

Traffic Safety Research Program

Housed in ...

- University of Massachusetts Amherst
 - College of Engineering
 - Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering
 - UMass Transportation Center

Support highway safety through combined multidisciplinary approach

Scientific data-driven problem identification, program design, and evaluation





Traditional highway safety practices (engineering, enforcement & education)



Project Experience

Safety Data Warehousing

Data Analysis & Technical Assistance

Web Data Tool Development

Human Subject Survey Research & Administration

Data Quality Assessments

Strategic Planning Development

Curriculum Development & Online Training Creation

Traffic & Pedestrian Data Collection



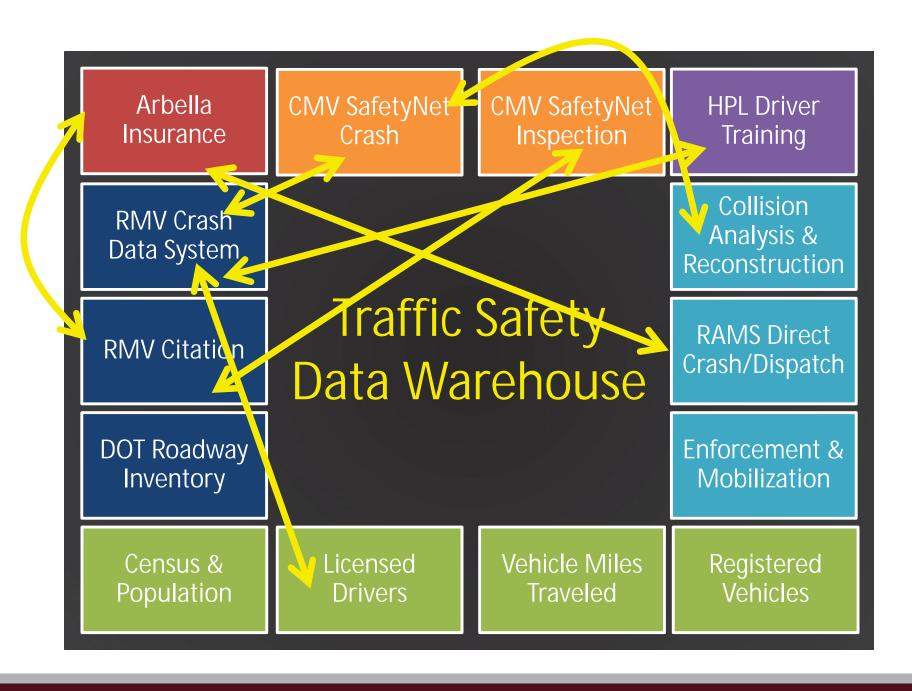






Data Linkage





What Resources/Skills Do Universities Have

Data Warehousing

Data Analysis

GIS Expertise

Training

Marketing/ Demographic Research

Problem Identification

Program Evaluation

Stakeholder Outreach

Event Organization







What Types of Services Can Universities Provide

Field Data Collection

CVSP Development

Grant Writing

Crash & Inspection Data Analysis

Crash Mapping & Spatial Analysis

Problem Identification & Visualizations

Online Resource Toolkits

Curriculum Development Web-Based Data Tools

Where To Find University Support

University Transportation Centers

University Departments

- Engineering
- Public Health
- Computer Science
- Criminal Justice
- Education
- Geographic Information Science and Technology
- Other Academic Departments

Traffic Records Coordinating Committees

Professional Organizations/Conferences [Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), Crime Analyst Associations, Transportation Research Board, Lifesavers]

