

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY CAREER PATHWAY SPOTLIGHT

Career Pathway:

For more than two decades, Scott has worked with the Washington Department of Transportation and Local Technical Assistance Programs to provide training and support for local road safety plans. He has been instrumental in the development of the systemic safety approach to identifying road safety improvements in Washington. This activity has become a best practice model for other local governments, especially as Scott shares the experience of developing and administering local road safety plans with broader audiences around the country through webinars and workshops. Scott recommends that others create local road safety plans as the single most effective activity to improve safety. In this light, Scott has been a key part of the National Association of County Engineers (NACE) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Local Road Safety Plan Pilot Program--a training program that results in a hands-on workshop for counties to develop actual local road safety plans.



Scott Davis

Organization:
Thurston County, WA

Job Title:
Traffic Engineering and
Operations Manager

Training/Education:
Oregon State University

Degree/Certification:

- B.S. in Civil Engineering
- Professional Engineer in
Washington State

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Becoming Involved In Safety:

Scott, who lives with his wife and two daughters in the pacific northwest, is the Traffic Engineering and Operations Manager for Thurston County in Washington. He became interested in safety partly due to his professional responsibilities as a county traffic engineer, but his attention to safety was reinforced with the birth of his first daughter. Scott shares that "driving a small infant home for the first time made me reflect upon how I drive, the impact of my behavior on others, and most importantly the health and welfare of my family. This reflection also led me to re-think priorities and focus at work and truly led me down a different and safer path." For his work in promoting safety on rural roads, often utilizing a grassroots approach with small local and tribal agencies, Scott has been recognized with the David P. Brand Safety Award by the National Association of County Engineers (2018).

How do professional activities make a positive impact on society?

Scott led the design and delivery process for many safety upgrades in Thurston County, including warning signs, wide edge lines, rumble strips, new guardrails, intersection lane narrowings, pedestrian improvements, and traffic signal upgrades. He also was the Project Engineer for speed limit studies on more than 25 roads, traffic calming studies for 20 neighborhoods, and helped develop the county's ADA transition plan. He also facilitated a partnership with the county prosecutor's office and the Washington Traffic Safety Commission to procure and deploy radar speed signs at high priority locations. This involvement demonstrates Scott's commitment to Thurston County, Washington State, the organizations he serves, and the safety community.

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