

# Alaska Traffic Records Assessment



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**Report Out Briefing**

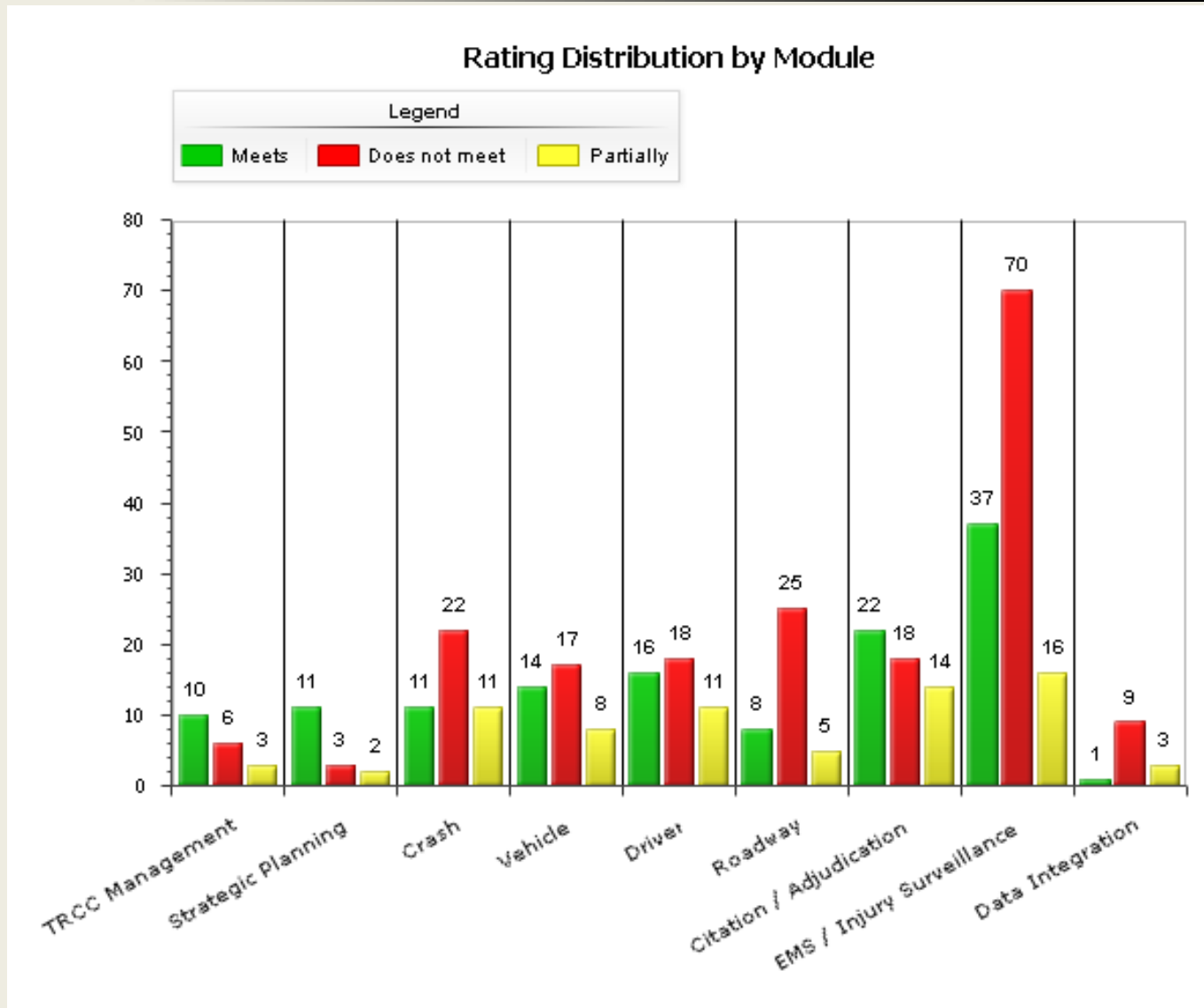
# Question Response Summary



Advisory Module	Questions	Responses	Respondents
TRCC Management	19	19	2
Strategic Planning	16	16	2
Crash	44	65	6
Driver	45	45	2
Vehicle	39	40	2
Roadway	38	38	1
Citation / Adjudication	54	82	7
Injury Surveillance	123	123	1
Data Use & Integration	13	22	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>391</b>		<b>---</b>
<i>Total Unique Respondents</i>			<b>11</b>



# Rating Distribution by Module



# Alaska Strengths



- **TRCC:** Good representation and participation from all core areas
- **Strategic Planning:** comprehensive, impressive plan
- **Crash:** single data set and uniformity to standards (MMUCC, ANSI)
- **Vehicle:** unified with driver system, good documentation
- **Driver:** good documentation and communication
- **Roadway:** good centerline system with all crashes located
- **Citation/Adjudication:** good coordination among courts, State agencies, data systems
- **Injury Surveillance:** good data collection and reporting
- **Data Integration:** nice Traffic Records Resource Guide and good support for integration



