterial - Other	Intersection traffic control	Modify traffic signal - modernization/replacement	0	0	10	23	33	0	0	2	13	15	0.78
New London	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	Roadway	Roadway narrowing (road diet, roadway reconfiguration)	1	2	6	17	26	0	0	3	3	6	19.05

<b>Boscawen</b>	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	Intersection geometry	Intersection geometry - other	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	1	.32
<b>Holderness</b>	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	Intersection geometry	Intersection geometrics - modify skew angle	0	0	2	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	3.61
<b>Epsom</b>	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	Intersection traffic control	Intersection signing - add basic advance warning	1	0	5	10	16	0	0	2	3	5	81.72
<b>Pittsfield</b>	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	Intersection traffic control	Modify traffic signal - modernization/replacement	0	0	8	14	22	0	0	2	1	3	1.65
<b>Brentwood</b>	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	Intersection traffic control	Modify traffic signal - modernization/replacement	1	2	12	11	26	0	0	4	5	9	36.86
<b>Brentwood</b>	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	Intersection geometry	Auxiliary lanes - add right-turn lane	0	0	2	4	6	0	0	4	7	11	-3.52



<b>Greenland</b>	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	Intersection geometry	Auxiliary lanes - add right-turn lane	0	0	5	24	29	0	1	7	8	16	-7.02
<b>Boscowan</b>	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	Intersection traffic control	Modify control - modifications to roundabout	0	0		18	18	0	0	2	8	10	-0.55
<b>Hampstead-Atkinson</b>	Urban Minor Collector	Intersection geometry	Auxiliary lanes - add right-turn lane	0	0	4	10	14	0	0	1	3	4	-.16
<b>Lyme</b>	Rural Minor Collector	Speed management	Traffic calming feature	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	1.39
<b>Effingham</b>	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	Intersection traffic control	Intersection signing - add enhanced advance warning (double-up and/or oversize)	3	0	2	4	9	0	0	0	0	0	532.64
<b>Epping</b>	Rural Principal Arterial - Other	Intersection geometry	Auxiliary lanes - add auxiliary through lane	0	1	25	47	73	0	0	1	13	14	1.16

## **Optional Attachments**

**Sections**

**Files Attached**

## Glossary

**5 year rolling average** means the average of five individual, consecutive annual points of data (e.g. annual fatality rate).

**Emphasis area** means a highway safety priority in a State's SHSP, identified through a data-driven, collaborative process.

**Highway safety improvement project** means strategies, activities and projects on a public road that are consistent with a State strategic highway safety plan and corrects or improves a hazardous road location or feature or addresses a highway safety problem.

**HMVMT** means hundred million vehicle miles traveled.

**Non-infrastructure projects** are projects that do not result in construction. Examples of non-infrastructure projects include road safety audits, transportation safety planning activities, improvements in the collection and analysis of data, education and outreach, and enforcement activities.

**Older driver special rule** applies if traffic fatalities and serious injuries per capita for drivers and pedestrians over the age of 65 in a State increases during the most recent 2-year period for which data are available, as defined in the Older Driver and Pedestrian Special Rule Interim Guidance dated February 13, 2013.

**Performance measure** means indicators that enable decision-makers and other stakeholders to monitor changes in system condition and performance against established visions, goals, and objectives.

**Programmed funds** mean those funds that have been programmed in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to be expended on highway safety improvement projects.

**Roadway Functional Classification** means the process by which streets and highways are grouped into classes, or systems, according to the character of service they are intended to provide.

**Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP)** means a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary plan, based on safety data developed by a State Department of Transportation in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 148.

**Systemic safety improvement** means an improvement that is widely implemented based on high risk roadway features that are correlated with specific severe crash types.

**Transfer** means, in accordance with provisions of 23 U.S.C. 126, a State may transfer from an apportionment under section 104(b) not to exceed 50 percent of the amount apportioned for the fiscal year to any other apportionment of the State under that section.