THE PAST, THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE

A SYNOPSIS OF OUR NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY EFFORTS FOR TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

• Significant increases in the use of private motor vehicles as a mode of choice by citizens.

• Vehicle Ownership vs. Road Infrastructure/ Road Capacities.

• Vehicle Densities vs Vehicle Conflicts
Road Fatality Data 2010-2019
UNITED NATIONS (UN) RESOLUTION
A/RES/64/ THE FIVE PILLARS

ROAD SAFETY

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ROAD SAFETY MANAGEMENT
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PILLAR 1: ACCOMPLISHMENTS – 2011-2019
ROAD SAFETY MANAGEMENT

• In 2011, the GoRTT established the National Road Safety Council (NRSC) as the lead agency for road traffic safety.

• This Council had the responsibility to hold the key responsibility for developing policy and coordination with inter-agency and multi-sector stakeholders with a shared goal for reducing road traffic related incidents.
PILLAR 2: ACCOMPLISHMENTS – 2011-2019
SAFER ROADS AND MOBILITY

- GoRTT invested $40M USD towards road safety related projects.
  - Pedestrian Bridges
  - Traffic Signals
  - Police Bays
  - UPS
  - Barrier System
  - Pavement Markings
  - Road Rehab
PILLAR 3: ACCOMPLISHMENTS – 2011-2019
SAFER VEHICLES

• 2015 – Reduction of the age for the importation of foreign used vehicles
• 2017 – Enforcement of vehicle testing and regulations
PILLAR 4: ACCOMPLISHMENTS – 2011-2019
SAFER ROAD USERS

- Public Education/ Awareness
- 2011 – Seatbelts and Child/ Booster Seats
- 2010-2011 - Prohibition of the use of Mobile Devices while driving – MVRT (Mobile Devices) Regulations (LN 281/2010)
PILLAR 5: ACCOMPLISHMENTS – 2011-2019

POST CRASH RESPONSE

• Expansion of the Highways Patrol Fleet
• Expansion of Victims Support Unit for the TTPS
• Use of improved chemical materials to clean roadway after fuel spills
• Purchase of additional Fire Service Equipment (Jaws of Life)
• Increase fleet of the Ambulances
LEAD COUNCIL DID NOT OPERATE AS EXPECTED

• SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS WERE MADE TOWARD ENGINEERING.
• MORE CAN BE DONE

NOT ENOUGH WAS DONE, BUT IT'S STILL A WORK IN PROGRESS

STRONG LEGISLATIVE IMPROVEMENTS WERE MADE THROUGHOUT THE YEARS

• LITTLE DIRECT CONTROL
• LITTLE EFFORTS TOWARDS ACCIDENT RECOVERY
ON THE ROAD TO 2020 - 2030
ON THE ROAD TO 2030

• **Purpose:** The Ministry of Works and Transport recognizes the importance of developing a National Road Safety Policy and Work Plan. This intent of the Ministry is to effectively manage road safety issues as a priority. This Policy and Plan will be that foundation that all relevant entities can use to guide activities towards the reduction of serious and fatal Road Traffic Accidents (RTAs).

• **Vision:** Our aim is to create harmony on the nation’s roadways amongst all road users and reduce risks through education, engineering and enforcement.
ON THE ROAD TO 2030

• **National Road Safety Policy**: Trinidad and Tobago’s policy is to develop a safe systems approach to create a safer road environment in which alert and responsible road users should not lose their lives or be permanently disabled as a result of a collision in the road system.
## PILLAR 1: ON THE ROAD TO 2030
### ROAD SAFETY MANAGEMENT

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**PILLAR 2: ON THE ROAD TO 2030**
SAFER ROADS AND MOBILITY

| **Short Term** | • Conduct a National Transportation Plan;  
|               | • Conduct a Nationwide Road Safety Audit Program;  
|               | • Graduated Fixed Penalty Demerit Points for Speeds;  
|               | • RLE;  
|               | • Revision of Highway Code. |

| **Medium Term** | • Extensive installation of Barrier Systems;  
|                | • Significant Road Development Projects. |

| **Long Term** | • Upgrades to specific roads to enhance road safety. |
## PILLAR 3: ON THE ROAD TO 2030

**SAFER VEHICLES**

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| **Medium Term** | • Improvement of Vehicle Testing and regulations;  
• Research and Development;  
• Standards and procedures for Freight Vehicles;  
• Permitting system for vehicle modification. |
| **Long Term**   | **At present, no actions are planned.** |
### PILLAR 4: ON THE ROAD TO 2030

**SAFER ROAD USERS**

| **Short Term** | • Mandatory seatbelts for all passengers;  
• Update Laws on Tint;  
• Improve communicating to the population re road safety;  
• Develop a road safety educational framework;  
• Establishment of new Fixed Penalty System;  
• Disabled Accessible Parking Systems. |
| **Medium Term** | • Revision of Highway Code;  
• Graduated Driver Licensing system;  
• Protection of cyclists. |
| **Long Term** | At present, no actions are planned. |
### PILLAR 5: ON THE ROAD TO 2030
**POST CRASH RESPONSE**

| Short Term | • First responder training
• Hazardous Materials
• Hybrid Vehicles
• First responder manuals on dealing with incidents
• Traffic Incident Management Training
• Development of Highways Emergency Response Unit; |
| Medium Term | • Use of ITS Solutions for Incident Management
• Accident Recovery Training |
| Long Term | No actions are planned at this time. |
CO-ORDINATION
Public Sector:
- MOWT, MOH, MOF, MOC, MOPE, MOTI, MOE, MONS, MOSD

Private Sector:
- TTAA, UWI, AA, NADAP, ATTIC, TMB, HD, PURE Unit, BLT, Regional Corporation Bodies

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PILLAR 3
- TTPS, TMB, Ministry of Communication, Regional Corporation Bodies, TCPD, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Attorney General & Legal Affairs

PILLAR 4
- Transport Division, Legal Services Unit, TTPS, Bureau of Standards

PILLAR 5
- TTPS, TTFS, RHAs, TMB, Highways Division, MoF, Ministry of Social Development.
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