# Assessment Section Ratings



Crash



Vehicle



Driver



Roadway



Citation /  
Adjudication

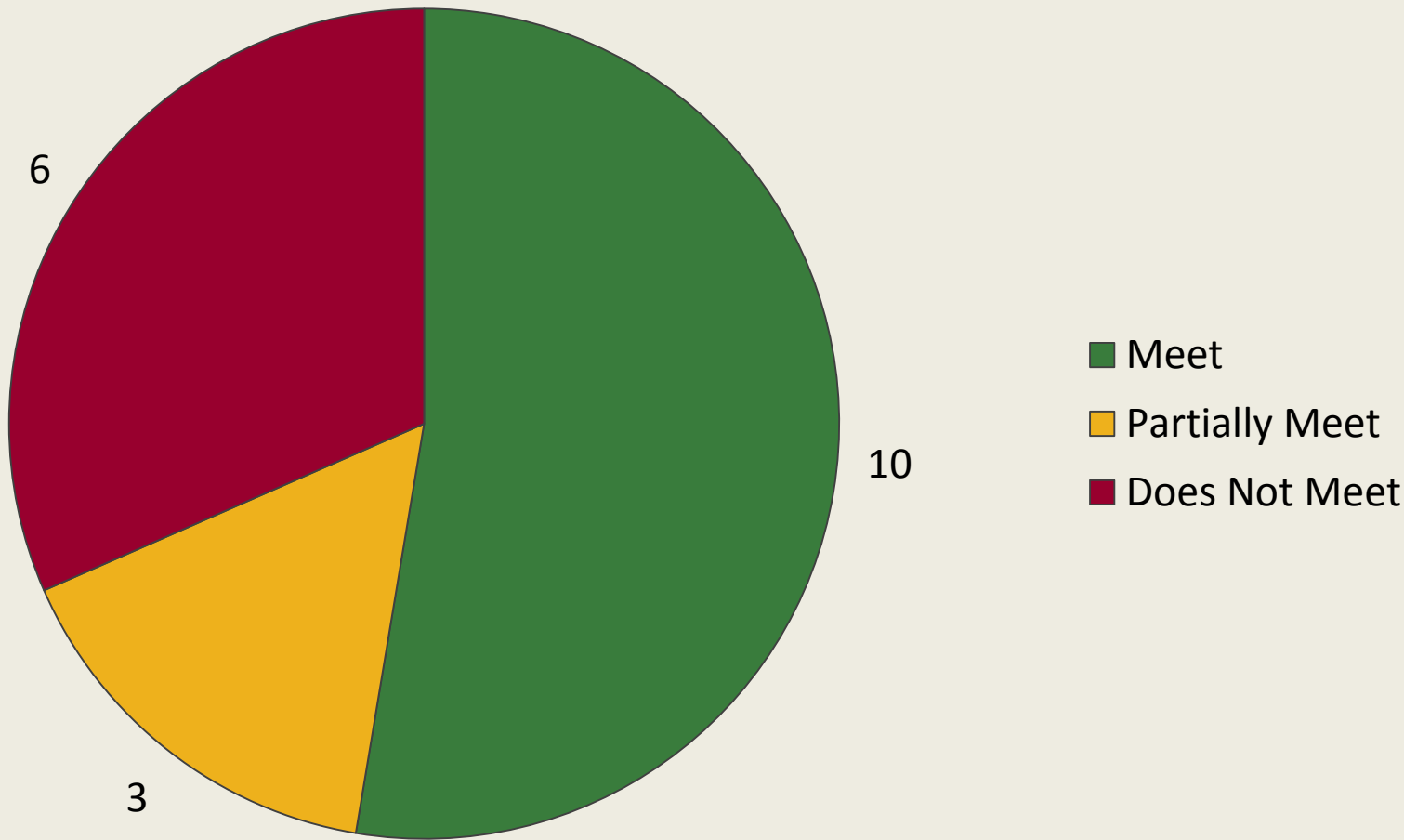


EMS / Injury  
Surveillance

Description and Contents	88.1%	88.9%	70.0%	73.3%	73.7%	51.0%
Applicable Guidelines	100.0%	90.9%	100.0%	50.0%	57.9%	66.7%
Data Dictionaries	33.3%	71.4%	50.0%	33.3%	84.1%	73.3%
Procedures / Process Flow	68.8%	60.6%	85.3%	60.4%	90.1%	62.3%
Interfaces	46.7%	84.8%	66.7%	55.6%	57.1%	33.3%
Data Quality Control Programs	42.8%	49.6%	44.4%	47.3%	55.1%	54.9%
Overall	59.4%	64.6%	64.1%	53.0%	70.9%	57.5%

Traffic Records Coordinating Committee Management	Overall 74.0%
Strategic Planning for the Traffic Records System	84.9%
Data Use and Integration	46.5%







## Recommendations

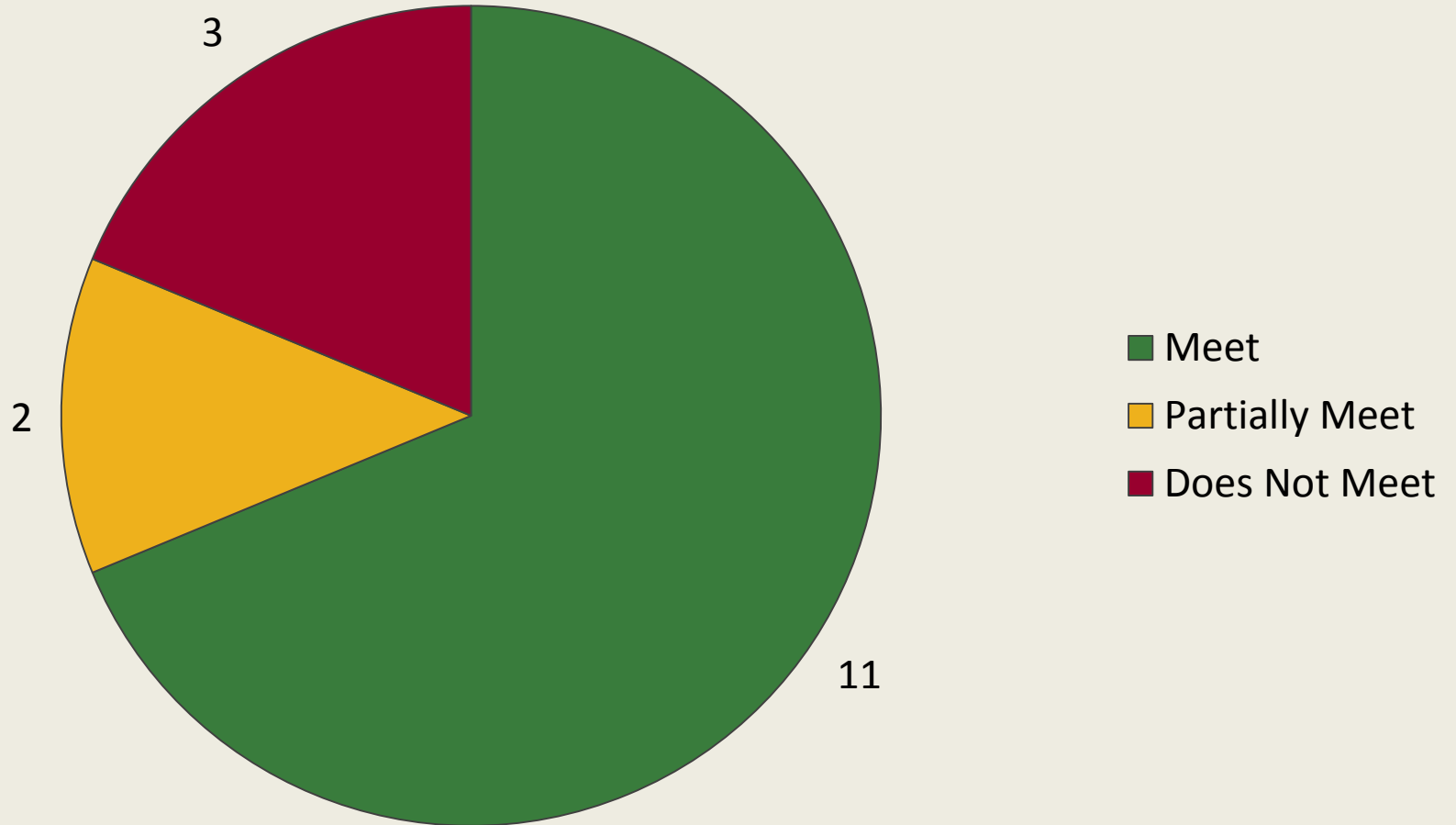
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## Considerations:

- Include executives in Technical group until Executive Committee is established
- Update traffic records inventory
- Conduct a training needs assessment



# Strategic Planning







## Recommendations

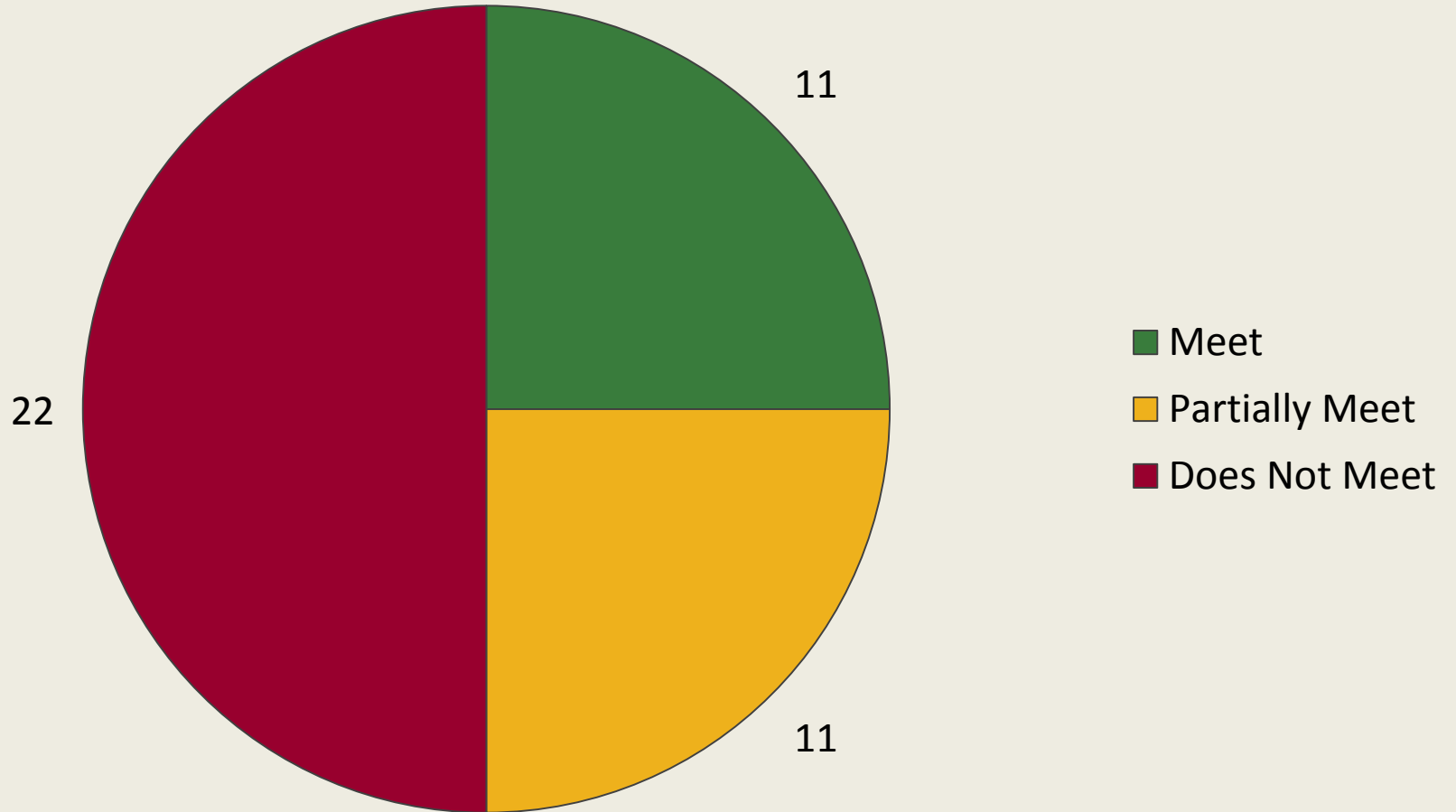
- None

## Considerations:

- Develop process for identify technical and training needs
- Consider lifecycle costs of projects
- Integrate local data needs with State goals



