

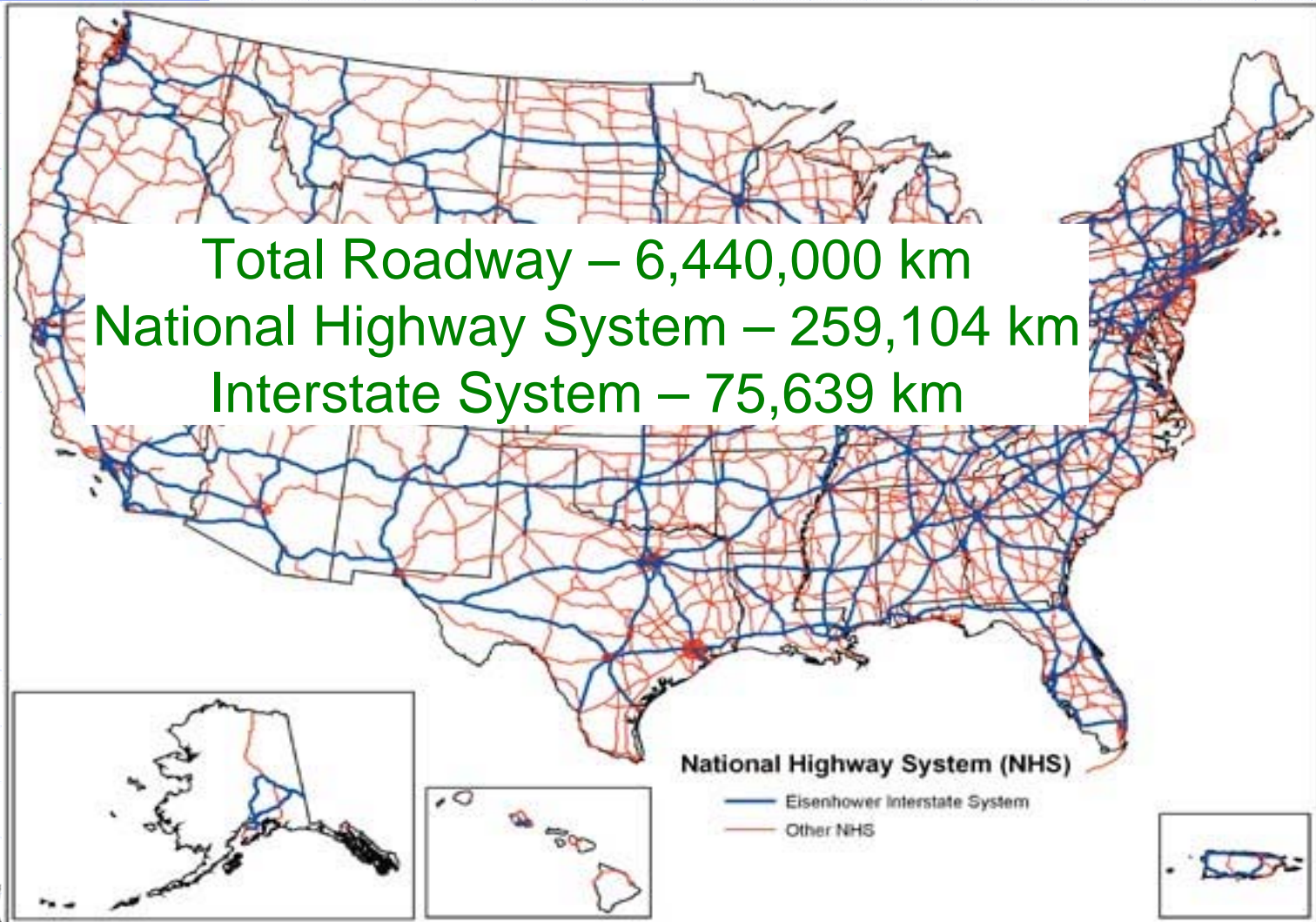
# **Policy for Road Safety in the USA**

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# The US Highway System



# Basic US Statistics

6.41 **Million**.....Km of Road

4.8 **Trillion**.....Annual Vehicle Km

180+ **Million**.....Licensed Drivers

225+ **Million**.....Registered Vehicles

117.....Daily Fatalities

7,500+ .....Daily Injuries

\$230 **Billion**.....Annual Cost to Society



# 1.0 Fatalities

per 100M VMT by 2008



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Administration**



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**F M C S A**  
*Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration*



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# Safety Relationships in the US

## ◆ Federal

- Federal Highway Administration
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
- Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

