

USDOT Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Initiative
Road Safety Assessments
Wednesday October 22nd, 2014

Purpose and Goals

Secretary's Bike/Pedestrian Safety Initiative

- Communicate to stakeholders that bike/ped safety is just as important as previous campaigns: distracted driving, speed limits, seatbelts, child safety seats.
- Present cycling and walking as modes equal to driving, flying, etc...
- Illustrate the importance of access to transit via safe biking and walking.
- Identify and address barriers to safe movement of pedestrians and cyclists.

Assessment Effort

- Engage USDOT employees and transportation professionals across the county who are not typically focused on pedestrian and bicycle safety.
- Involve all levels of government – Federal agencies, State DOTs, MPOs, counties, cities – as well as transit agencies.
- Foster relationships across professions: planners, engineers, environmental protection specialists, transit operators, public works, police advocates, educators, etc...
- Over the long term, improve pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and decrease bike/ped injury and fatality rates.

Overview of Assessments

What: A one day assessment “in the field” and “on the ground”

Where: Location in Virginia is To-be-Determined

When: Planning underway by December 31, 2014 and assessment will be completed by June 1, 2015

Who: All USDOT modes (Lead mode will reach out to other DOT partners and selects city).

Key Issues of Note

Assessment must be pedestrian and/or bike focus.

There is an opportunity of a multimodal assessment site.

There should be OneDOT perspective: collaborate and communicate.

Lead federal agency role versus support role.

There will be documentation and follow-up.

Photographs are required form every event – video is encouraged.

Federal Agency Review/Next Steps

- Review background information and tools.
- Connect with modal partners in Virginia.
- Send assessment city, site, date and list of invitees for every state to lead agency by December 31, 2014.
- Assessments must be completed by June 1, 2015.