# Crash





## Recommendations

- Improve the data dictionary for the Crash data system to reflect best practices identified in the Traffic Records Program Assessment Advisory.
- Improve the interfaces with the Crash data system to reflect best practices identified in the Traffic Records Program Assessment Advisory.
- Improve the data quality control program for the Crash data system to reflect best practices identified in the Traffic Records Program Assessment Advisory.



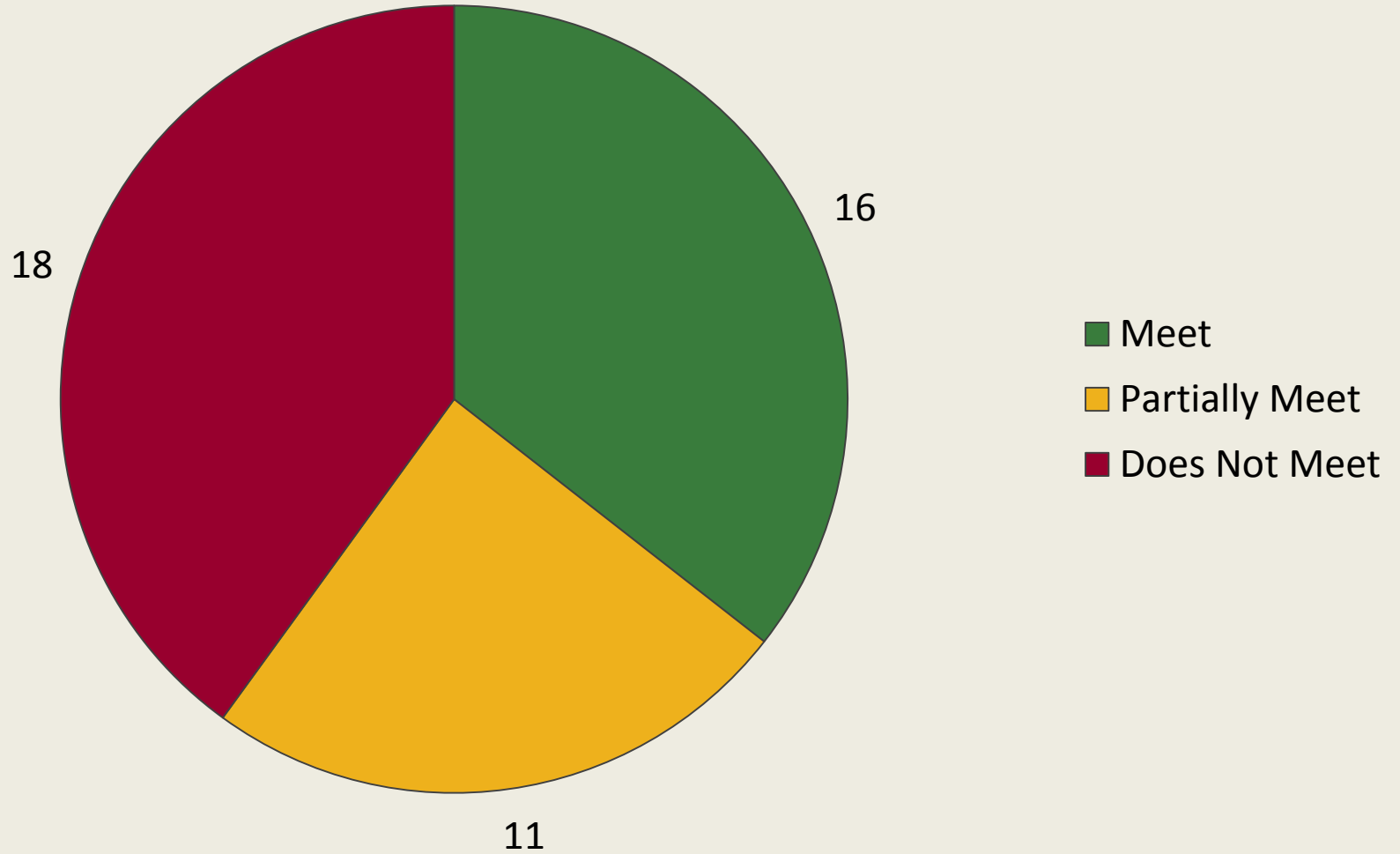


## Considerations:

- Continue efforts to reduce backlog
- Develop documentation (data dictionary)
- Develop performance measures



