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# Recommendations, Next Steps

- Funding
  - Advocate for an increase in the fuel tax at state, federal levels that can be used for safety program enhancements.
  - More flexibility at the local level to raise transportation revenue and prioritize traffic safety program enhancements (state legislatures).
- Encourage local safety plans to include a wide-range of disciplines and align the plan with state's strategic highway safety plan



- Regulatory changes
  - Consolidate overlapping regulatory administrative processes and requirements.
  - Allow property acquisition to occur prior to NEPA approval.
  - Seek expansion of exemptions regarding historic roads/bridges, whether it be including more roads or increasing the number of years before designation.
- State Legislation
  - Seek legislation allowing automated enforcement, including speed cameras and red light cameras, with specific safety outcomes to encourage public buy-in.
  - Seek legislation increasing enforcement penalties, driver licensing requirements.
  - Incentivize increased public outreach and education regarding the dangers of distracted driving.



- Improving depth and accuracy of data collection, as well as availability of that data – provide training and education regarding the importance of this data, particularly when it comes to getting funding
- Encourage FHWA to convene and help fund conversations, information sharing, and in-person meetings involving a diverse, multi-disciplinary gathering of stakeholders (including representatives from public health, law enforcement, EMS, governor’s highway offices, state highway safety offices, elected officials/staffers at all levels, educators, school transportation officials, land use planning, NHTSA, agricultural, tourism, freight, etc.)