



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Office of the Chairman

February 7, 2013

The Honorable David L. Strickland
Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Strickland:

Thank you for your September 17, 2012, letter to the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) regarding Safety Recommendations H-05-25 and -26, stated below. We issued these recommendations to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) on August 5, 2005, as a result of a 2-day public forum held in October 2003 to survey the state of novice driver education and training.

H-05-25

In cooperation with the U.S. Department of Education, review current driver education and training programs in use nationally and internationally and determine which instructional tools, training methods, and curricula are consistent with what the U.S. Department of Education has identified as best teaching methodologies and have led to or are likely to lead to a reduction in crashes. Further, incorporate these best practices into a model driver education and training curriculum.

H-05-26

In cooperation with the U.S. Department of Education, determine the optimum sequencing, in conjunction with graduated driver licensing qualifications, for educating teenagers on safe driving skills, both in the classroom and behind the wheel, and encourage the States to adopt this requirement.

We note that NHTSA (1) conducted a review of available driver education and training programs, both in the United States and in other countries, (2) worked with the American Driver and Traffic Safety Association (ADTSEA) to develop a model curriculum, (3) developed administrative standards as guidance for state driver education and training programs, and (4) informed the driver education community of the new guidance, now available on the NHTSA and ADTSEA websites. We commend NHTSA for its comprehensive actions to address these recommendations. Accordingly, Safety Recommendations H-05-25 and -26 are classified "Closed—Acceptable Action."

Thank you for your continued efforts to improve highway safety.

Sincerely,

Chairman

cc: Ms. Camille Mittelholtz, Acting Director
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