

## Highway Safety Improvement Program

On Friday, March 28, 2014, the U.S. Department of Transportation published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) in the Federal Register to update the existing Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). The HSIP NPRM addresses provisions in MAP-21 and incorporates clarifications to better explain existing regulatory language. Specifically, the HSIP NPRM proposes to amend DOT's regulations to remove provisions that were eliminated under MAP-21 (e.g. High Risk Rural Roads Program, 10% Flexibility Provision, Transparency Report). This rule also proposes to amend DOT's regulations to address MAP-21 provisions that require DOT to establish:

- A subset of roadway data elements that are useful to the inventory of roadway safety
- A State Strategic Highway Safety Plan update cycle
- An HSIP report content and schedule

The rule also proposes changes to be consistent with the safety transportation performance management requirements proposed under the companion Safety Performance Measures NPRM (FHWA-2013-0020). The Safety Performance Measures NPRM proposes safety performance measures and State DOT and MPO requirements for establishing and reporting specific annual targets for the purposes of carrying out the HSIP.