CMFs In Real Life: Issues, Tools, and Applications

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Agenda

- Sarah Weissman Pascual & Matt Hinshaw, Federal Highway Administration
 - Overview of the CMF Clearinghouse
- Taha Saleem, UNC Highway Safety Research Center
 - Overview of the CMF Clearinghouse resources available for your assistance
- Vikash Gayah, Pennsylvania State University
 - Recent efforts to update CMFs for High-Friction Surface Treatment (HFST) and High-Tension Cable Median Barriers (HTCMB) in Pennsylvania
- **Chris Cunningham**, North Carolina State University Institute for Transportation Research and Education
 - Recent effort to develop CMFs for Continuous Flow Intersections (CFIs)
- Raghavan Srinivasan, UNC Highway Safety Research Center
 - Overview of the various current and recently completed CMF-related National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) projects
- Sarah Weissman Pascual, Federal Highway Administration
 - Wrap-up



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- Participants are muted
- Submit questions via the Q&A option (Chat feature not available)
- The session is being recorded will be posted on the CMF Clearinghouse site later
- Use the "Speaker View" option

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• How many people are attending the webinar at your location?

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Overview of the CMF Clearinghouse

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What is a Crash Modification Factor (CMF)?

- Multiplicative factor that reflects the expected safety effectiveness of a countermeasure
- Used to compute the expected number of crashes after implementing a given countermeasure at a specific site

CMF < 1	CMF = 1	CMF > 1
Decrease in Crashes	No Change in Crashes	Increase In Crashes

• Examples

Source: FHWA

- CMF of 0 represents a 100% reduction in the number of crashes
- CMF of 0.8 represents a 20% reduction in the number of crashes
- CMF of 1.2 represents a 20% increase in the number of crashes

What is the CMF Clearinghouse?

- A regularly updated, online repository of CMFs,
- A mechanism for sharing newly developed CMFs, and
- Educational information on the proper application of CMFs.

Poll

- How often do you use the CMF Clearinghouse?
 - Daily
 - Weekly
 - Monthly
 - Once or Twice Per Year
 - Never

CMF Inclusion Criteria

- The CMF Clearinghouse presents CMFs from studies that meet the following criteria:
 - The study must be based on crash data
 - The study must have the objective of quantifying the safety effect of a roadway feature or characteristic
 - The study must be focused on determining the safety effect of an infrastructure characteristic, feature, or modification that would fall under engineering responsibilities
 - The study must explicitly present quantified CMF values or CMFunctions

Overview of the CMF Clearinghouse Resources Available for your Assistance

> Taha Saleem UNC Highway Safety Research Center

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CMF Clearinghouse Homepage

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ABOUT THE CLEARINGHOUSE USING CMFs DEVELOPING CMFs ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The **Crash Modification Factors Clearinghouse** provides a searchable database of CMFs along with guidance and resources on using CMFs in road safety practice.



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"Using CMFs"

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Data Download (API)

USING CMFs

Using the CMF Clearinghouse to find and identify a CMF is often only the first step for a transportation practitioner. The following resources provide practical guidance on using CMFs.

QUICK START GUIDE TO USING CMFs

Are you new to using CMFs? This Quick Start Guide provides a 2-page overview of the process of selecting CMFs for prospective countermeasures and applying the CMFs to estimate safety benefits.

CMFs IN PRACTICE

The CMFs in Practice Series includes five separate guides that identify opportunities to consider and quantify safety in specific activities, including roadway safety management processes, road safety audits, design decisions and exceptions, development and analysis of alternatives and value engineering. The series also includes reference documents that provide background information on crash modification factors and safety performance functions.

- QUANTIFYING SAFETY IN THE ROADWAY SAFETY MANAGEMENT PROCESS
- QUANTIFYING SAFETY IN THE ROAD SAFETY AUDIT PROCESS
- DESIGN DECISIONS AND EXCEPTIONS
- DEVELOPMENT AND ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES
- USING CMFS TO QUANTIFY THE SAFETY IN THE VALUE ENGINEERING PROCESS

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INVESTIGATION OF EXISTING AND ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR COMBINING MULTIPLE CMFs

This paper brings to light several issues associated with the application of multiple CMFs and provide guidance on how to estimate the combined treatment effect when multiple treatments are installed at a given location. The paper presents several existing methods for combining multiple CMFs and discusses the associated issues. Next, several ideas are explored for overcoming the identified issues. Finally, the methods are applied and compared to existing CMFs for multiple treatments in an attempt to validate the new procedures.

