

Action Item for EPTA Board of Directors

Road Safety Audits

Background: The Southwest Planning Commission (SPC) has developed a ROAD SAFETY AUDIT (RSA) Program to be included in its Transportation Operations and Safety planning for Southwest Pennsylvania.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHA) defines a RSA as “the formal safety performance examination of an existing or future road or intersection by an independent multidisciplinary team. It qualitatively estimates and reports on potential road safety issues and identifies opportunities for improvements in safety for all road users.”

The owner of the road must make the request to SPC. Other MPOs and RPOs may also have Road Safety Audits that can also be used.

The narrowness of available land along Western PA streams with steep hillsides may require the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail to coexist with motorized vehicles in close proximity. While EPTA searches for separation of motorized vehicles from the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail, it is the Gap priority committee’s suggestion to use the RSA as a planning tool. Examples of where it may be used are the Harmar Township area in Allegheny County and SR 268 between Foxburg and Emlenton.

Motion: The Gap Priority Committee is authorized by the EPTA Board of Directors to encourage road owners and other interested parties to request a Road Safety Audit (RSA) in areas identified by the Gap Priority Committee. The Gap Priority Committee quarterly update to the EPTA Directors will include quarterly RSA updates.