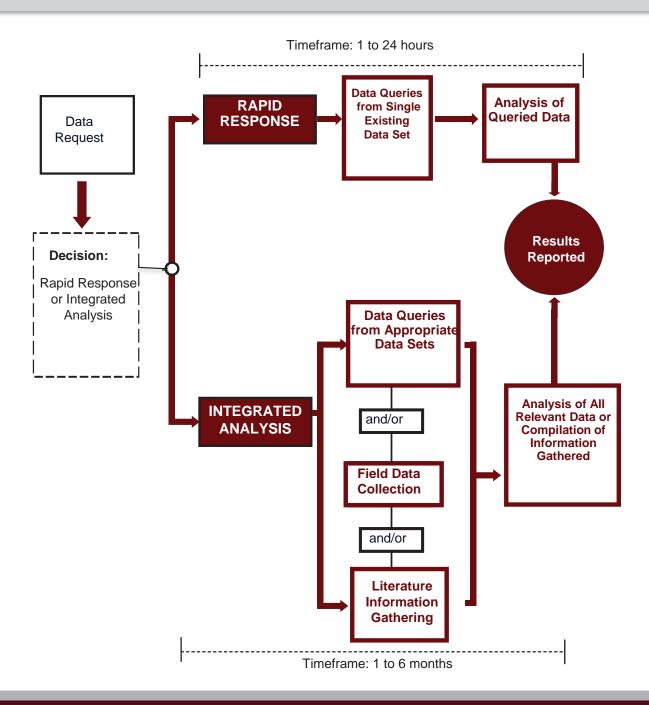
FMCSA Regional Offices

Other

Technical Assistance Center

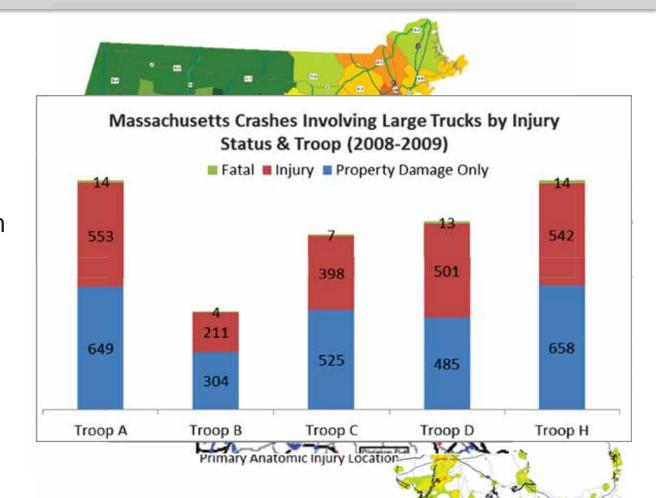
TS/TAC -Conceptual Framework



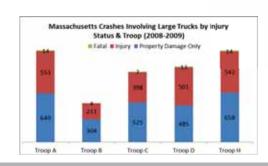


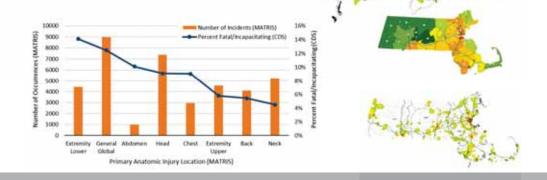
Commercial Vehicle Safety Plan

- Developed & implemented by MA State Police with support from UMassSafe
- Goals, Trend Analysis, Problem Identification, Crash Reduction Plan & Monitoring Plan
- Methodology has evolved over time based on feedback of agency usability and technology advancements

