Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators (CCMTA)
Cannabis Legalization

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Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators

- Incorporated legal not for profit entity
- Members: 14 P/T/F governments
- Three program committees:
  - Compliance and Regulatory Affairs (CRA)
  - Drivers and Vehicles (D&V)
  - Road Safety Research & Policies (RSRP)
- 140 Associates
Canada’s Road Safety Strategies

Road Safety Vision 2001

Road Safety Vision 2010

Road Safety Strategy 2015
Traffic fatalities 1996-2015

Improvement in level of road safety over three National Road Safety Plans

1996 fatality count (3,129)

RSV 2001 launched: 1996

RSV 2010 launched: 2002

RSV 2010 target (2,038)

RSS 2015 launched: 2011

2014 (1,848)
Drug-impaired driving & road safety
Cannabis legalization in Canada

- **2015**: Major campaign platform
- **June 2016**: Task Force on Cannabis Legalization and Regulation convened
- **June 2016**: Discussion paper: “Toward the Legalization, Regulation and Restriction of Access to Marijuana”
- **June-Nov 2016**: Study of issue
- **November 2016**: Final Report of the Task Force
- **April 2017**: Introduction of two Bills:
  - Bill C-45 (cannabis act)
  - Bill C-46 (An Act to amend the Criminal Code (offences relating to conveyances) and to make consequential amendments to other Acts)
Bill C–45 (*Act to legalize cannabis*)

Effective date: October 17, 2018.
Bill C – 46 *(An Act to amend the Criminal Code (offences relating to conveyances) and to make consequential amendments to other Acts)*

Part 1 (Effective: At Royal Assent)

- Amend the Criminal Code of Canada (CCC) to create new offences
- Authorize police to use new investigative tools

Part 2 (Effective 180 days later)

- Repeal and replace the entire transportation regime
- Modernize, simplify, strengthen impaired driving offences
Interdependencies

• Federal government
  — Public Safety
  — Justice
  — Health Canada
  — Transport Canada
• Provinces and territories
CCMTA: Engagement on the issue

• Submitted concerns to the Federal Task Force on Cannabis Legalization and Regulation
  – Timing / timelines
  – F/P/T interdependencies
  – Enforcement
  – Oral fluid screening device approvals
  – Zero tolerance administrative laws
  – Public education and awareness
  – Research
  – Medical cannabis
CCMTA: Engagement on the issue

• Cannabis Impaired Driving Working Group

• White Paper: Cannabis impaired driving

• Review of jurisdictional activities related to impaired driving:
  – Administrative impaired driving laws
  – Public education and awareness
  – Research
Zero tolerance administrative laws

- Novice drivers
- Age-based drivers
- Commercial drivers
Public education and awareness
Research: Oral fluid screening devices pilot project
Research: Roadside surveys of drug and alcohol use
More research needed
Current state

• Stakeholder engagement

• CCMTA supports and facilitates alignment across jurisdictions in order to address road safety challenges that cannabis legalization presents.

• F/P/Ts continue to collaborate to assess the impacts on road safety.
Questions?

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