Mandated by Section 148(c)(1)(D)

• Is a condition to obligating annual HSIP funds

- As part of their Strategic Highway Safety Plans,
 States must have crash data systems capable of:
 - Identifying hazardous locations on all public roads;
 - Establishing the relative severity of those locations using criteria deemed appropriate to the State, in terms of crashes, injuries, fatalities, traffic volumes, and other relevant data.
- The purpose of the HSIP is to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on public roads Section 148(b)(2)

• The annual report should then identify not less than 5% of those locations in the State exhibiting the most severe safety needs.

• Purpose - to raise public awareness of the safety needs and challenges in the States

- It is recognized that not all States are currently able to identify crash locations on non-Statemaintained roads
 - Current methodology can be used for the initial report(s)

• The Guidance recommends that States improve their data systems so that full public road coverage can be achieved by 8/31/09

- Methodologies used by the States should include fatalities and serious injuries and may be based on one or more of the following:
 - Frequencies
 - Rates per 100 MVMT
 - Rates per million entering vehicles (intersections)
 - Rates per mile
 - Fatal and serious injury crashes as a % of total crashes
 - Crash loss (dollars)
 - Other as identified by a State

- Number of locations in the report should be:
 - Commensurate with the size of the State
 - Reflect the locations the State DOT believes have the greatest safety needs in the State to raise public awareness of these needs
- No minimum or maximum number of locations can be recommended at this time

- The reports shall also include:
 - Potential remedies for the identified locations (in any of the "4E" areas)
 - Estimated costs of the remedies
 - Impediments to implementation other than cost



- It is recommended that the report submissions include:
 - The State's methodology used to determine the locations (will vary among the States)
 - Extent of public road coverage
 - Schedule for updating crash data system to full coverage (if applicable)
 - Calendar years used in the data analyses (most recent 3-5 years of data recommended)
 - State contact person and/or office

 Reports will be made available to the public on the USDOT web site - Section 148(g)(3)(A)

 States have much flexibility in determining their locations with the most severe safety needs – shouldn't compare States' reports

North Dakota's Process

- High Crash Locations are identified (3 yrs of data)
 - 50 Urban Locations
 - 15 Interstate System
 - 15 All Public Roads

North Dakota's "5% Report"

• 3 Urban Locations

• 2 Interstate System

• 2 All Public Roads

Challenges

- 1) Location, Location, Location
 - -Need accurate crash locations
- 2) Starting to use GIS locations
 - -Many of our agencies are already using GIS locations (such as the Highway Patrol)

Challenges (continued)

- 3) Identify crash locations on all public roads not just state highway system
- 4) At this time we must manually analyze and rank locations off the state highway system
 - -Lat & Long crash locating should improve the ease of including all crash locations

Challenges (continued)

5) Emphasis on fatal and incapacitating injury crashes
 -The crash report is being revised to include the severity categories of:

Fatal

Incapacitating Injury

Non-Incapacitating Injury

Property Damage Only (PDO)