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**SUBJECT:** State Safety Priority Funding Program (formerly Safety Leverage)

The following guidance was developed by the Statewide Project Delivery Branch in consultation with regions and the Delivery and Operations Management Team for the upcoming 2024-2027 STIP. You will note this new guidance is addressing the State Safety Priority Funding (formerly called Safety Leverage). These are state funds in the amount of \$10 million per year, specifically set aside in HB 2017 for Safety and can only be used for safety improvements on state highways.

Each region will determine its own process for identifying safety priorities for the funds. Region Traffic Managers are the program managers for Safety Funds and therefore are responsible for determining the administration of Safety Priority Funds. Region Traffic Managers should engage the appropriate region staff to prioritize region needs. A portion of the Safety Priority funds can be bucketed for priority safety needs within the region.

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Attachments: State Safety Funds Program Guidance

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