# Driver





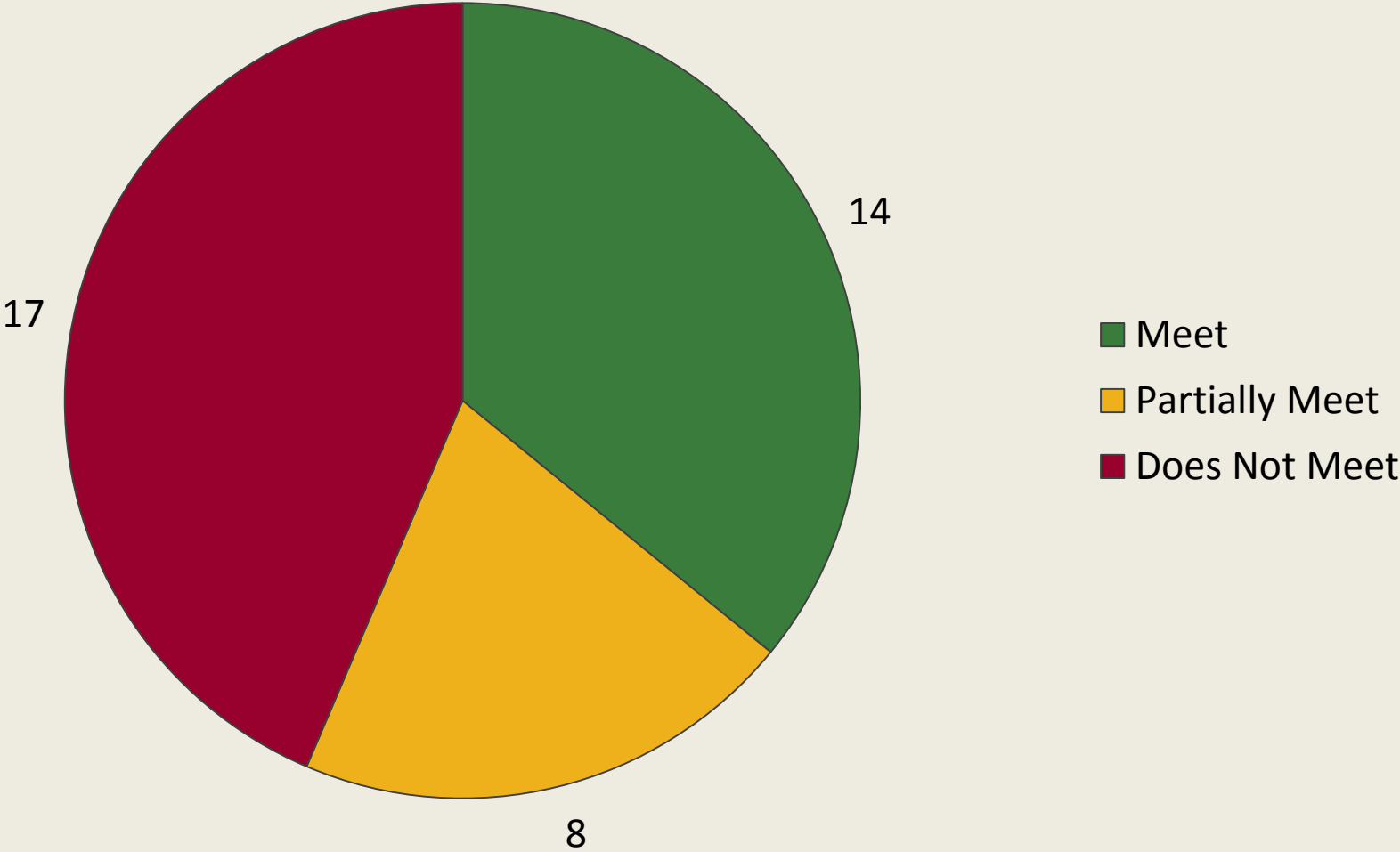
## Recommendations

- Improve the data dictionary for the Driver data system to reflect best practices identified in the Traffic Records Program Assessment Advisory.
- Improve the data quality control program for the Driver data system to reflect best practices identified in the Traffic Records Program Assessment Advisory.

## Considerations:

- Incorporate data definition into dictionary
- Regularly review/update documentation
- Explore interfaces
- Develop data quality management program







## Recommendations

- Improve the procedures/ process flows for the Vehicle data system to reflect best practices identified in the Traffic Records Program Assessment Advisory.
- Improve the data quality control program for the Vehicle data system to reflect best practices identified in the Traffic Records Program Assessment Advisory.

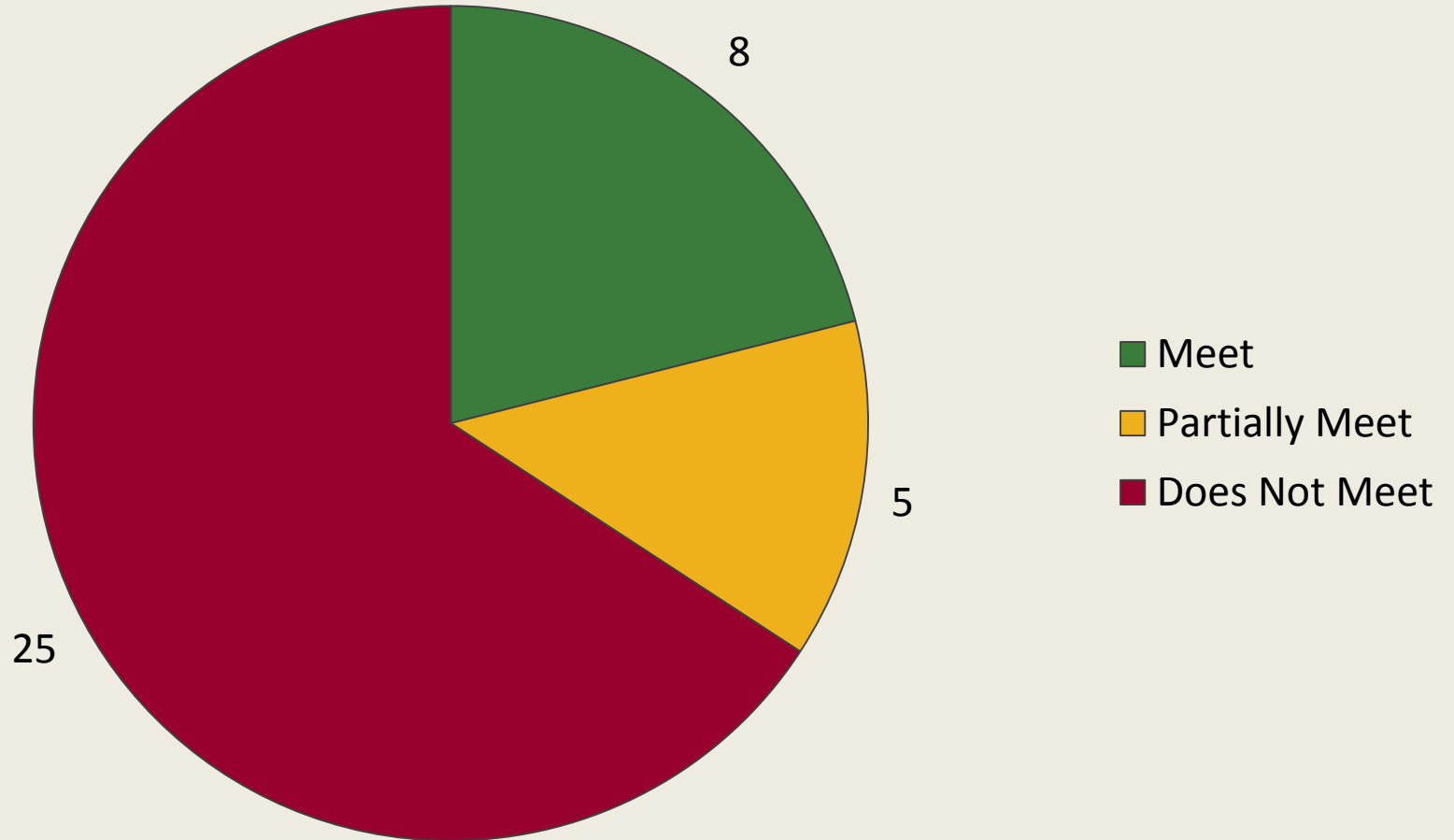
## Considerations:

- Develop a data quality management program
  - Performance measures
  - Periodic checks
  - Formalize feedback process, including TRCC





# Roadway





## Recommendations

- Improve the applicable guidelines for the Roadway data system to reflect best practices identified in the Traffic Records Program Assessment Advisory.
- Improve the data dictionary for the Roadway data system to reflect best practices identified in the Traffic Records Program Assessment Advisory.
- Improve the data quality control program for the Roadway data system to reflect best practices identified in the Traffic Records Program Assessment Advisory.



