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The Literature Review section provides a comprehensive summary and analysis of relevant plans, policies, and documents that will inform the Town of Highland’s Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP). This review critically assesses various materials that have shaped transportation policy, street design, and the overall management of the transportation system within the Town. By incorporating existing practices, this section aims to establish a foundation for developing effective safety strategies tailored to the unique context of the Town of Highland.

JURISDICTION	DOCUMENT TYPE	POLICY/PLAN NAME	YEAR PUBLISHED
Town of Highland	Municipal Code	Town of Highland Municipal Code	2024
Town of Highland	Architectural Design Standards	Supplement to the Highland Municipal Code Section 214.180: RD-Redevelopment District	2009
Town of Highland	Management Plan	Pavement Asset Management Plan	2023

7.1.1.1 TOWN OF HIGHLAND MUNICIPAL CODE⁴

The Town of Highland Municipal Code is a comprehensive framework to enhance public health, safety, and welfare. It addresses various aspects of land use, including zoning regulations that protect the character of residential, business, and industrial areas. Key provisions include regulations on building standards, land use intensity, open space requirements, and measures to prevent overcrowding and hazards.

IMPORTANCE: Reviewing this document is crucial for the CSAP because it outlines existing legal structures and guidelines that govern the Town's land use and transportation safety. Understanding these regulations helps identify potential barriers to implementing new safety initiatives and ensures that proposed implementation aligns with municipal goals for orderly development and public welfare.

7.1.1.2 GENERAL DESIGN STANDARDS – REDEVELOPMENT SUBDISTRICT⁵

The General Design Standards focus on streetscape design within the Town's Redevelopment Sub-Districts. They emphasize flexibility, compatibility, and safety for both vehicles and pedestrians. The standards specify that road designs should accommodate safe pedestrian movement, appropriate design speeds, and compatibility with bicycle lanes, ensuring that streets are designed with all users in mind.

IMPORTANCE: This document is essential for the CSAP as it directly informs street design practices that can enhance transportation safety. The Town can promote safer environments for pedestrians and cyclists, reduce the likelihood of accidents, and improve overall mobility by aligning safety initiatives with the streetscape design standards.

7.1.1.3 PAVEMENT ASSESSMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN⁶

The Management Plan outlines the Town of Highland's approach to maintaining its local streets, following the requirements set by the Indiana General Assembly for Local Road and Bridge Matching Grants. It employs the Pavement Surface Evaluation Rating (PASER) system to assess pavement conditions, prioritize improvements, and implement maintenance strategies. The plan is important for ensuring the longevity and safety of the Town's 88 miles of roadway.

IMPORTANCE: The Pavement Assessment Management Plan is essential for the CSAP as it establishes a systematic method for assessing and improving roadway conditions, directly impacting transportation safety. By integrating the findings and priorities from the asset management plan, the CSAP can recommend targeted interventions that enhance road safety, justify funding requests, and ensure efficient use of resources for road maintenance and improvements.

⁴ Source: [Highland Municipal Code \(Online\)](#)

⁵ Source: [General Design Standards](#)

⁶ Source: [Pavement Management Plan 2023 LTAP](#)

