

Action Team: _____ **Senior Mobility and Safety** _____

Report for Period _____ **December 2009 – April 2010** _____

Please describe activities and accomplishments that took place for each strategy/objective listed in your action plan.

1. Promote and Sponsor Research in Michigan on Senior Mobility Issues
 - a. Central Michigan University is working on the final phase of the MDOT sponsored Senior Transportation Education and Awareness Toolkit project, and developing the prototype educational material.
2. Plan for an Aging Mobility and Transportation Dependent Population
 - a. I gave the presentation, Michigan Leads the Way in Senior Mobility at the Traffic Safety Conference last month. 15 people attended the session, and great discussion followed.
3. Promote roadway design and operational features that better accommodate the special needs of older drivers and pedestrians
 - a. The new National Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices is being reviewed to update the MMUTCD. There are some changes that say they were done specifically to assist the older driver. Those items will be incorporated into the engineering recommendations of our action plan; some of them are already being adopted by MDOT. (Diagrammatic signing improvements)
4. Promote seniors' use of alternative transit services
 - a. Some members of the senior mobility work group are involved with the Regional Elder Mobility Alliance (REMA). A coalition of agencies representing aging/disability and transit professionals dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in southeast Michigan through the maximization of mobility options and the delivery of multimodal transportation services. This group is working on a project funded by the Community Foundation of SE Michigan's Senior Engagement Program, to gather data about unmet senior

mobility needs inform and engage seniors and community leaders on the benefits of enhancing safe senior mobility and promoting current and future transit options that can improve the quality of life. 4 communities will be piloted; Inkster, Hamtramck, St. Clair Shores and Waterford. Chosen for their senior population, geographic makeup, traffic safety (crash data), health care accessibility, transit/mobility options.

Challenges and/goals for the upcoming reporting period.

- Continue to expand our partners in the State Of Michigan, to get the information in our action plan out to other communities.
- Continue working to promote other projects like REMA is currently working on.
- Continue working to promote engineering improvements recommended for older drivers to other agencies, and expand those in use by MDOT.