

To: CRCOG Transportation Committee
CRCOG Transportation Subcommittee
From: Devon Lechtenberg, Transportation Planner
C: Rob Aloise, Acting Director of Transportation
Date: November 30, 2018
Subject: Performance Measures - Annual Safety Targets

Per federal requirements, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) set its five (5) annual safety performance targets for 2019 on August 31, 2018. CRCOG has until February 27th, 2019 to either support these targets or set its own. Safety performance measures represent recent trends in crash data (as measured by five-year moving averages). CTDOT’s statewide targets for both 2018 and 2019 are summarized in the table below.

CT Statewide Targets		
Target Type	2018 Target	2019 Target
Number of Fatalities	257 or less	274 or less
Fatality Rate (Per 100 mil. VMT)	0.823 or less	0.873 or less
Number of Serious Injuries	1,571 or less	1,574 or less
Serious Injury Rate (Per 100 mil. VMT)	5.03 or less	5.02 or less
Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	280 or less	290 or less
Years of Moving Average	2011-2015	2012-2016

As can be seen, the 2019 Safety Targets are slightly higher than the 2018 Safety Targets reflecting recent increases in statewide 5-year moving averages. It should be noted that recent crash data within the CRCOG region show that there is has been a decrease in fatalities (not yet reflected in 5-year moving average) and serious injuries, whereas non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries remain variable. Current trends in CRCOG point towards increased safety.

CRCOG staff recommends committee action to support the state’s 2019 safety targets and has attached the resulting potential DRAFT Policy Board resolution for comment. CRCOG plans to continue promote regional safety efforts, including:

- Supporting the efforts of CTDOT and its consulting firm VN Engineers in crafting a Region Transportation Safety Plan and as they visit CRCOG towns and discuss major safety issues.
- Supporting the Safety Circuit Rider program and working in partnership with UConn’s Technology Transfer Center to collaborate in addressing safety on local roads and understanding best practices as it relates to safety projects.
- Advocating for funding at, or more than, our region’s proportion of the state’s population and addressing safety performance in our own plans and programs.

RESOLUTION REGARDING TARGETS FOR FIVE SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES ESTABLISHED BY CTDOT

WHEREAS, the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) has been designated by the Governor of the State of Connecticut as the Metropolitan Planning Organization responsible, together with the State, for the comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process for the Capitol Region; and

WHEREAS, the National Performance Management Measures final rule (23 CFR Part 490) requires States to set targets for five safety performance measures by August 31, 2018, and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) has established targets for five safety performance measures for:

- (1) Number of fatalities,
- (2) Rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT),
- (3) Number of serious injuries,
- (4) Rate of serious injuries per 100 million VMT,
- (5) Number of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries, and

WHEREAS, the CTDOT coordinated the establishment of safety targets with the eight Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in Connecticut at the June 2018 RPO Coordination meeting, and

WHEREAS, the CRCOG may establish performance targets by agreeing to plan and program projects that contribute toward the accomplishment of the aforementioned State's targets, or establish its own target within 180 days of the State establishing and reporting its performance targets, and

WHEREAS, CRCOG wishes to maintain and enhance its focus on transportation safety in the region,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the MPO Policy Board has agreed to support CTDOT's 2019 targets for the five safety performance targets as previously discussed and endorsed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the MPO Policy Board will plan and program projects that contribute to the accomplishment of said targets.

CERTIFICATE: The undersigned duly qualified CRCOG Board Member certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the voting members of the CRCOG on December 12, 2018.

Lori L. Spielman, Secretary
Capitol Region Council of Governments

Date