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Welcome to the first issue of the UC Berkeley Traffic Safety Center Newsletter

This Issue: Older Adults and Safe Mobility

This newsletter was created by the UC Berkeley [Traffic Safety Center](#) (TSC) to disseminate important information on traffic safety topics most relevant to communities in California. The mission of the TSC is to reduce traffic fatalities and injuries through multi-disciplinary collaboration in education, research, and outreach. A main goal of the Center is to make traffic safety information available and accessible to public and private organizations, agencies, and businesses, and to individuals.

Each issue will focus on a different area of traffic safety. This one addresses a topic that has been widely discussed as a impending crisis: the safe mobility of the aging population. With people over 60 expected to constitute up to 25% of the U.S. population by 2025, there is concern among many that we are not adequately prepared to handle the accompanying transportation demands. In this issue of the newsletter you'll find several articles that examine the barriers to achieving safe mobility for older travelers, as well as reports on current and planned methods for reducing those barriers.

We invite your thoughts and reactions to the topics presented here. Please use the [send-us-your-comments link](#) at the end of each story and at the bottom of each sidebar to email us your comments. We hope to include a "letters to the editor" component in the next issue. If we think your comments would be appropriate for such a forum, we will contact you about publishing them.

The TSC newsletter will be published four times a year. If you wish to be added to the mailing list or taken off the mailing list, please send an [email to the TSC](#) with "Mailing List" in the subject line and a message telling us which action to take.

This issue's stories:

[How Older Adults Will Drive Transportation Policy](#)

Safe mobility a key concern as the nation ages

[Why Older Adults Don't Walk](#)

Safer designs could encourage more pedestrian trips

[Scrambling for Safety](#)

An unconventional crosswalk strategy to help Chinatown's older pedestrians

[Aging Behind the Wheel](#)

An epidemiological look at the older driver

[Making Oakland Safer for Older Pedestrians](#)

A multi-agency effort

[Getting to the Heart of Aging](#)

Special thanks to the young people from the Asian Health Services leadership youth program and from the Asian Youth Services Committee, a group under the direction of the Oakland Police Dept., for the use of their pedestrian safety mural at the top of this page. It is also available as a postcard. [Email Asian Health Services](#) for more information.

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[and Mobility](#)

National Conference on Aging and Mobility finds that transportation means more than just getting around

[The California Task Force](#)

A statewide traffic safety program for older adults is launched

[Local Transportation Programs](#)

A look at some of the Community programs in California