**GAO Review of Cyclist and Pedestrian Safety**

Interview: **National Capital Region Metropolitan Planning Organization**

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**Background/General**

1. Please briefly describe your organization’s role or mission regarding cyclist and pedestrian safety, as well as the cyclist and pedestrian characteristics of the area your organization represents (e.g., mileage of facilities, funding received, and mode share by transportation type).
2. Describe the cyclist and pedestrian transportation planning process your organization follows (e.g., development of long-range transportation plans, collaboration with neighboring jurisdictions, etc.).

**Trends in Cyclist and Pedestrian Safety**

1. In general, what have been the trends in cyclist and pedestrian safety in recent years?
2. Describe your organization’s cyclist and pedestrian data collection efforts—including efforts to collect information on fatalities, injuries, crashes, and property damage—as well as any challenges associated with data collection.
3. To what extent does your organization collect ridership or counting information on cyclists and pedestrians within your jurisdiction? What counting methods are used? What are the benefits and challenges associated with counting cyclists and pedestrians?
4. Does your organization conduct travel surveys? If so, describe these surveys, including the major cyclist- and pedestrian-related findings.
5. How does your organization use cyclist and pedestrian safety data? For example, does your organization use these data to determine areas for concentrated law enforcement activity or identify areas in need of additional cyclist and pedestrian transportation facilities?
6. Does your organization use surface transportation safety performance measures for cyclist or pedestrian safety? If so, describe these performance measures, the data collected to support them, and any guidance used in their development.

**Cyclist and Pedestrian Safety Initiatives**

1. Describe any initiatives that your organization implemented in recent years to help improve cyclist and pedestrian safety in the following areas:
2. Engineering (i.e., new transportation facilities, adoption of new design standards);
3. Law enforcement;
4. Education; and
5. Data collection.
6. How does your organization select which cyclist or pedestrian safety projects to pursue? For example, has your organization used the Systemic Safety Project Selection Tool?
7. To what extent has your organization collaborated with other agencies (e.g., state or local departments of transportation, advocacy groups) to address cyclist and pedestrian safety?

**Challenges to Improving Cyclist and Pedestrian Safety**

1. What do you see as the most pressing issues or challenges to improving cyclist and pedestrian safety?
2. What gaps exist, if any, in U.S. DOT’s efforts to address cyclist and pedestrian safety? How might these gaps be addressed?
3. Please describe the funding sources for your organization’s cyclist and pedestrian safety initiatives.
   1. If federal funds are used, which funding program was used, what was the amount received, and what initiatives were implemented?
   2. To what extent is it challenging to receive federal funding for cyclist and pedestrian safety initiatives? How are funds delegated from federal to state to local agencies?
4. To what extent do differing priorities between federal, state, or local agencies affect the implementation of cyclist and pedestrian safety initiatives?