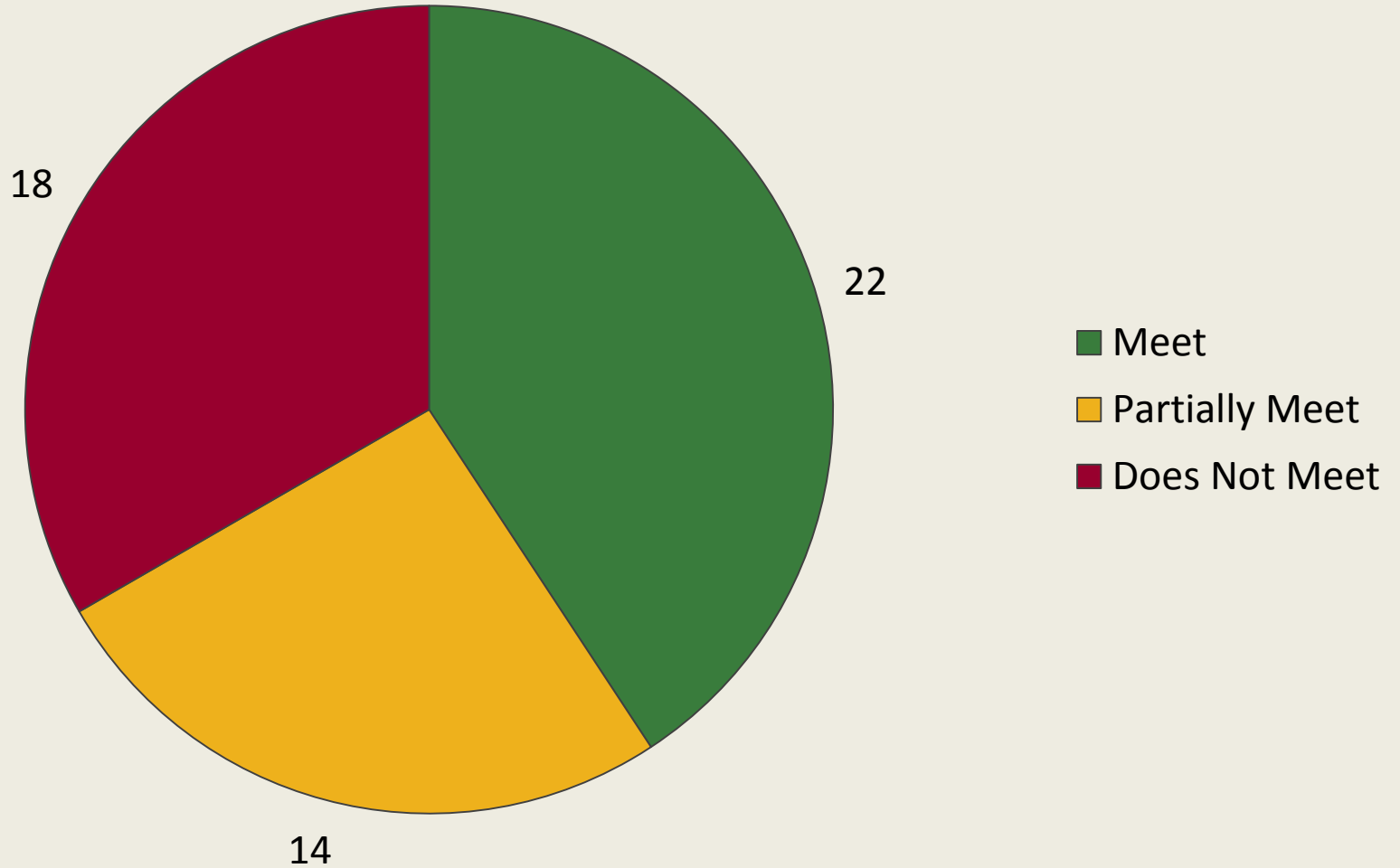


## Considerations:

- Expand collection of MIRE FDEs to all public roads
- Update data dictionary and other documentation
- Develop performance measures
- Engage local municipalities with the TRCC



# Citation/Adjudication





## Recommendations

- Improve the applicable guidelines for the Citation and Adjudication systems to reflect best practices identified in the Traffic Records Program Assessment Advisory.
- Improve the interfaces with the Citation and Adjudication systems to reflect best practices identified in the Traffic Records Program Assessment Advisory.
- Improve the data quality control program for the Citation and Adjudication systems to reflect best practices identified in the Traffic Records Program Assessment Advisory.



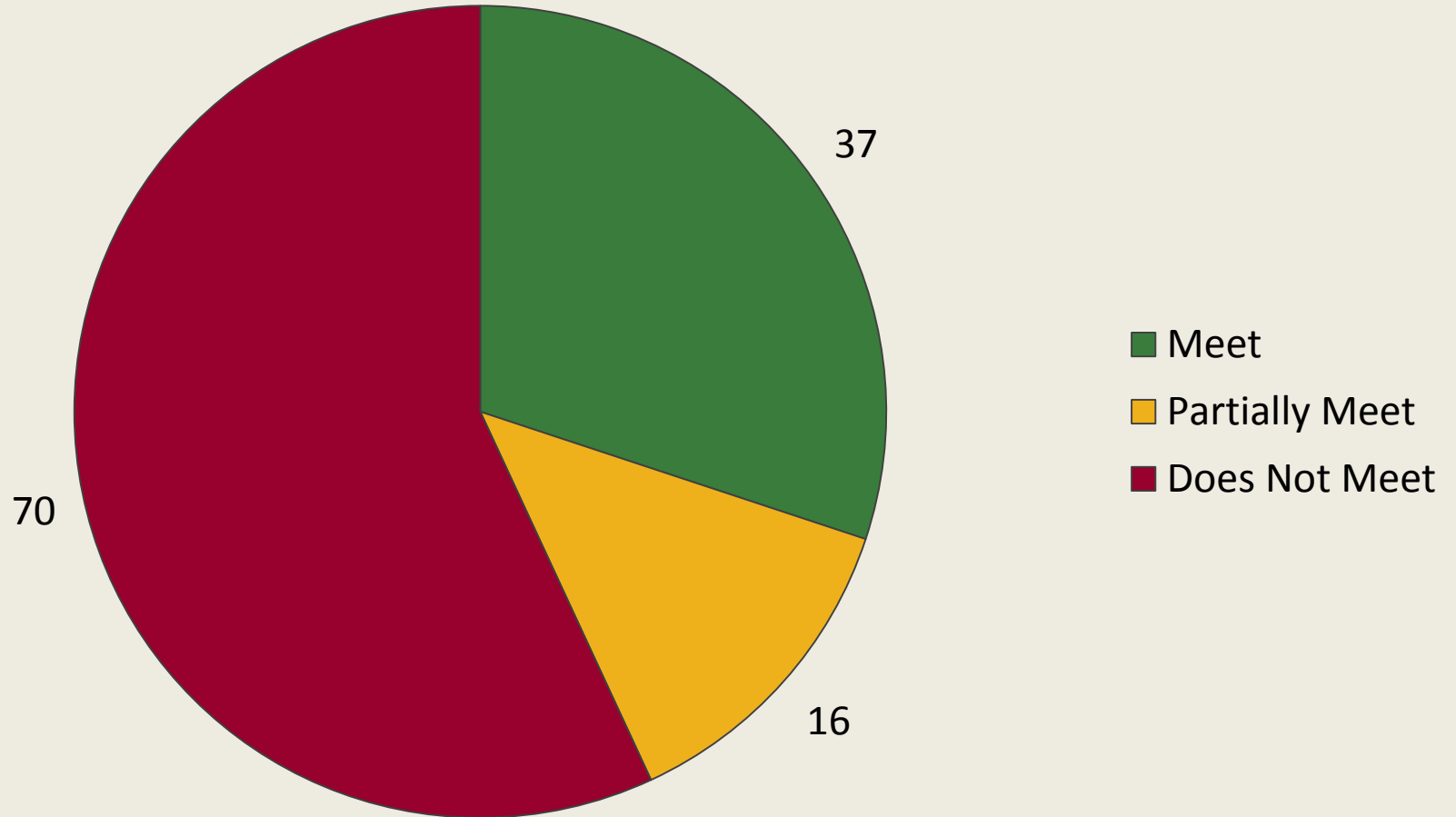


## Considerations:

- Improve documentation of data systems and management processes
- Consider participation in NIBRS and adoption of NIEM by DPS
- Develop a data quality management program



# Injury Surveillance





## Recommendations

- Improve the description and contents of the Injury Surveillance systems to reflect best practices identified in the Traffic Records Program Assessment Advisory.
- Improve the interfaces with the Injury Surveillance systems to reflect best practices identified in the Traffic Records Program Assessment Advisory.
- Improve the data quality control program for the Injury Surveillance systems to reflect best practices identified in the Traffic Records Program Assessment Advisory.