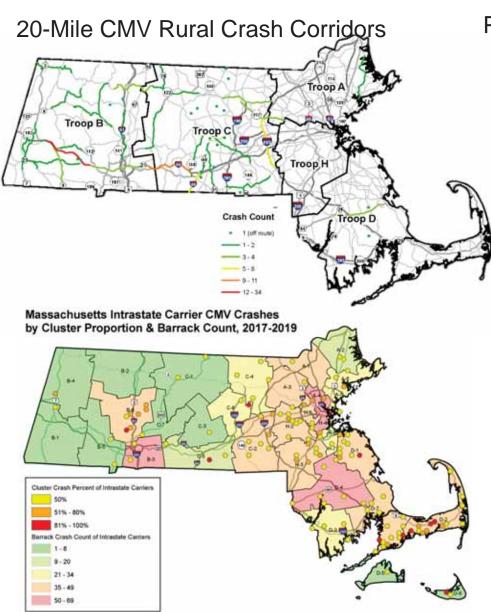








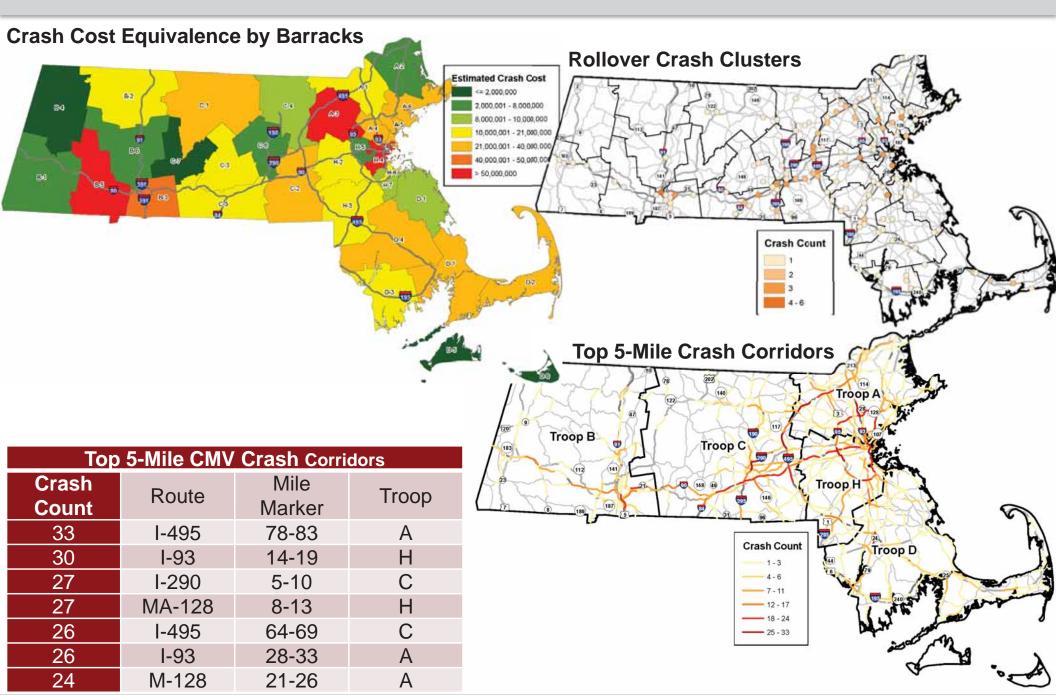
Using Data to Guide Safety Programming



Problem Identification of Intrastate Carrier Crashes

First Harmful Event	Intrastate	Interstate
Collision w/ motor vehicle in traffic	78.2%	78.6%
Collision w/ parked motor vehicle	6.1%	3.6%
Collision w/ guardrail	1.5%	3.1%
Overturn/rollover	1.6%	2.0%
Collision w/ pedestrian	2.0%	0.9%
Collision w/ bridge overhead structure	0.9%	1.5%
Collision with bridge	0.3%	1.3%
Collision with utility pole	1.4%	0.9%
Collision with tree	1.6%	0.9%
Collision with median barrier	0.2%	1.0%
Jackknife	0.1%	0.7%
Collision with embankment	0.4%	0.6%
Collision with curb	0.6%	0.4%
Collision w/ other light pole or other post/support	0.9%	0.4%

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Crash Report: Driver Contributing Code	Passenger- Car Driver	CMV Driver
No improper driving	45.5%	55.1%
Unknown	13.3%	13.5%
Inattention	7.2%	5.6%
Failed to yield right of way	6.4%	3.4%
Followed too closely	4.6%	5.1%
Failure to keep in proper lane or running off road	4.6%	2.7%
Other improper action	3.8%	3.9%
Driving too fast for conditions	2.9%	2.1%
Operating vehicle in erratic manner	2.2%	1.0%
Disregarded traffic signs, signals, road markings	2.1%	2.1%
Made an improper turn	1.5%	1.1%
Distracted	1.1%	0.6%
Fatigued/asleep	0.9%	0.7%
Glare	0.9%	0.2%
Swerving or avoiding	0.7%	0.7%
Exceeded authorized speed limit	0.7%	0.6%
Over-correcting/over-steering	0.5%	0.5%
Visibility obstructed	0.4%	0.9%
Wrong side or wrong way	0.4%	0.2%
Physical impairment	0.4%	0.1%







