Know Your Agency's Level of Road Safety Culture





A discussion guide to be used with the "How Do You Know You Have a Strong Safety Culture?" video

Watch the video online: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=loMzYi3zLyw



Key points from the video:







• In theory, Road Safety Culture means:

- Safety is one of the top priorities in all decisions at all levels of decisionmaking
- Safety is the prevailing factor in all strategic and operational procedures
- Safety management practices permeate throughout the organization
- Characteristics of a Road Safety Culture are expressed through these examples in the video:
 - Multidisciplinary teams
 - Input from community members and stakeholders
 - Consideration for all road users of all types
 - Road safety audits
 - · Safety data collection
- On the road, Road Safety Culture is reflected in the following design examples in the video:
 - · Road diets
 - Curb ramps for wheelchairs and strollers
 - Traffic calming devices
 - · Improved lighting
 - Separated bicycle lanes

Get to know your agency's Road Safety Culture by asking these questions:

- Think of 2-3 policies your agency has established or could establish that reflect its commitment to safety.

 What are the processes needed to implement those policies?
- Think about who is included on your agency's multidisciplinary team. Who else should be included and how will their inclusion help build safety culture for your agency?
- Consider how your agency can make every project safer. Use a recent road segment project as an example: How did your agency engage community members, stakeholders, and/or advocacy groups to identify and implement safety solutions? How did you communicate about the project?
- What does or can your agency do to foster a stronger safety culture within itself, with your stakeholders, and the public? How can you build upon those efforts?



To learn more about road safety culture, visit the FHWA Safety Culture webpage: https://highways.dot.gov/safety/zero-deaths/safety-culture