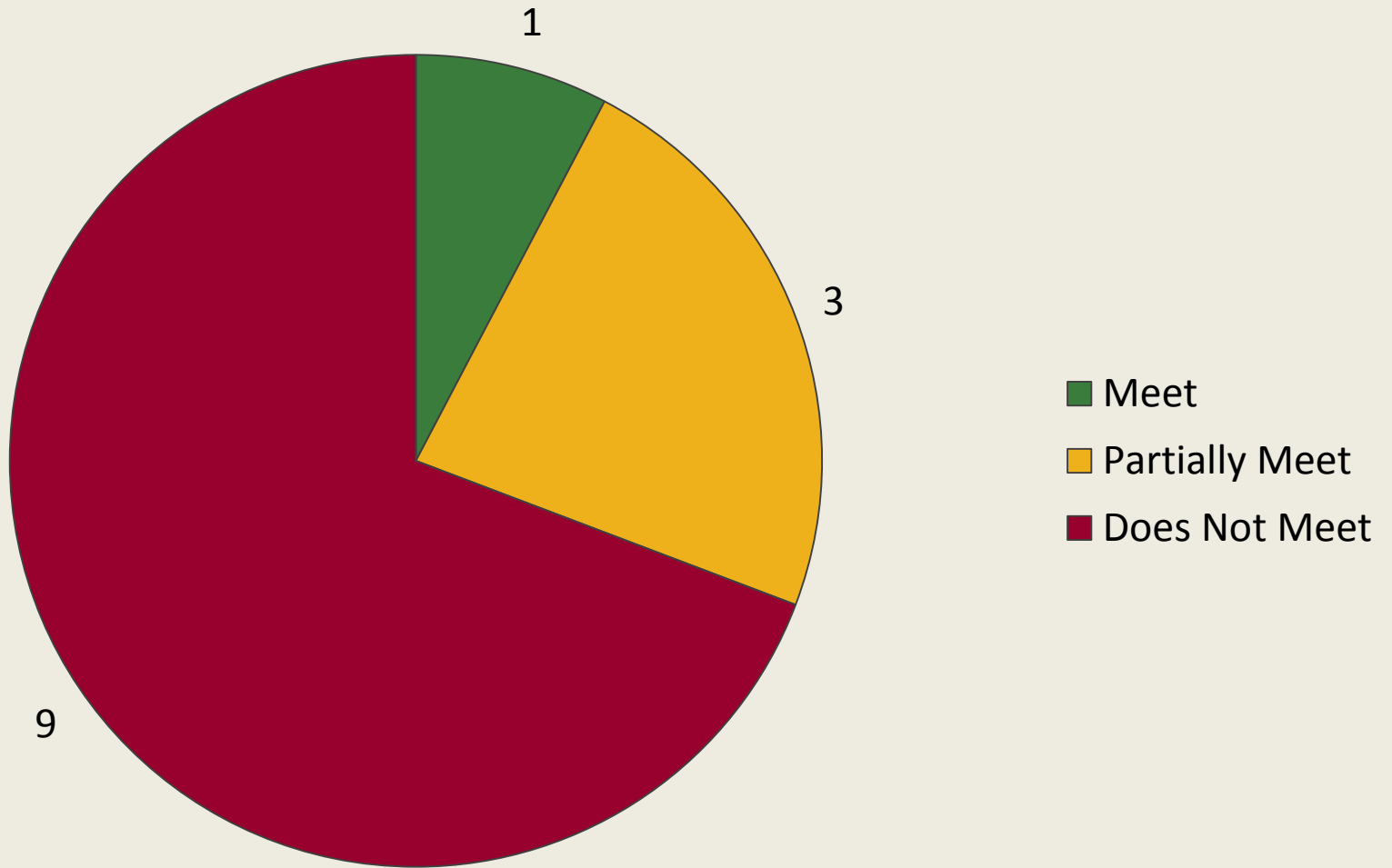


## Considerations:

- Develop data quality management programs
- Expand collaboration with Hospital Industry Data Institute (HIDI) to access clinical data (recent legislation)
- Engage TRCC with all five sub-components
- Explore use of vital records data in conjunction with FARS



# Data Use & Integration





## Recommendations

- Improve the traffic records systems capacity to integrate data to reflect best practices identified in the Traffic Records Program Assessment Advisory.

## Considerations:

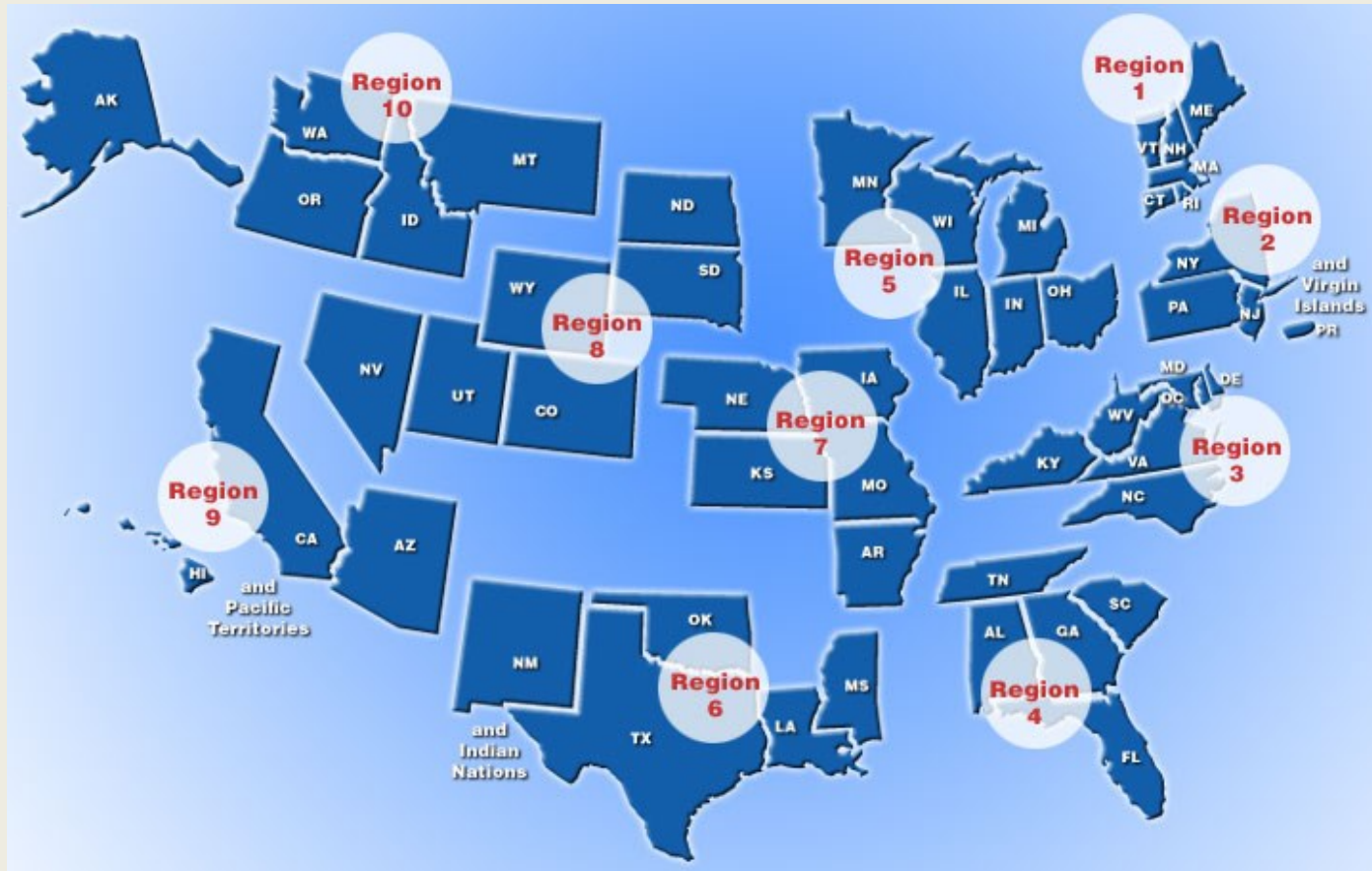
- Continue development of statewide data governance policy
- Engage executive leadership to support integration
- Expand TR Resource Guide to serve as a data inventory



# Comparative Analysis



Please refer to the one-sheet provided for an analysis of your TRA performance as compared to the current national average.



Training and Technical Assistance Programs

## NEXT STEPS



# Traffic Records Assessments



In comparing a State's traffic records system to the ideal outlined in the *Advisory*, assessments:

- Identify strengths and challenge areas
- Rank questions to help prioritize investment
- Supply recommendations & considerations for improvement



How do we  
move forward?