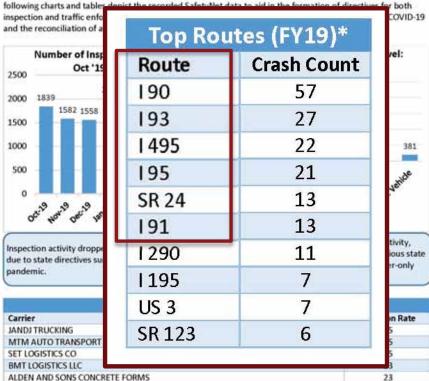
Management Reports



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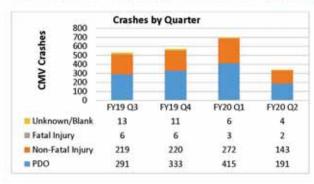
Massachusetts Commercial Motor Vehicle Management Report Inspections: Oct 2019 – May 2020 (data sourced as of 7/31/2020)

In order to conduct data-driven enforcement, the Massachusetts State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Section examines the inspection and crash details of the most recent quarters for trends and anomalies. The

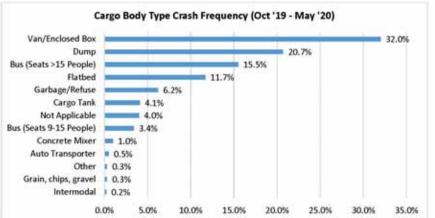


Violation Description	Count
VIOLATION OF LOCAL LAWS	2489
INOPERABLE REQUIRED LAMP	2332
NOT MARKED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS	1034
OPERATING A PROPERTY-CARRYING VEHICLE WITHOUT POSSESSING A VALID MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.	942
NO/DISCHARGED/UNSECURED FIRE EXTINGUISHER	922

Massachusetts Commercial Motor Vehicle Management Report Crashes: Oct 2019 – May 2020 (data sourced as of 7/31/2020)







Carrier	Count
PVTA	5
ALLIED WASTE/REPUBLIC SERVICES	4
MERRIMACK VALLEY REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY	3
NEW ENGLAND ICE CREAM	2
DURHAM SCHOOL SERVICES	2

^{*}Latest available data is for FY19 only

CMV Driver Distraction Pilot Project



Massachusetts State Police are strictly enforcing distracted driving regulations for commercial vehicle drivers.

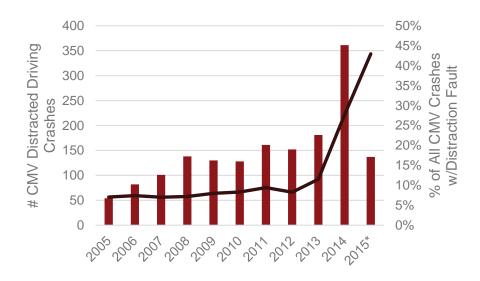
Commercial vehicle drivers are not allowed to use cell phones (only hands-free) or send, type, or read electronic messages while operating a motor vehicle. This includes use of the internet and text messaging.

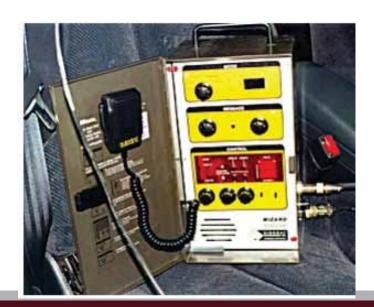


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Massachusetts Crashes with CMV Driver Contributing Code of Inattention, 2005-2015



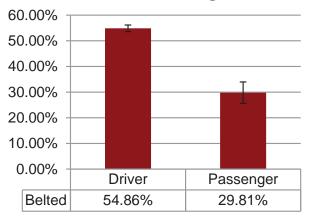




CMV Seat Belt Survey & Campaign



CMV Seat Belt Use Among Drivers and Passengers





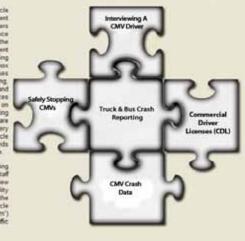
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Toolkit



