The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has adopted the Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) National Strategy as a statewide campaign to positively enhance road users’ behavior and safety. Close to 1,000 people do not return home in Michigan annually due to traffic crashes. The TZD strategy involves enhancing driver education, emergency response, enforcement, engineering, policy, communications and other efforts that will move Michigan closer to zero fatalities. By incorporating safety into all facets of transportation, Michigan will achieve this vision.

MDOT is involved in various safety efforts with its federal, state and local partners. Without these partnerships, this vision will not be a reality.
MDOT has been working to meet the challenges of Michigan’s aging population through:
- Enhanced signs and markings.
- Encouraging senior-friendly transportation options.
- Improving communications and coordination among partners.

MDOT created the LSI to provide technical traffic safety assistance to local road-owning agencies, such as cities, county road commissions and tribal governments. Historically, local roads experience a higher percentage of fatal and serious injuries in terms of miles driven than state-owned roads.

The goal of the HSIP is to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads, including non-state-owned public roads and roads on tribal lands.

SR2S is a federal program aimed at making it safe, convenient and fun for children to bicycle and walk to school in order for them to get the regular physical activity needed for good health.

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.