



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

Administrator

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

October 3, 2016

The Honorable Mark Dayton  
Governor of Minnesota  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Governor Dayton:

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (Pub. L. 114-94) was signed into law on December 4, 2015. The FAST Act reauthorized the National Priority Safety Programs, 23 U.S.C. § 405 (Section 405), which provide highway safety grants to States and other jurisdictions (the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Territories) that meet statutory and regulatory criteria.

Grants are available under the following highway safety programs: Occupant Protection, State Traffic Safety Information System Improvements, Impaired Driving Countermeasures, Distracted Driving, Motorcyclist Safety, and State Graduated Driver Licensing Laws. Beginning in Fiscal Year (FY) 2017, the FAST Act added Nonmotorized (Pedestrian and Bicycle) Safety, 24/7 Sobriety Program, and Special Distracted Driving grants under Section 405, and Data Collection (Racial Profiling) grants under Section 1906 of Pub. L. 109-59, as amended.

I am pleased to notify you that Minnesota's application for FY 2017 grants has been approved for the programs and up to the authorized award amounts identified in the enclosed table. No allocation of funds is being made at this time. As FY 2017 funds are appropriated by the Congress, amounts will be added to your State's account in the agency's Grants Tracking System, and we will notify your highway safety office personnel in accordance with past practice. In order to avoid any delay in executing State highway safety programs, your highway safety office is encouraged to use existing balances while awaiting receipt of FY 2017 funds.

Use of the grant funds for each of these safety programs is governed by applicable provisions and the FAST Act and implementing regulations. Please note that while this letter constitutes approval of the grants identified in the enclosure, the authority for the State to incur costs and make grant expenditures is subject to the availability of funds (including carryover balances).

Please accept my sincere thanks for the work you and your highway safety officials do every day to save lives and make our roads safer. That work often goes unrecognized, but to those who get home safely, to the families of first responders who finish their shift safely, and to the person who crosses the road safely because a drunk driver was kept off the road, your work

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matters a great deal. Sadly, after several years of declines, deaths and injuries on our roadways are again trending upward, so we have more work to do. I am asking you to continue your commitment to highway safety in your State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark R. Rosekind". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Mark R. Rosekind, Ph.D.

Enclosure

## Grants For Which Minnesota Qualified for in FY 2017 under the FAST Act

Grant	Qualification Status	Qualification Criteria	Grant Award Amount
Section 405(b) Occupant Protection	High Seat Belt Use Rate State		\$751,959.76
Section 405(c) State Traffic Safety Information System Improvements			\$823,708.83
Section 405(d) Impaired Driving Countermeasures	Low-Range State		\$2,948,392.09
Section 405(e) Special Distracted Driving			\$275,048.95
Section 405(f) Motorcyclist Safety		Motorcycle rider training course, and motorcyclist awareness program	\$90,555.88