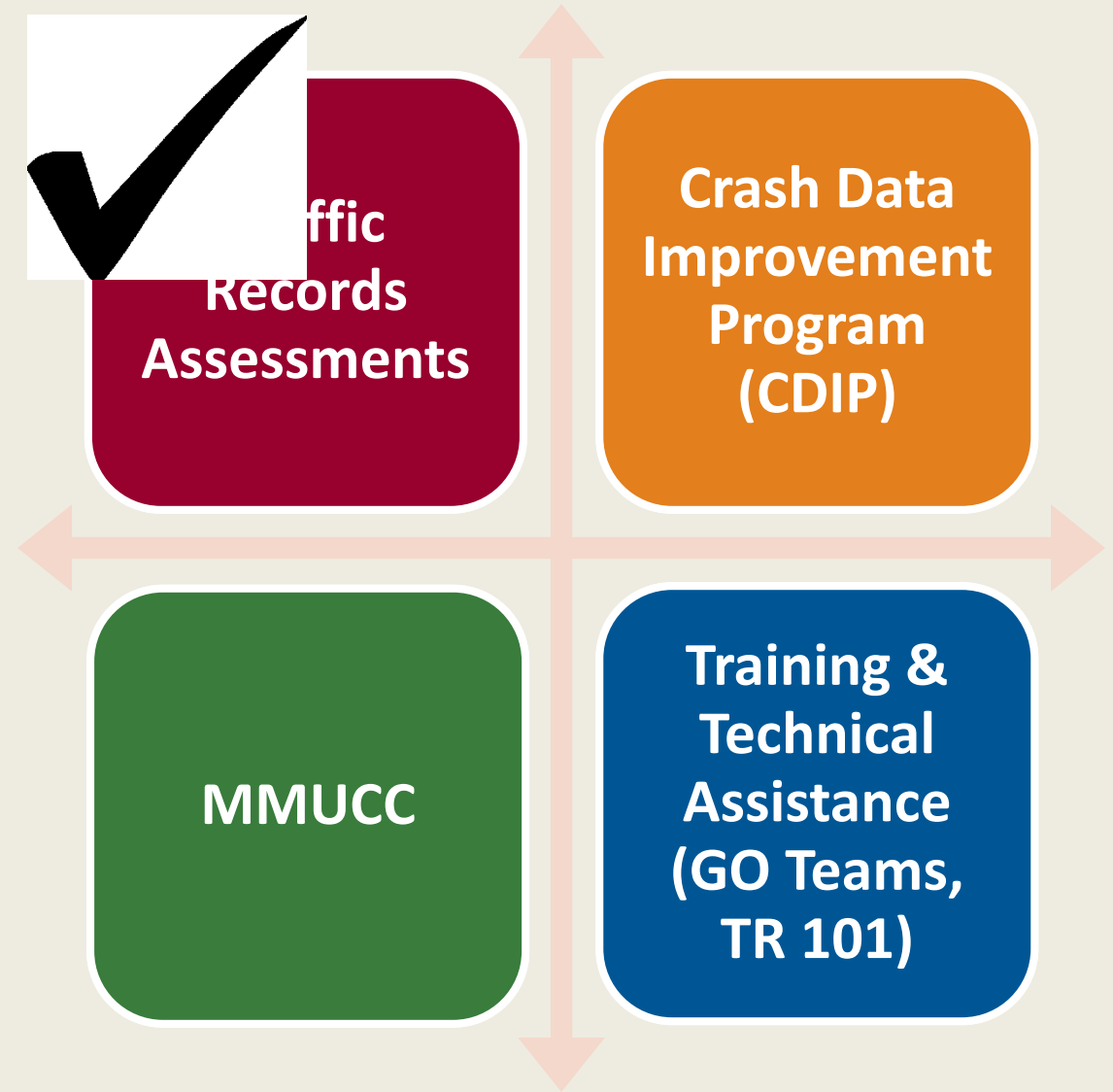


# Traffic Records Core Programs



## Next Steps...

- GO Team
- Crash Data Improvement Program (CDIP)
- MMUCC Mapping



# Technical Assistance: GO Teams



State requests  
technical  
assistance on a  
specific TR issue

State, working  
with its RPM and  
the TR Team,  
prepares a request

NHTSA identifies  
GO Team  
members & sends  
to State

- Small-to-medium scope projects
- Number of GO Teams depends upon available resources
- GO Teams work with States to accomplish goals





# Successful GO Team Applications



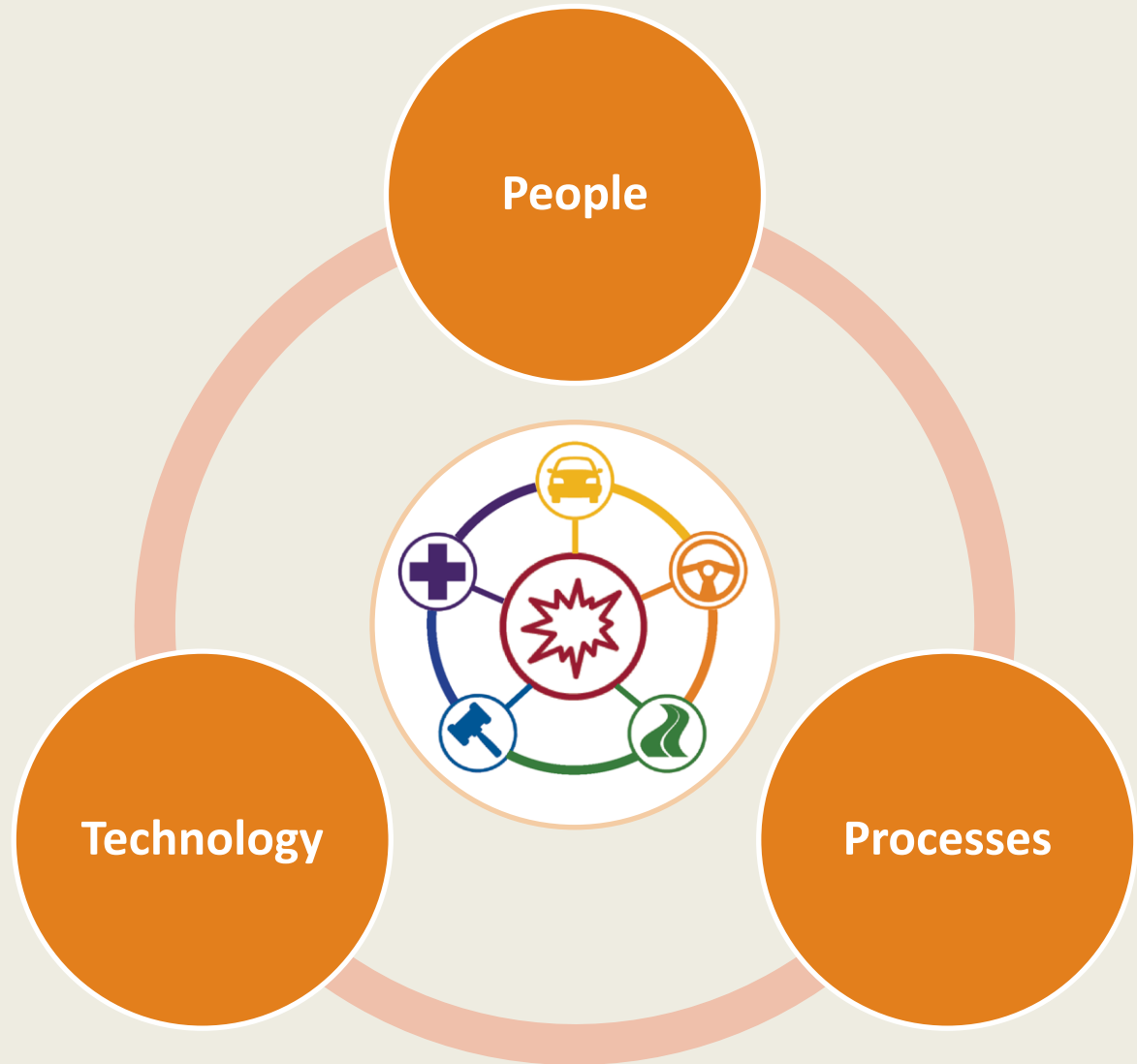
- A detailed description of the technical issues that the GO Team will need to address;
- A description of the specific technical assistance being requested from the GO Team;
- A description of the current and past efforts to address this problem;
- An explanation of how the GO Team assistance fits into the TRCC's Strategic Plan;
- The anticipated improvements that the GO Teams are likely to provide to the State's traffic records data systems; and
- The contact information of the State officials who will be tasked to work with the GO Team to address this problem.



# Crash Data Improvement Program



Improving  
Crash Data is  
not just an IT  
problem...