## ◆ State

## ◆ Local

## ◆ Engineering

## ◆ Enforcement

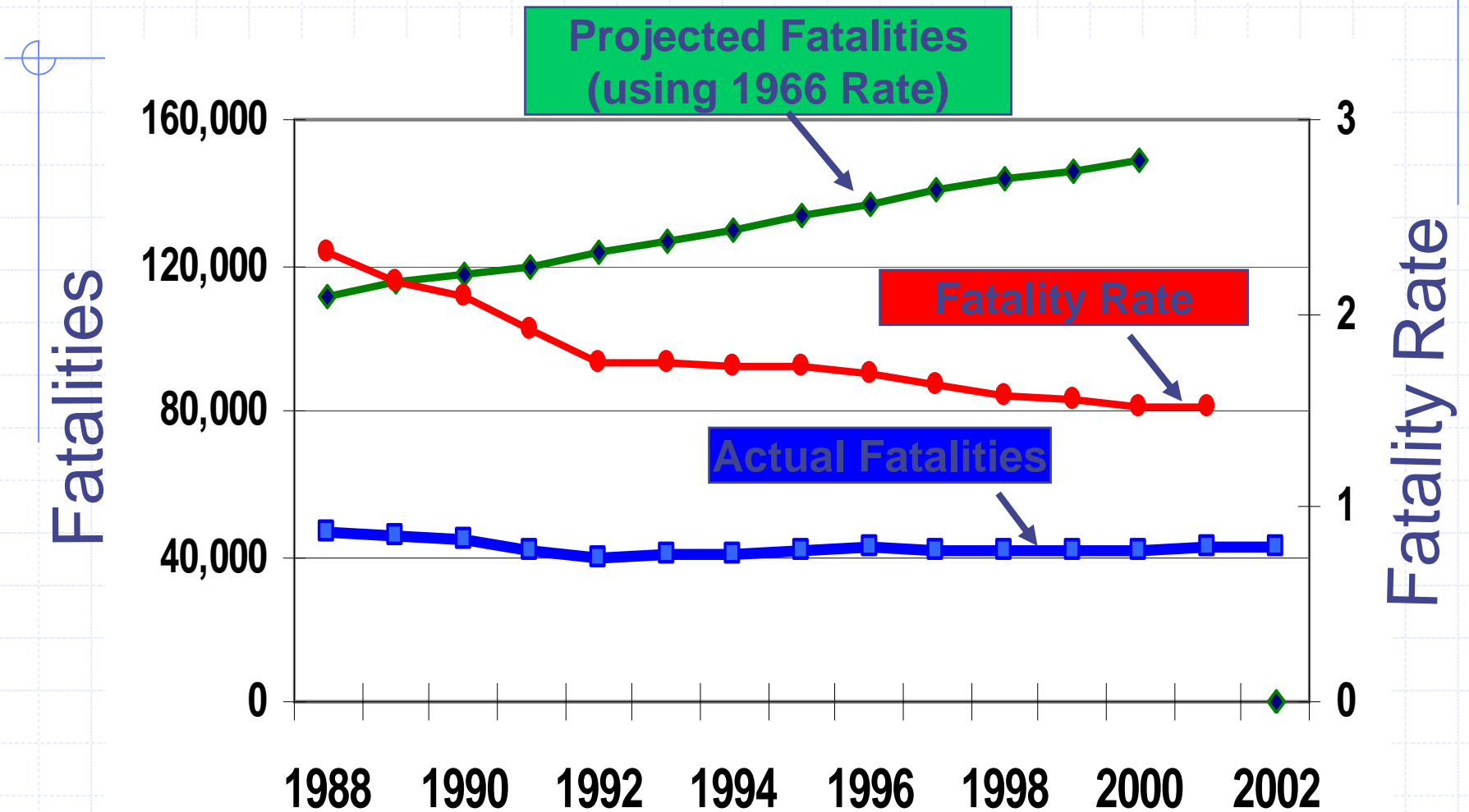
## ◆ Education

## ◆ Emergency Services





# Good News - Bad News



# Key Safety Provisions SAFETEA-LU

- ◆ New “Core” Highway Safety Improvement Program with funding increases
- ◆ Emphasis on coordinated Strategic Highway Safety Plans including all levels of Government





# Strategic Highway Safety Plans

- ◆ Developed by after consultation with prescribed safety stakeholders – trying to breakdown “stovepipes”
- ◆ Analyzes and makes effective use of crash data
- ◆ Addresses 4 E’s – engineering, enforcement, education and emergency services
- ◆ Considers safety needs of all public roads



# Summary

- ◆ Expansive road network
- ◆ Unacceptable fatality rate - slowly improving
- ◆ Many partners in US Roadway safety
  - Levels of government
  - Four E's
- ◆ Data driven focus
- ◆ SAFETEA-LU improves the tools to make a significant improvement



***“The care of human life & happiness...is the first and only objective of good government”***

**Thomas Jefferson**

