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Good morning, safety partners.

It's hard to believe, but it's time to begin updating our Strategic Highway Safety Plan (Show-Me Zero) for 2026-2030. We are writing to solicit interest in participating on the working group for the re-write. While we anticipate much interest in participation, we will likely cap the number of working group members in order to keep the project organized and manageable. However, once a draft SHSP is developed, it will be shared with a broader group for additional feedback. For context, last time we had about 65 individuals in the working group.

We anticipate having a full group meeting at least once a month for the next 6 months with smaller, breakout groups working in between on specific areas of the plan. Before volunteering to participate, please make sure you can commit to full participation.

As we form the team, please keep in mind we need representation from all parts of the state, from different disciplines, and from different communities. Ideally, we'll receive participation from 5-10 individuals in each region of the state with different backgrounds and perspectives. To that end, please share this information with your coalition members and other traffic safety partners who may be interested.

We are asking anyone who is interested to please email Joe Jones in MoDOT Highway Safety and Traffic ([joseph.jones1@modot.mo.gov](mailto:joseph.jones1@modot.mo.gov)) with their name, organization, and area of expertise/interest. As names are received, we will work to ensure the team is representative of the different regions, disciplines, issues, and communities of Missouri. Once the team is formed, we will follow up with confirmation of your participation. We are asking any interested individuals to please express their interest to Joe no later than Friday, October 18, 2024.

The kickoff meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 5, 2024**, so please go ahead and save the date. We are aware that this is election day, but we didn't want to start a project of this magnitude any later. To allow everyone the best opportunity to participate, this event will be a hybrid meeting. Anyone who wishes to travel to the live event in Jefferson City is welcome to do so, but we will also provide a Microsoft Teams virtual option. We will provide more details and an agenda closer to the date.

By the end of this day-long event, we hope to achieve high-level answers to the following questions:

- What is the current state of highway Safety in Missouri?
- What do we generally want to accomplish in the next five years?
- What areas should we focus on?
- What do we want the 2026-2030 plan to look like?
- What emergent transportation issues should we examine and address?

We appreciate your help with this effort. Thank you!

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