

- d. Reform CAFE
- 2. Roadway Strategies
 - a. Improve Structural Engagement with Roadside Hardware
 - b. Increase Awareness
- 3. Behavioral Strategies
 - a. Consumer Information Program

Vehicle Rollover

Vehicle rollover is also a great concern to NHTSA. Many factors contribute to the occurrence of rollover crashes. Rollover crashes closely correlate with unsafe and reckless driving behaviors, poor road design and vehicle type. Certain categories of vehicles, such as sport utility vehicles and small pickup trucks, are more prone to rollover than other classes of light motor vehicles. In recognition of the increasing rollover problem, NHTSA has also made finding solutions one of the agency's highest priorities. Initiatives the agency plans to pursue in reducing deaths and injuries attributable to rollover crashes include:

- 1. Vehicle Strategies
 - a. Handling and Stability
 - b. Reform CAFE
 - c. Ejection Mitigation
 - d. Roof Crush
- 2. Roadway and Roadside Improvements
- 3. Consumer Information Program
- 4. Rollover Causation Study

NHTSA believes the initiatives described in these two IPT reports will lead to both near-term and longer-term solutions to improve vehicle compatibility in the fleet and reduce crashes attributable to rollover.

NHTSA has also assembled IPTs to address two other highway safety programs of high interest: safety belt use and impaired driving. For each of these programs, the agency will issue final IPT reports and provide the public with the same opportunity to comment on the planned agency activities. Similar to the reports on vehicle compatibility and rollover mitigation, the documents will be final and comments received will be evaluated and incorporated, as appropriate into future agency efforts. Each of these documents can be found at future dates on NHTSA's Web site at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/ipreports.html> and also on DOT's docket management system (DMS) at <http://dms.dot.gov/>. The docket numbers for each of the respective reports will be as follows:

- ☐ Safety Belt Use NHTSA-2003-14620; and
- ☐ Impaired Driving NHTSA-2003-14621.

Each document will describe the safety problem and provide strategies the agency plans to pursue in increasing safety belt use and reducing impaired driving.

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