

PRESENTATION BEFORE NRSC

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Road Engineering Aspects of Safety

- Road Geometry Design (curves, grades, camber, super elevation)
- Road Signs, Markings and Delineation (mandatory, warning, informative)
- Road Junctions (layout, geometry, capacity, control)
- Access Control (segregation, acceleration/deceleration, VRUS)
- Safety barriers (high embankments, medians, bridges, built up areas)
- Visibility (roads, junctions)
- Facility for Driving maneuvers (merging, diverging, weaving)

There are IRC/ MORTH standard for each of these

Where is the Problem? (1)

- Whether all the standards have been followed in the projects at each stage of project life:
 - Planning
 - Design
 - Construction
 - Operation
- How can the problem be diagnosed
 - Safety Audit

Where is the Problem? (2)

- Whether the standards themselves are adequate to take care of safety
 - Or
- Whether the Standards need to be improved
- How can the problem be solved?
 - Comprehensive review of the design standards
 - Incorporating new/improved standards

Road map for solving the problems

- Capacity building in areas such as
 - Safety Audit (Training and accreditation of auditors)
 - Design and Operation (Training of Engineers and Police)
 - Creating Centres of Excellence and training
- Interdisciplinary coordination and data sharing among Road/ Transport Authorities, Police, Trauma care Centres
 - Accident data and analysis for improving design
 - Traffic Management/ Incident management for safe operation
- Ownership of road safety
 - Creating National Road Safety and Traffic Management Board

Action Plan

- Replace worn out/ **missing road signs and markings** for the entire network (even before safety audit)
- Conduct **Safety Audit** of entire network
- **Implement** Safety Auditor's recommendations
- Concurrently, request IRC to **review all standards** with safety focus and bring out changes or new standards
- Create **Centres of Excellence**
- Create **National Road Safety and Traffic Management Board** with jurisdiction over all agencies responsible for safety
- Provide adequate **funding** for all the above