What are Road Safety Audits?

A Road Safety Audit (RSA) is a formal safety performance examination of an existing or future road or intersection by an independent, multi-disciplinary RSA team. There are eight steps in the RSA process and this process is used as a tool to help achieve strategic safety goals.

The steps of an RSA include:

1. Identifying the project
2. Selecting an RSA team
3. Conducting a start-up (kick-off) meeting
4. Performing field reviews at various times and under different circumstances (if applicable)
5. Conducting analysis and preparing a report
6. Presenting findings to project owner
7. Preparing a formal response
8. Incorporating findings

RSAs can be conducted at any stage of a project and includes consideration of all users of the road or intersection. RSAs contribute to road safety by providing a fresh, unbiased assessment of the area or intersection to identify issues and solutions.

To learn more about RSAs, Email MDOT-zerodeaths@michigan.gov