

IDENTIFYING STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF BOOSTER SEAT LAWS

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=9203

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has released a report that explores possible factors that relate to the use and nonuse of child booster seats, and examines the attitudes of law enforcement officers, parents, and caregivers concerning booster seat laws.

EFFECTIVENESS OF OREGON'S TEEN LICENSING PROGRAM

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=9204

The Oregon Department of Transportation has released a report that explore the effectiveness of teen licensing laws that went into effect in 2000, which expanded the provisional driving license program and established a graduated driver licensing program for all drivers under age 18.

METHODOLOGY TO PREDICT THE SAFETY PERFORMANCE OF URBAN AND SUBURBAN ARTERIALS

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=9254

TRB's National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Web-Only Document 129, Phases I and II: Methodology to Predict the Safety Performance of Urban and Suburban Arterials explore the development of a draft Highway Safety Manual chapter that explore a safety prediction methodology for urban and suburban arterials.

MINIMUM RETROREFLECTIVITY LEVELS FOR BLUE AND BROWN TRAFFIC SIGNS

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=9305

The U.S. Federal Highway Administration has released a report that outlines the development of recommendations for the minimum maintained retroreflectivity levels for traffic signs with blue and brown backgrounds.

REVIEW OF NHTSA'S STATE AND COMMUNITY HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=9284

The U.S. Government Accountability Office has released a report that explores the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA's) management and oversight of the State and Community Highway Safety grant program. The report examines how states have used grant funding to address safety goals, NHTSA's progress in improving consistency in its management reviews, the usefulness of its management review recommendations, and approaches to further improve safety.

SAFETY COMPASS NEWSLETTER: JUNE/JULY/AUGUST 2008

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=9289

The U.S. Federal Highway Administration has released the latest issue of its Safety Compass newsletter. The newsletter covers program delivery, best practices, research, training, regulations, and legislation designed to help improve and establish a more productive

national and local safety program. Articles in this issue include the following:

- * Improving Motorcycle Travel Data
- * National Roadway Safety Award Winners
- * Georgia Click It or Ticket
- * Maryland Median Barrier Analysis
- * Arizona Tribal Safety Summit
- * Child Transportation Safety

PEDESTRIAN FORUM - SUMMER 2008

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=9290

The latest edition of the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA's) Pedestrian Forum Newsletter is now available. The newsletter highlights efforts by the FHWA and its partners to improve the safety of walking and bicycling as a mode of transportation.

DISTRACTIVE EFFECTS OF CELLPHONE USE

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=9286

Land Transport New Zealand has released a report that examines the driving performance and conversational patterns of drivers speaking with in-car passengers, on hands-free cellphones, and with remote passengers who could see the driver's current driving situation.

HEARING ON IMPROVING HIGHWAY SAFETY: ASSESSING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NHTSA'S HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAMS

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=9294

On July 16, 2008, the U.S. House of Representative's Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing to explore the effectiveness of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA's) highway safety programs in addressing roadway safety. Additional background and a video of the hearing are available online.

ICADTS REPORTER: SPRING 2008

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=9076

With support from the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the International Council on Alcohol, Drugs, and Traffic Safety (ICADTS) has released the latest issue of its quarterly newsletter. Articles in this issue of the ICADTS Reporter include the following:

- * Nominations Being Accepted for ICADTS Officers
- * Interlock Symposium Set for Sweden
- * The Alcohol Policy Information System (APIS) Announces Update of Alcohol Policy Information
- * The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Released Report on Transdermal Alcohol Measuring Devices
- * New Law Results Reduction of Alcohol-Impaired Driving in Japan
- * Homel Receives Order of Australia Award
- * Traffic Safety Legislative Fact Sheets (2008)

- * Countermeasures that Work, 2008
- * Age at Drinking Onset and Later Alcohol and Drug Problems
- * Blood Alcohol Levels in Fatal Traffic Accidents in Brazil
- * Alcohol Problems among Swedish Drunk Drivers
- * New Research Reports Recently Released by NHTSA
- * Voas to Receive Lifetime Achievement Award
- * AAA Foundation's 2008 Traffic Safety Culture Index
- * New Model Driving Under the Influence Law
- * Cannabis Use and Self-Reported Collisions