TRAININGS

APPLICATION OF CRASH MODIFICATION FACTORS COURSE (SELF-PACED LESSON AND LIVE WEBINAR)

This course focuses on the application of Crash Modification Factors (CMFs) to select countermeasures. It covers the project development cycle (starting from network screening and site selection for safety review), diagnostics of safety concerns, cost-benefit evaluation, and countermeasure selection. Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to explain how CMFs are used to estimate the safety effects of highway improvements and apply CMFs to compare and select highway safety improvements. This course combines a web-

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DEVELOPING CMFs

Many researchers conduct studies in which they develop CMFs. However, it takes planning and intentional study design to produce good quality CMFs. The following resources provide guidance on how to produce the best quality CMFs as well as information on current CMF research needs.

CMF CLEARINGHOUSE FLYER: "BETTER CMFs, SAFER ROADWAYS: TIPS FOR BUILDING HIGH-QUALITY CMFs"

This two-page flyer provides a basic overview on how to develop high-quality CMFs, with information on questions such as, "What does a quality CMF study look like?" and "Why is documentation important?"

A GUIDE TO DEVELOPING QUALITY CRASH MODIFICATION FACTORS

The purpose of this guide is to provide direction to agencies interested in developing crash modification factors (CMFs). Specifically, this guide discusses the process for selecting an appropriate evaluation methodology and the many issues and data considerations related to various methodologies.

RECOMMENDED PROTOCOLS FOR DEVELOPING CRASH MODIFICATION FACTORS

The CMF Protocols provide guidance for the development and documentation of research studies that develop CMFs. The major goal of these protocols is to describe what pieces of the research study should be documented by the study authors and how various potential biases should be addressed.

QUICK REFERENCE ON WHAT TO DOCUMENT ABOUT THE CMF YOU HAVE DEVELOPED

This 2-page appendix from the above document provides a summary of the items should be documented in a report or article from a study which developed CMFs. It can serve as a quick reference for study authors to make sure that all necessary information has been included in the report. This information is critical for safety practitioners who need to know how this CMF can be applied and the CMF Clearinghouse team who need to know how to rate the CMF.

CMF NEEDS

CMF MOST WANTED LIST

The research topics in this list represent areas where crash-based safety evaluation research is needed.

CMF NEEDS ASSESSMENT

This report summarizes the proceedings of a workshop in 2014 that brought together CMF stakeholders to identify CMF research needs.

SUBMIT A CMF RESEARCH NEED
If you see a lack of CMFs for a particular topic, submit your idea for a future research need.

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"Additional Resources"

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The following resources are provided to assist CMF Clearinghouse users who are interested in obtaining guidance on other topics related to CMFs.

HOW TO DEVELOP AND USE SPFS

RESOURCES FOR COUNTERMEASURE SELECTION

RESOURCES FOR COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS

RESOURCES FOR BEHAVIORAL COUNTERMEASURES

INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES

STATE SELECTED CMF LISTS

HIGHWAY SAFETY MANUAL

HISTORICAL RESOURCE: FHWA DESKTOP REFERENCE FOR CRASH REDUCTION FACTORS

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Searching for CMFs

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SEARCH RESULTS

There were 346 CMFs returned for your search on "roundabout". [MODIFY YOUR SEARCH].

Having trouble deciding between similar CMFs? Use our COMPARISON TOOL or CHECK OUT OUR FAQS.

Overwhelmed by too many results? See our SEARCH TIPS.



