



Available Traffic and Safety Pamphlets

The following pamphlets and brochures are available electronically from either MDOT or other agencies such as Michigan State Police and the Michigan Deer Crash Coalition. Please click on the title of the document of interest to view.

What every Michigan driver SHOULD KNOW about BICYCLE LANES

Various types of bicycle lanes and how they should be used are explained. This pamphlet also highlights the new legislation which put Complete Streets, “roadways planned, designed, and constructed to provide appropriate access to all legal users. . .whether by car, truck, transit, assistive device, foot or bicycle.” into use.

CABLE GUARDRAIL in MICHIGAN Making State Highways Safer

The history, cost, and expectations of median cable guardrail are explained. The pamphlet explains the decision making process for placement of this type of guardrail including where it will be located on each site.

How to Use a Roundabout, Sharing the Road

As roundabouts become more common, this pamphlet is a must read for pedestrians and bicyclists. After reading this material all road users, including pedestrians and bicyclists, should know how to navigate a roundabout and what is expected from other modes of travel.

Why Does MDOT Build ROUNDABOUTS?

As roundabouts become more common this is a must read for both experienced and new drivers. Step by step instructions on given on how to use this new intersection type and how this circular intersection works with pedestrians, bicyclists, emergency vehicles and trucks. The benefits of roundabouts are also provided.

Using a Michigan Left

Michigan Lefts are a common type of turn that has been part of Michigan roadways since the late 1960’s. This pamphlet explains the benefits in safety, reduction in congestion and improvement for roadway operations and access management. In addition, instructions are provided for motorists on how to maneuver through a Michigan Left.

INTRODUCING...the NEW Flashing Yellow Arrow Left-Turn Signal

The pamphlet discusses the new display for permissive left turn phasing and the reasons why this signal display is coming to Michigan and the rest of the country. The new signal head is shown along with an explanation of how drivers should react to each of the colored arrows displayed.

MICHIGAN Specific Service (LOGO) Signing Program

This pamphlet is packed with information on the criteria, cost, and organization to contact for a LOGO sign. You will be able to consult a chart with the eligibility criteria, see a mock-up of both a LOGO sign and a Trailblazer sign, and find assistance to join the program.

Tourist-Oriented Directional Signs (TODS)

The TODS pamphlet fully describes the Tourist-Oriented Directional Signs Program along with estimated costs, eligibility requirements, frequently asked questions, examples of signs used in this program, and who to contact for further assistance.

MDOT's TRAFFIC SIGNING PROGRAM: WHY TRAFFIC SIGNS ARE REPLACED

The reasons why MDOT replaces traffic signs and their supports are explained in this info graph. Since half of all traffic fatalities occur at night and the population is aging, there is a need for traffic signs that motorists can see both day and night.

Centerline Rumble Strips Save Lives

Rumble strips are a low-cost measure used to address one of the most serious types of traffic crashes: a lane departure crash. They consist of a set of transverse grooves applied on the shoulder or centerline of a roadway. This pamphlet provides the benefits and performance of MDOT's centerline rumble strip effort.

Michigan's Guide for Aging Drivers and Their Families

This guide is a resource for Michigan's aging drivers, their family members, and caregivers. This guide helps with the understanding of how aging and aging-related changes in health status affect the ability to drive safely and provides references to where more information and services may be obtained.

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 team. Learn about the eighth step RSA process and who to contact with questions on performing an RSA in this pamphlet.

What is the Local Safety Initiative?

The Local Safety Initiative (LSI) is a FREE service to help local agencies identify safety issues and improve local road safety. The LSI can help identify safety improvement projects that may be eligible for funding through the Local Agency Programs Safety Call for Projects. The pamphlet explains the program and how to sign up for the LSI and who to contact.

What Are Local Road Safety Plans?

A Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) is a formal document that defines key emphasis areas and strategies that impact local roads and provides a framework to accomplish safety enhancements at the local level. In the near future LRSP's will be developed in Michigan through MPO's or rural task forces. From this pamphlet learn more about the LRSP's and who to contact with questions.

What is Toward Zero Deaths?

Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) is a new statewide safety campaign based on the national strategy on highway safety intended to influence driver behavior and improve safety. While the state's SHSP goal is to reduce traffic fatalities from 889 in 2011 to 750 in 2016 our ultimate vision is Toward Zero Deaths on Michigan's roadways. Learn how to become a TZD participant and learn about the National Strategy.

[Moving Michigan Toward Zero Deaths](#)

This pamphlet discusses the various safety programs at MDOT such as Senior Mobility, Operation Lifesaver, Safe Routes 2 School, Traffic Incident Management and others. These programs represent the activities MDOT is involved in to improve safety on Michigan's roads. MDOT strives to ensure roads are as safe as possible in every stage – from design to construction to long-term support of users on the roads. Keeping safety on the forefront of all MDOT practices helps move Michigan Toward Zero Deaths.

[TZD Postcard](#)

Want to share information on Toward Zero Deaths or where to sign up for weekly emails on number of fatalities and serious injuries occurring on Michigan roadways? If so, then share this postcard which has national and State of Michigan links to become a TZD Champion. The postcard also provide crash statistics for the past several years.

[TZD Safety Fact Sheet](#)

What can you do to help move Michigan Toward Zero Deaths? This resource is your hand out of actions that you and the public can take to move Michigan closer to zero.

[TZD Poster \(full size\)](#)

What would be your goal for Michigan? What would be a good goal for your family? What should be the goal for everyone? Help the public answer these questions with this poster showing what they can do to help move Michigan Toward Zero Deaths. [TZD Poster 8.5" x 11"](#)

[Setting Realistic Speed Limits](#)

How are speed limits set? Isn't a lower speed limit always safety? Why not simply post a lower speed limit and have police enforce it? These are the questions commonly posed on the topic of speed limits. This pamphlet provides answers to those questions from the public.

[Don't Veer for Deer!](#)

About 50,000 vehicle-deer crashes occur each year in Michigan, mainly in the fall. This publication contains tips for motorists on how to avoid vehicle-deer crashes and what to do if the crash is unavoidable.

[Move Over! – Michigan's Emergency Vehicle Caution Law](#)

Michigan's emergency vehicle caution law was designed to keep emergency personnel safe when working along the side of roadways. This brochure provides details about the law and informs motorists when they need to move over or slow down.

[Pedestrian Safety](#)

What tips are available to pedestrians to safely cross the roadway? Learn where to cross, about pedestrian crosswalk signals and push buttons along with additional tips to put in your safety toolbox.

[OHSP Offers Free Traffic Safety Materials](#)

The Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) publishes various informative brochures, flyers, posters, and other traffic safety-related items throughout the year. Topics include drunk driving, bicycle, pedestrian, bus, and motorcycle safety, safety belts, and child passenger safety.

These materials are available free of charge. Quantities, unless otherwise noted, are limited to 250. Only one order per month will be accepted per customer. Please allow one to two weeks to receive your items.

[Michigan Traffic Safety Materials Catalog](#)