

# APPENDIX-I

## GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

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### NOTIFICATION

#### Sub: Karnataka State Road Safety Policy-2015

#### 1.0. PREAMBLE:

The road accident scenario in Karnataka causes a great concern. More than 10000 persons die every year due to road accident. While fatal accidents cause loss of invaluable human life, all accidents cause pain, grief and misery as well as economic loss. The increasing number of accidents, loss of lives and resources necessitate the state Government to frame policy on Road Safety.

The Government of Karnataka is keen to take concerted measures to control the incidence of road accidents and ensure safe travel for all road users. Accordingly, the Government of Karnataka feel the need to formulate and enunciate this separate Road Safety Policy which will act as a guide to the concerned stake holder Departments and to the public.

#### 2.0. VISION:

A safe road network for all road users, with priority to pedestrians and cyclists, to achieve zero road accidents in the long run.

#### 3.0. MISSION:

Reduce road accidents by 25% and fatalities by 30% by 2020.

#### 4.0. OBJECTIVE:

- Improving road engineering and design, increasing awareness, providing emergency care and strict enforcement on road.
- Design, develop and implement an Accident Information System to enable crash management in the State in the next two years.
- Provide a framework for undertaking coordinated actions and corrective measures by all concerned stake holder Departments.
- Provide the basis for accountability, evaluation, funding and research.



- Achieve 15% reduction in fatalities and injuries caused due to road Accidents in next 3 years.
- Supporting and building capability by working with the road safety community with better tools to support Road Safety programs.

#### **5.0. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY:**

Road safety is a multi-disciplinary problem and therefore it is important that interdepartmental coordinated approaches are required for sustainable reduction of road accidents and fatalities in the state. For effective implementation, Road Safety Council has been formed in Karnataka vide Gazette notification No. SARIE 165 SAEPA 2013, dated the 28th November, 2014 under the Chairmanship of the Minister for Transport, Karnataka. The Council comprises members from Transport, Home, Public Works, Health & Family Welfare, Education, Urban development, Urban land transport, Excise, Town planning Departments along with representatives from voluntary organizations. The Council advises on all matters pertaining to the following:—

- Manage, coordinate and commission all activities regarding road safety in the state.
- Planning and co-ordination of policies and practices.
- Standards of safety in the road transport sector.
- Formulate and recommend road safety programs for implementation
- Suggest areas for research and development to improve safety aspects.
- Monitor and control the road safety measures undertaken in the state.

Apart from the above, District Road Safety Committee has been formed in each District under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate as Chairman for implementation of the Road Safety Schemes.

#### **6.0. ACTION:**

Government of Karnataka will create an effective institutional mechanism to strengthen the Road Safety measures in the State and provide necessary support structures to enable each institution to play its role effectively. Some of the key actions to be undertaken are as follows:—





### 6.1. Strengthen Road Crash Database System:

Data systems requires a comprehensive assessment of road safety performances. The effective database system helps other stakeholder departments to develop Road safety programs in an effective manner.

The Karnataka Police, through its State Crime Record Bureau (SCRB), collects crash data on number of accidents occurred, accidents severity, types of vehicle involved, causes of accidents etc. However, the crash data collected presently is not very useful in understanding the general pattern and trends of crashes as they do not contribute to the holistic analysis of crashes and further development of effective road safety interventions.

As such crash data is key source of information for Government, Citizens, planners, facilitators and researchers. Government of Karnataka is working towards development of database management system. Following will be the key activities to improve the database.

- Create a database to fit the requirements of Home, Public Works, Transport, Health & Family Welfare, Urban Development Department and Research Institutions.
- All Trauma Care Centers, District Hospitals, 103 and 108 Ambulance Services to be connected to the database.
- Interfaces to be provided with VAHAN and SARATHI database of the State.
- GIS & GPS enablement for real time tracking.

### 6.2. Safe planning and design of roads:

The Government will take following measures for proper planning and design of roads:—

- Periodically identify accident prone areas/ black spots on the basis of accident intensity and severity.
- Take corrective actions in the identified accident prone areas and on the identified black spots through proper planning, design and construction techniques.
- Bring a concept of “Self explaining roads” and the “Forgiving roads” in the road network of entire state and implementing the actions such as lane marking, safety sign boards, crash barriers, curve treatments, develop all major junctions with safer treatments etc.