# MMUCC Mappings

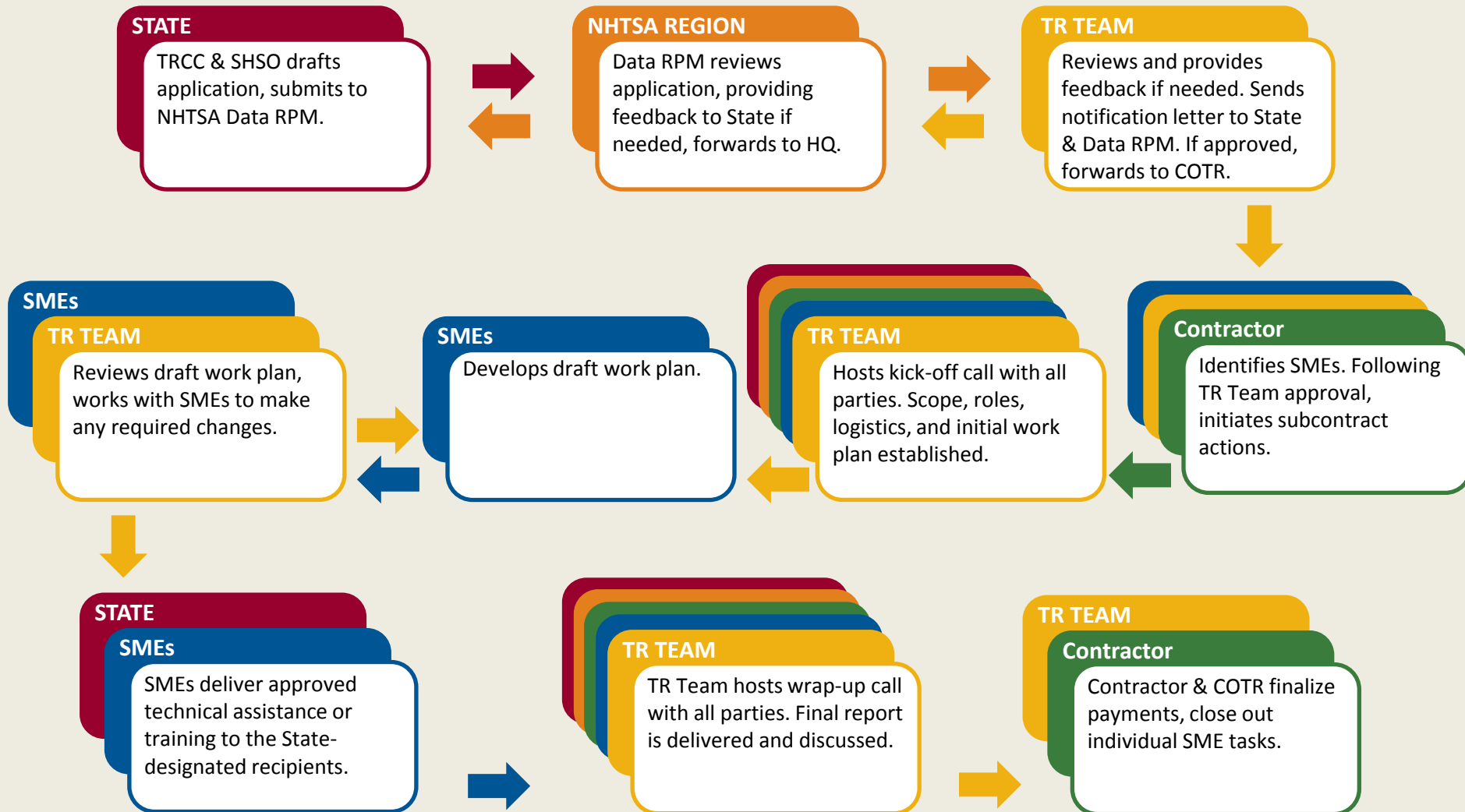


- How mappable are your form and database?

Crash Data Elements			Vehicle Data Elements			Person Data Elements		
Identifier	Data Element	Percent Mappable	Identifier	Data Element	Percent Mappable	Identifier	Data Element	Percent Mappable
C1	Case Identifier	100.0%	V1	Motor Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)	100.0%	P1	Name of Person Involved	100.0%
C2	Crash Classification	20.0%	V2	Motor Vehicle Unit Type and Number	25.0%	P2	Date of Birth	50.0%
C3	Crash Date and Time	100.0%	V3	Motor Vehicle Registration State and Year	100.0%	P3	Sex	100.0%
C4	Crash County	100.0%	V4	Motor Vehicle License Plate Number	100.0%	P4	Person Type	44.4%
C5	Crash City/Place	100.0%	V5	Motor Vehicle Make	100.0%	P5	Injury Status	100.0%
C6	Crash Location	100.0%	V6	Motor Vehicle Model Year	100.0%	P6	Occupant's Motor Vehicle Unit Number	100.0%
C7	First Harmful Event	0.0%	V7	Motor Vehicle Model	100.0%	P7	Seating Position	72.2%
C8	Location of First Harmful Event Relative to the Trafficway	0.0%	V8	Motor Vehicle Body Type Category	63.2%	P8	Restraint Systems/Motorcycle Helmet Use	35.3%
C9	Manner of Crash/Collision Impact	77.8%	V9	Total Occupants in Motor Vehicle	100.0%	P9	Air Bag Deployed	62.5%
C10	Source of Information	50.0%	V10	Special Function of Motor Vehicle in Transport	81.8%	P10	Ejection	60.0%
C11	Weather Conditions	41.7%	V11	Emergency Motor Vehicle Use	0.0%	P11	Driver License Jurisdiction	0.0%
C12	Light Condition	87.5%	V12	Motor Vehicle Posted/Statutory Speed Limit	66.7%	P12	Driver License Number, Class, CDL and Endorsements**	5.6%
C13	Roadway Surface Condition	81.8%	V13	Direction of Travel Before Crash	83.3%	P13	Speeding Related	0.0%
C14	Contributing Circumstances, Environment	57.1%	V14	Trafficway Description	50.0%	P14	Driver Actions at Time of Crash	26.3%
C15	Contributing Circumstances, Road	29.2%	V15	Total Lanes in Roadway	0.0%	P15	Violation Codes	33.3%
C16	Relation to Junction	35.3%	V16	Roadway Alignment and Grade	37.5%	P16	Driver Distracted By	0.0%
C17	Type of Intersection	12.5%	V17	Traffic Control Device Type	78.6%	P17	Condition at Time of the Crash	37.5%
C18	School-Bus-Related	0.0%	V18	Motor Vehicle Manuever/Action	93.3%	P18	Law Enforcement Suspects Alcohol Use	0.0%
C19	Work Zone-Related (Construction/Maintenance/Utility)	21.1%	V19	Vehicle Damage	58.8%	P19	Alcohol Test	63.6%
			V20	Sequence of Events	89.6%	P20	Law Enforcement Suspects Drug Use	0.0%
			V21	Most Harmful Event for this Motor Vehicle	0.0%	P21	Drug Test	30.0%
			V22	Bus Use	0.0%	P22	Non-Motorist Number	100.0%
			V23	Hit and Run	100.0%	P23	Non-Motorist Action/Circumstance Prior to Crash	64.3%
			V24	Towed Due to Disabling Damage	0.0%	P24	Non-Motorist Actions/Circumstances at Time of Crash	57.1%
			V25	Contributing Circumstances, Motor Vehicle	74.2%	P25	Non-Motorist Location at Time of Crash	0.0%
			V26	Motor Carrier Identification	25.0%	P26	Non-Motorist Safety Equipment	31.3%
			V27	Gross Vehicle Weight Rating/Gross Combination Weight Rating	100.0%	P27	Unit Number of Motor Vehicle Striking Non-Motorist	0.0%
			V28	Vehicle Configuration	66.7%	P28	Transported to First Medical Facility By	11.1%
			V29	Cargo Body Type	82.4%			
			V30	Hazardous Materials (Cargo Only)	100.0%			



# Applying for Programs



# Next Steps



- Contact your NHTSA Regional Program Manager about the necessary TRCC Strategic Plan updates required prior to next §405(c) grant application.
- Use the *Advisory* as a resource for developing, prioritizing, and executing new projects and programs.
- If desired, submit your application to your NHTSA Regional Program Manager to apply for a GO Team, CDIP, or MMUCC mapping to help with assessment recommendations or other traffic records initiatives identified by the TRCC.

Application →



Application



# Becoming an Assessor



- If you would like to be considered as an assessor for future assessments of other States' traffic records systems please email Kara Mueller and copy Luke Johnson.
  - Kara Mueller – [kara.mueller.ctr@dot.gov](mailto:kara.mueller.ctr@dot.gov)
  - Luke Johnson - [luke.johnson@dot.gov](mailto:luke.johnson@dot.gov)
- Please identify your areas of traffic records expertise and include a brief summary of your work experience.





**Thank You**

