

Initiative 1: “Target: Zero”

Focus on safety in the workplace, on the construction site, and with the traveling public to assure **ZERO** tolerance for any safety hazard.

During the Biennium, ODOT will:

- ☐ Heighten awareness department-wide of the priority of safety with an annual goal of reducing employee injury and equipment incidents by 20 percent and reducing total crashes on Ohio’s roadways by 5 percent.
 - ☐ Improve and measure the use of new technology and its ability to increase safety for the traveling public, including the piloted use of edge line and centerline rumble stripes that reflect oncoming headlights, new standards to require the use of reflective back plates on traffic signals at selected intersections, and updated median barrier warrants to prevent cross-median crashes.
 - ☐ Intensify the annual inspection of every state route with a maintenance quality survey (MQS) that identifies and inventories system safety conditions such as drop offs, guardrail, signs, striping, and other roadway and bridge safety aspects.
 - ☐ Advance additional safe work zone policies and best practices by assuring ODOT’s safety team includes all critical partners such as the Ohio Civil Service Employees Association and the building trades, the Ohio Contractors Association, and the Ohio Bureau of Worker’s Compensation.
- ☐ Broaden the department’s level of customer communication and public education to assure that Ohioans are increasing their own safe practices, by expanding safety campaigns that target work zone safety awareness, distracted driving, and “Ice and Snow... Take it Slow.”



Longer term, the department will improve safety by reviewing and revising departmental incident/injury investigations, with the consideration of mandatory suspensions for certain incidents and/or unsafe actions; in partnership with the Ohio Department of Public Safety and State Highway Patrol, work to reduce fatalities on Ohio’s roads by 2.5 percent each year and to pursue legislation, administrative, and educational action that will help save lives on roadways.