Filtering CMFs

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Comparing CMFs

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Comparing CMFs

Countermeasure Name	Conversion of intersection into high-speed roundabout	Conversion of intersection into high-speed roundabout	Conversion of intersection into high-speed roundabout	Conversion of intersection into high-speed roundabout
CMF ID	<u>5229</u>	<u>10434</u>	<u>10438</u>	<u>10439</u>
CMF	0.659	0.59	0.62	0.57
Study Reference	<u>QIN ET AL., 2013</u>	<u>BAGLEY, D.L.,</u> 2020	BAGLEY, D.L., 2020	BAGLEY, D.L., 2020
Unadjusted Standard Error CMF	0.094	0.1	0.17	0.11
CMFunction				
Star Rating	***	***	***	***
Rating Score Total	45	110	105	105
Crash Type	All	All	All	All
Crash Severity	All			
Crash Time of Day	All	All	All	All
Area Type	All	All	All	All
Road Division Type	All			
Road Type	Not specified	All	All	All
Number of Lanes	2,4			
Intersection Type	Roadway/roadway (not interchange related)	Roadway/roadway (not interchange related)	Roadway/roadway (not interchange related)	Roadway/roadway (not interchange related)
Intersection Geometry	3-leg,4-leg	3-leg,4-leg	3-leg	4-leg
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CMF ID: 2944

REPLACEMENT OF TRADITIONAL INTERSECTION WITH ROUNDABOUT WITH A GRADE SEPARATED CYCLE PATH

DESCRIPTION: INSTALLATION OF A ROUNDABOUT WITH A GRADE SEPARATED CYCLE PATH IN PLACE OF A TRADITIONAL (SIGNALIZED OR UNSIGNALIZED) INTERSECTION.

PRIOR CONDITION: TRADITIONAL SIGNALIZED OR UNSIGNALIZED INTERSECTION

CATEGORY: BICYCLISTS

STUDY: INJURY CRASHES WITH BICYCLISTS AT ROUNDABOUTS: INFLUENCE OF SOME LOCATION CHARACTERISTICS AND THE DESIGN OF CYCLE FACILITIES, DANIELS ET AL., 2009



Star Quality Rating:	VIEW SCORE DETAILS
Rating Points Total:	35
	Crash Modification Factor (CMF)
Value:	0.56
Adjusted Standard Error:	
Unadjusted Standard Error:	0.691

	Crash Reduction Factor (CRF)	
Value:	44 (This value indicates a decrease in crashes)	
Adjusted Standard Error:		
Unadjusted Standard Error:	69.1	

Applicability

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Crash Type: Vehicle/bicycle

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Downloading CMFs (Option 2)

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CMF CLEARINGHOUSE DATA DOWNLOAD

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This page provides downloads of the entire CMF Clearinghouse database. This is intended for users who would like to use automated routines to regularly ingest data fi Clearinghouse into analytical tools. The data is provided in two formats, XML (.xml) and MS Excel (.xlsx and .csv). A data dictionary is also provided to describe the data t These data files are updated regularly. The files are large and might download slowly.

DATA DICTIONARY

DATA DOWNLOAD - XML DOCUMENT

DATA DOWNLOAD - EXCEL SPREADSHEET

DATA DOWNLOAD - CSV DOCUMENT

Source: FHWA



CMF Clearinghouse Rating System

 The CMF Clearinghouse transitioned to the CMF rating criteria developed as part of the NCHRP 17-72 project for the 2nd edition of the Highway Safety Manual on February 15, 2021

Account for Detailed Various Factors Riaorous





Poll

- Were you aware that the CMF Clearinghouse has transitioned to a new rating system?
 - Yes
 - **No**
 - Not Sure



CMF Clearinghouse Rating System

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ENTER SEARCH TERMS		Countermeasure Name ~ SEARCH	
FREQUENT SEARCHES: ROUNI	DABOUT SIGNAL PEDESTRIAN COMPLETE STREE	TSMO BROWSE ALL	
WHAT ARE CMFs?	UPCOMING WEBINAR	UPDATED RATINGS	
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Wrap-Up

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All CMFs in the CMF Clearinghouse have a Unique Identification Number (ID)

- The CMF ID allows you to easily document the CMF in a report, study, or presentation for future reference
- The CMF ID also allows others to quickly and easily find the CMF in the CMF Clearinghouse to determine if it is applicable to a particular scenario



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How to Search for a CMF using a CMF ID?



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Searching for a CMF using the CMF ID number. (Source: FHWA)







Source: FHWA





CMF Most Wanted List

- The CMF Most Wanted List has been recently updated (<u>https://www.cmfclearinghouse.org/most_wanted.php</u>)
- The list represents areas or specific countermeasures for which the CMF Clearinghouse does not have CMF information

Wrap-up

• Future activities

- Comments on Older Studies That Did Not Explicitly Report CMFs
- Convert programming language from ColdFusion to PHP
- Change domain name to dot.gov
- Post-webinar survey
- Certificate of attendance

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