Welcome to the Commercial Motor Vehicle Law Enforcement Toolkit

The Massachusetts Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Toolkit provides law enforcement personnel and other highway safety stakeholders with access to tools that can help reduce commercial motor vehicle (CMV) crashes in the Commonwealth while assisting law enforcement with information for traffic stops, crash reporting and other highway safety issues. The toolbox includes materials on a variety of CMV issues such as commercial drivers licensing interviewing truck driver during traffic stops, and hazardous materials. Click on the puzzle pieces. for more topics. In addition, information on educational enforcement and engineering countermeasures to prevent CMV crashes are provided. Crash data is shared, users can query the data with the interactive Commercial Vehicle Data Tool that enables them to identify trends and pinpoint crash information across the State

The Toolbox will enable practitioners, including law enforcement personnel. State Agency staff and local cities and towns, to effectively review CMV issues, reporting and data quality challenges. It is a joint effort between the Massachusetts State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Section (CVES or 'Truck Team') and the University of Massachusetts Traffic Safety Research Program (UMassSafe)







Crash Maps Data Explorer Data Quality

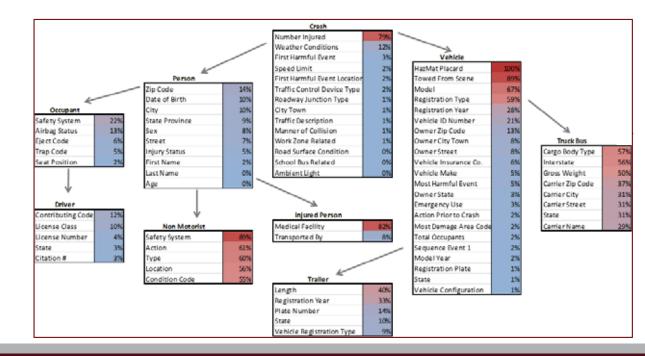
Data Quality Reports

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Police officers complete crash reports and submit them to the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) where they are entered into the Crash Data System (CDS). Crash reports specific to CMVs are then sent to the Massachusetts State Police Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement Section where they are entered into the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) SafetyNet database.

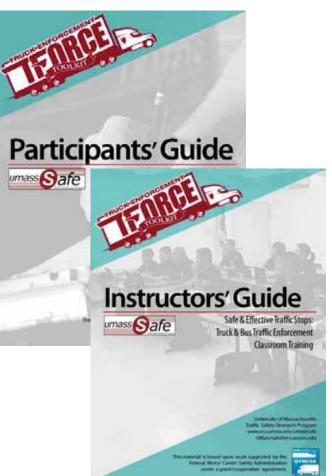
This tool enables users to examine data quality issues specific to CMV crashes by town, troop and Massachusetts as a whole. Specifically, one can query which crash fields are completed and which are left empty within the crash report. In addition, a comparison of the completeness of those fields on the crash reports to that data in CDS and SafetyNet can help determine what data that is missing on crash reports is then researched and completed before they are entered into SafetyNet

