

Thank you for the research on side airbags. It would be useful to incorporate incentives, or at least reduce barriers, to the availability of side airbags in government vehicles.

We are currently requiring all municipal purchases to include side airbags as a feature. However, it does pose the barrier to many of additional costs; and it is sometimes difficult to find equipment fitted with the same.

Governmental vehicles protect both the current public employees and have a secondary benefit of being recycled through the population at large when auctioned, etc. They also have the immediate public benefit of reduced injury or death, reducing the overall cost of governmental operations. By virtue of actively engaging in making new purchases safer ones with side airbags, a primary and secondary benefit will be provided to all individuals.

The agency should be commended for continued work in this important area.