STAR RATING SCHOOL WALKING ROUTES

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurbs_detail.asp?id=9078

The Institute of Transport Studies at Monash University, Australia, has released a report that explores a model designed to rate the safety performance of individual road crossing points and to provide indications of the overall safety associated with a school walking route.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA'S CTS RESEARCH E-NEWS: MAY 2008

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurbs_detail.asp?id=9088

The latest issue of the University of Minnesota's Center for Transportation Studies (CTS) Research E-Newsletter is now available. Policy and planning; transportation and the environment; intelligent transportation systems; transit, bicycling, and walking; and transportation infrastructure are among the topics addressed in this issue of the CTS Research E-News.

ITS-DAVIS E-NEWS: MAY 2008

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurbs_detail.asp?id=9077

The latest edition of the ITS-Davis e-news, an electronic newsletter produced by the University of California - Davis' Institute of Transportation Studies, is now available. The newsletter reports on information from ITS-Davis and affiliated campus departments that host transportation-related programs.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF ALCOHOL-RELATED DRIVING TRENDS, 1982-2005

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurbs_detail.asp?id=9093

The U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has released a report that explores factors that influenced the historical alcohol-related driving trends from 1982 to 2005.

REVIEW OF MOTOR CARRIER DRUG TESTING PROGRAMS

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurbs_detail.asp?id=9083

The U.S. Government Accountability Office has released a report that examines the factors that contribute to challenges related to drug testing of commercial drivers and explores options to address these challenges.

THE BEST OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS CD

-> http://www.trb.org/news/blurbs_detail.asp?id=9080

The U.S. Federal Highway Administration has released a CD compilation of more than 40 resource documents that address public access to emergency services, enhanced information sharing, evacuation management and operations, transportation operations during biohazard situations, preparedness and response, and planned special events.

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TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH NETWORKING: 2008 ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

-> http://trb.org/news/blurbs_detail.asp?id=9050

The March-April 2008 issue of TR News includes the following articles:

* Developing Measures to Improve Highway Safety: The Safety Focus Area of the Strategic Highway Research Program 2

* "Large and Difficult Problems": The War Hero and the Rural Free Delivery He Made Possible

* The Most Important Question in Engineering

* Building Partnerships for Progress Through Transportation Research: Highlights from TRB's 2008 Annual Meeting

* Research Pays Off: Estimating Maintenance Costs for Mixed High-Speed Passenger and Freight Rail Corridors: A New Tool for Rail Planners

THE OLDER DRIVER IN OREGON: A SURVEY OF DRIVING BEHAVIOR AND CESSATION

-> http://trb.org/news/blurbs_detail.asp?id=9069

The Oregon Department of Transportation has released a report that explores the travel patterns of older adults in Oregon. The report examines factors that influence driving cessation; the physical and emotional barriers that delay driving cessation; the opportunities that exist for alternative transportation after driving cessation; and whether drivers make relocation decisions on the basis of driving cessation. The report also reviews the warning signs that make a driver stop driving, and examines whether a crisis situation generally forces a driver to stop driving.

NEVADA RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY REVIEW: SPRING 2008

-> http://trb.org/news/blurbs_detail.asp?id=9064

The Nevada Department of Transportation's (NDOT's) Research Division has released the latest issue of its quarterly newsletter designed to provide information on NDOT research activities and transportation research-related items.

ECONOMICS AND ROAD SAFETY: AN EXPLORATION OF EXTERNAL INFLUENCES

-> http://trb.org/news/blurbs_detail.asp?id=9065

The Netherland's Institute for Road Safety has released a report that explores the relationship between economic development and road safety. The report is written in Dutch with an English summary.

CANADIAN TRAFFIC SAFETY DIGEST: APRIL/MAY 2008

-> http://trb.org/news/blurbs_detail.asp?id=9044

The Canadian Association of Road Safety Professionals has released the latest issue of its Canadian Traffic Safety Digest, which is a compilation of traffic safety information from across Canada.