



# NJ 2020 SHSP

## Other Vulnerable Road Users Emphasis Area

Completed Priority Action 1.A.2.a

**Memo outlining the information of the mature driver's website.**



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### Priority Action 1.A.2.a Description:

Conduct a scan of mature driver best practices related to driver safety programs, ride share, walking and bicycle education. The Scan will include resources and training in New Jersey related to Mature Drivers and will look nationally for good examples of comprehensive programs and websites. Compile a toolbox of resources and training, develop a website to serve as a repository for this information as well as links to NJ organizations and programs, and finally develop a train the trainer class for community members (police, health officers, family members).The resources will address safe driving and adapting to physical changes.

## Deliverable

The website link is:

<https://maturedriversnj.org/>

The link to the presentation is:

<https://maturedriversnj.org/train-the-trainer-class/>



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### Mature Drivers Resource Center

This website provides a guide to resources related to mature driver safe driving, having a conversation when an older driver seeks to limit or stop driving, and mobility options after the individual has stopped driving.

Older drivers are often safer drivers. However, everyone reaches a point when their physical limitations contribute to unsafe driving. And, when they are involved in a crash, older drivers are more likely to be severely injured or killed in a traffic crash.

"Driving is a complex activity that requires a variety of high-level cognitive skills that can diminish through changes that occur with normal aging and/or as a result of other age-related factors." (NJ DHTS Highway Safety Plan 2021)





### Summary

The Mature Drivers Resource Center website provides a guide to resources beneficial to mature driver safe driving, to supplement conversations of older drivers seeking alternatives to limit or stop driving, and to highlight mobility options after an individual has stopped driving. The Mature Driver Resource Center Train the Trainer presentation is a resource that can be used by both community and family members alike who are in a position to inform and instruct mature drivers about driving safer longer, driving limitations, driving retirement, and transportation alternatives. The audience for this training includes representatives of municipal departments of aging, departments of health, police departments, libraries, faith-based organizations, and other non-profit community organizations. The presentation is available to download as a PowerPoint presentation with speaker notes that can be customized for the unique needs and service area of each user.