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Towards the development of a scientifically accountable, comprehensive and integrated national road traffic safety databank in South Africa

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This paper provides background on and summarises the main findings of an investigation into the need for a National Road Traffic Safety Databank (NRTSD) in South Africa. The research findings confirmed the study's hypotheses that (1) road traffic safety and the effective countering of road traffic crashes in particular, were hampered by a deficient database and data-gathering processes in South Africa; and (2) South African road traffic safety agencies would be agreeable to rectifying the deficiencies, e.g. by integrating verified road traffic safety/crash data into a comprehensive road traffic safety databank.