



Updating the Action Plan

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Appropriations

“...the Secretary of Transportation shall submit with the fiscal year 2005 budget request an action plan outlining specific efforts to be pursued by FRA, FHWA, FMCSA, NHTSA, and the ITS Joint Program Office to improve safety at both public and private grade crossings.”

Action Plan

- ✎ Issued in June 1994
- ✎ FRA, FHWA, NHSTA & FTA
- ✎ 55 specific items
 - Crossing violations – serious CDL offenses
 - Incentives for crossing closures
- ✎ Reduce collisions and fatalities by 50% in 10 years

6 Categories

- ☞ Law Enforcement
- ☞ Corridor reviews and improvements
- ☞ Educations and OL
- ☞ Private crossings
- ☞ Data and research
- ☞ Trespass

Results

	Fatalities	Incidents
1994	579	4633
2002*	355	3066
% change	- 39%	- 34%

* Preliminary

Approach to the Update

- Continue existing themes and add new ideas
- Opportunity to promote the importance of crossing safety and trespass prevention
- Success stories
- Outreach to safety partners

Format

- More general in nature
- Use illustrative examples
- May have target dates but many objectives will be on-going

Progress

- ✔ FRA, FHWA, FMCSA, FTA, NHTSA and ITS Joint Programs Office
- ✔ Recruited other members
- ✔ Contractor hired for writing assistance
- ✔ Web site has been established
- ✔ Conference call of all members
- ✔ Preliminary rough draft ready for review

Web Site

➤ www.fra.dot.gov/safety/action_plan

➤ Contains

- Introduction
- Summary of existing Action Plan
- Complete Action Plan
- Idea submission page

Examples of Ideas

- Increased use of photo enforcement
- Crossing closure procedure
- Pre-signal guidelines
- Private crossing safety
- Low cost warning devices
- Education via the Internet

Conclusion

- Working group is formulating objectives and examples
- Document ready for clearance in December 2003
- Please provide your ideas ASAP
- Thank you for your participation



Further Information

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