A wide range of organisations attended a workshop convened by the Ministry of Transport, Works and Infrastructure, and supported by the Africa Transport Policy Program (SSATP).

The purpose of the workshop was to consider policy options for road safety improvements in The Gambia.

After presentations from the Ministry and SSATP and discussion amongst participants, six strategic issues were identified:

1. A fully mandated and funded Lead Road Safety Agency is needed in The Gambia to drive improved road safety results
2. Specific attention is required to implement key recommendations by the Report of the Committee on Road Safety.
3. Greater road safety management capacity is needed in a number of key agencies
4. Greater coordination of activity is needed amongst various agencies
5. There are a variety of issues associated with data management which need to be addressed in a collaborative manner
6. A sustainable funding mechanism is required for road safety, with further consultation regarding the Road Fund, vehicle and driver licence fees, and road tax. Car park fees and traffic fines are also options.

In relation to funding, ten percent of the funding allocated to road construction and maintenance should be reserved for road safety, as determined by the Committee of African Ministers of Transport. (EX.CL DEC 682 (XX) of the African Union Executive Council Decision, 2nd CAMT in Nov. 2011, Luanda)

The next step is for the Ministry to convene the Committee on Road Safety to address funding for road safety management.