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**Cc:** Elizabeth "Betty" Mercer

**Subject:** 2009 SHSP Peer Exchange Invitation

This is to invite you to attend the 2009 Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) Peer Exchange which will be held April 29 – May 1, 2009 at the Drake Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. This event is being sponsored by AASHTO and GHSA with funding support from the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP). A draft Agenda is attached for your reference. As an invited participant, your travel, lodging and meal expenses will be funded by the conference sponsor. If you are unable to attend, you may suggest a representative of your organization to take your place.

This year the Peer Exchange will be held in conjunction with the annual AASHTO Standing Committee on Highway Traffic Safety (SCOHTS) meeting. The SCOHTS Agenda will include topical sessions as well as business items and is open to Peer Exchange attendees. Each State has been invited to send representatives to the combined meeting from both the State DOT and the State Highway Safety Office who have been actively working on the development and implementation of their SHSP.

In October 2004, November 2005 and February 2007, AASHTO and GHSA, with funding support from the NCHRP, held SHSP peer exchanges. These meetings were designed to share information on SHSP development and implementation. The fourth Peer Exchange is designed to continue sharing information on resources and techniques for implementing, monitoring, evaluating and updating SHSPs. We anticipate that this will be an emphasis area in the next Federal Transportation Authorization Legislation.

Please RSVP with the name, title, and email address of the selected participant from your organization or your regrets to Emily Greenwood at [egreenwood@nas.edu](mailto:egreenwood@nas.edu) (202- 334-2391) by **March 2, 2009**. Participants will then be given instructions for making hotel and travel arrangements.

Please contact Betty Mercer ([mercerc consulting@comcast.net](mailto:mercerc consulting@comcast.net) or call 517 861-7831) with any Peer Exchange program information requests.

We look forward to your organization's participation in this important meeting.

ATTACHMENT: Draft Agenda

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