- Crash Reporting
- Traffic Stops
- Officer Safety
- **Crash Data Quality**



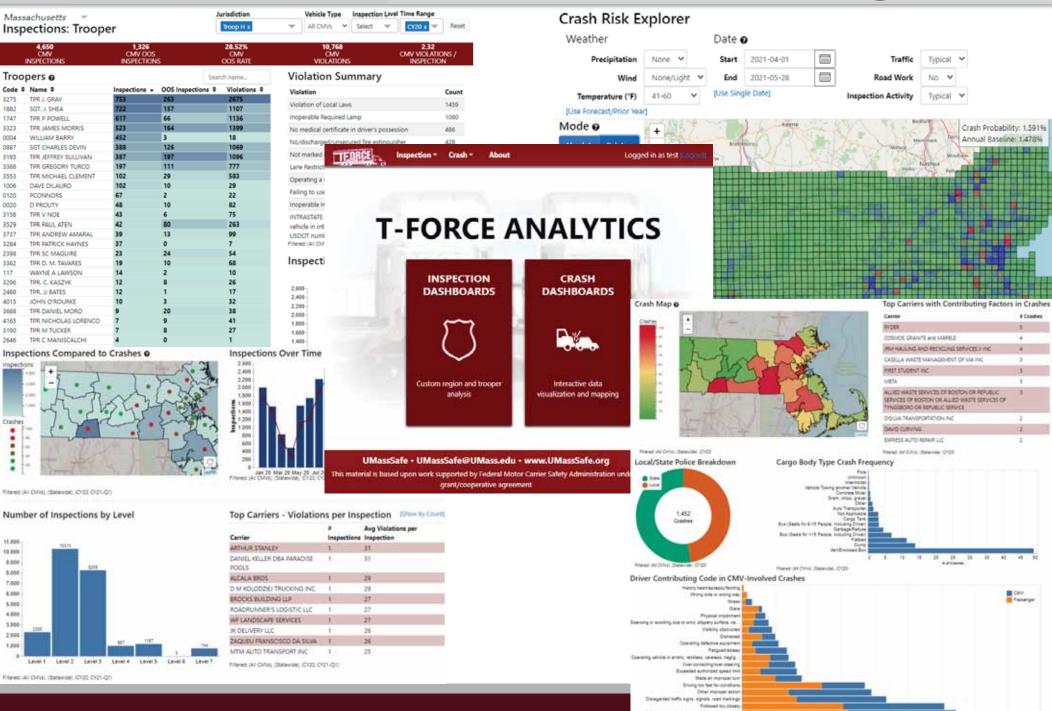
T-Force Toolkit





T-Force Analytics





Crash E-Manual - Crash Report Data Dictionary

www.MassCrashReportManual.com



Code	Attribute	Definition
0	Intrastate	This attribute represents a motor carrier that operates entirely within the state and does not have the authority to engage in interstate commerce. Intrastate operators are not required to have a USDOT Number by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration; however, some states do require that certain intrastate operators secure a USDOT Number.
1	Interstate	A commercial vehicle in the United States where the transit between the points of origin and termination does not occur entirely within the border of the State of origin. A motor carrier that has authority to operate across state lines, interstate operators are required to have a USDOT Number by the Federal Motor Carrier Administration.
2	Not in Commerce (Other Truck or Bus)	Personal rerital vehicles (e.g., U-Haul, Ryder, Penske) that qualify by size (Over 10,000 lbs. GVWR/ GCWR) that are operated by a private individual. these situations the rental company is not the carrier and should not be recorded.
3	Not in Commerce (Government)	Any government vehicle, whether it is operated by the local. State, or federal government, in most circumstances, the government-owned vehicle will not have a USOOT Number.
4	Other Operation/Not Specified	This attribute is used for a variable that is not addressed by the previous attribute options. If this attribute is used, an explanation in the narrative i recommended.



Understanding At-Risk Driving Attitudes & Behaviors





CMV Driver Attitude & Behavior Survey

- Online self-reported survey of
- 20 multiple choice questions (~4 minutes)
- Aiming to quantify driver's attitudes/beliefs of risky behaviors
 - Sending a text message
 - Exceeding HOS regs
 - Driving after consuming alcohol & cannabis
- Results and recommended uses in CMV crash prevention at <u>Commercial</u> <u>Vehicle-Safety Technical Assistance</u> <u>Center (CV-STAC)</u>

Commercial Vehicle Safety Technical Assistance Center (CV-STAC)

cvstac.umasssafe.org

Online Resource Center

- Multi-agency Partnerships
- Safety Programming

Develop - Expand - Replicate



- Webinars
- Education Materials
- News Highlights









Driver Distraction in Commercial Vehicles

Driver distraction can take many forms - using a mobile device, adjusting an interface, and even fatigue can take driver's

Important Information

International Association of Police Chiefs: Law Enforcement's Role in Distracted Driving

FMCSA: Distracted Driving Guidelines

National Safety Council: Ending Distracted Driving is Everyone's Responsibility

National Conference of State Legislatures: Distracted Driving Cellphone Use

NHT5A: Evaluating the Enforceability of Texting Laws

FY24HP Project – CMV Safety Data Collaborative

T-Force Analytics

- Data Vizualization maintenance & upgrades
- Data for 13 states
- Monthly data payloads

Regional Collaboration & Technical Assistance

- Development of Safety Data Collaborative
- Ad-hoc Analysis
- High Crash Corridor Mapping

Information Sharing

- What are the Needs?
- What is Working?
- What Can We Do Together?



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