RTZ Grant Updates

In the coming weeks, we will be sharing our final reports on the 2018 Road to Zero grantees. Most of these grants wrapped up on June 30 and the reports will be available at [nsf.org/roadtozero](http://nsf.org/roadtozero) so we can all learn more about these innovative projects. Be on the lookout for these summaries and for more information on our webinar series debuting this fall, which will feature the grants.

July 1 marked the beginning of the 2019 Road to Zero grants. We look forward to these projects getting underway and learning more about them as they progress:

- **Safe System Approach to Rural Road to Zero**
  Clackamas County Department of Transportation and Development

- **Enabling Data-Driven Decisions for Improving Intersection Safety: Development & Pilot of Comprehensive Intersection Risk Exposure**
  Draper

- **Sharing the Road with Heavy Vehicles: Hands-on Demonstration with Teen Drivers**
  Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

- **Doubling Down with Seatbelts - a Proven Technology: Reducing Fatalities and Injuries on Motorcoach Transportation**
  University of Massachusetts/Sara's Wish Foundation

- **Intelligent Traffic Management Sites**
  Nevada Highway Patrol

- **Shifting Public Narratives to Prevent Bicyclist and Pedestrian Deaths**
  University of South Florida - Center for Urban Transportation Research

- **Safety over Speed**
  City of North Miami Beach

We would also like to welcome some of our newest Coalition members. We look forward to working alongside you to save lives and create a nationwide culture of roadway safety!

- 3M
- Capitol Region Council of Governments
- D'Spain Sales & Service, Inc
- Miura LLC
- PEERS Foundation
- Permian Road Safety Coalition
- Rockwater Energy Solutions
- Teen Driving Solutions School, Inc
- University of Texas at El Paso
New Employer Resources

As we gear up to send our kids back to school, parents of new teen drivers have a special responsibility: staying involved with their teen’s driving even after they get a license. Why? Car crashes remain the leading cause of death for teens and parents are the number one influence on their driving habits. To make it easier for parents, we need to reach them where they already are: at work.

DriveitHOME, a program of the National Safety Council, offers employer resources for parents of new drivers that can be posted and shared in the workplace. These resources inform parents of the major risks facing teens on the road and offer tips on how to keep new drivers safe.

Resources include:

- Posters to display prominently in the workplace
- A 5 Minute Safety Talk, designed to help lead a discussion on teen safe driving
- Infographics ready to be shared on social media, in emails, through newsletters or displayed on workplace digital signage, etc.
- Short videos highlighting ways for parents and teen drivers to practice and use these resources
- The New Driver Deal, a parent-teen agreement allowing you to discuss and set boundaries and rules related to driving (and ensure these rules are followed)

All of these resources direct parents to visit DriveitHOME.org, where they can get free coaching lessons, blog posts and tips for staying involved with their new drivers. You can share these resources with your employees and co-workers now at nsc.org/parentsatwork. The more you do to get the word out on the importance of teen safe driving, the more you’ll help keep your employees and their loved ones safe.

News from the Hill

On July 10th, the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works held a hearing titled, “Investing in America’s Surface Transportation Infrastructure: The Need for a Multi-Year Reauthorization Bill.”

Witnesses included the Wyoming Department of Transportation, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, Max J. Kuney Co., Georgetown Climate Center, and the University of Delaware, School of Public Policy & Administration. Chairman Barrasso (WY-R) stressed the urgent need to address our nation’s crumbling infrastructure including roads, bridges and highways. He pledged to introduce a Senate bill that would authorize funding for five years, allowing for long-term predictability
and a quicker delivery of projects. With the FAST Act expiration date quickly approaching (September 30, 2020), Congress must move swiftly to pass a full reauthorization, or an extension of the current bill will be required.

Protect Kids in Ambulances

More than 1 million children are transported by ambulance each year in the U.S., yet, according to the CDC, these vehicles are 2.5 times more likely to be involved in a crash than a typical motor vehicle. Without proper restraints, these child passengers can be at risk in a crash. That is why the National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials (NASEMSO) recently released the Pediatric Transport Products for Ground Ambulances, Version 2.

This document serves as a resource to EMS providers reviewing their options for safely securing infants and children in ambulances. As NASEMSO points out, there are no existing minimum safety requirements or standards for child transport devices used in these vehicles. This makes it difficult for purchasers to know if they are prepared to keep passengers of all sizes safe.

And while that lack of official standards means that none of the included options have been endorsed or deemed “safe,” NASEMSO plans to organize and lead a comprehensive crash-testing project to make such standards a reality. In the meantime, NASEMSO urges EMS providers to review this resource and use devices specifically designed for child transport in ambulances.

In the Know

- Vision Zero Network recently hosted a webinar focused on telematics and how it can be used as a tool in municipal fleets to help us reach zero road deaths. The webinar shows how data obtained by telematics can analyze dangerous driver behaviors, evaluate roadway conditions, and even detect collisions and automatically dispatch first responders. [Watch the full webinar to learn more.]

- A new study from IIHS finds that crashes at two-lane roundabouts fall over time as drivers gain familiarity with them. These are encouraging findings, as the benefits of two-lane roundabouts have been less clear than those of single-lane roundabouts. [Learn more about the study and its findings] on how roundabouts can be used to drive down crashes and injuries at intersections.

- Tonight is National Night Out, a national community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships. We know that creating safer roads and a culture focused on safe systems will require the buy-in of local communities and this occasion is an excellent example of how we can get neighborhoods to embrace safety. # and be sure to attend your local event!

We can feature your news as well. To submit news, announcements or updates for inclusion in the Road to Zero newsletter, email your message to roadtozero@nsc.org. Include all relevant details, links, names, etc. and any special notes regarding the announcement.
‘ODC OK’ 2019 Award Winners

Our Driving Concern Oklahoma recently presented its inaugural Oklahoma Employer Traffic Safety Awards. The awards recognized seven Oklahoma organizations for their commitment to keeping employees safe on the roads.

Two recipients – Dolese Bros. Co. and the Tulsa County Library – went above and beyond to earn Exemplary distinction for making traffic safety a priority for employees both at work and at home. The remaining five recipients were recognized with awards and honorable mentions for their efforts. With nearly 200 crashes occurring each day on Oklahoma roads, these employers set an incredible example of the difference we can all make to save lives and prevent injuries.

See the full list of recipients and learn more about their efforts to keep their workers safe behind the wheel.