



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

November 8, 2023

Dear Planning Partners:

Pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations (23 CFR § 490) regarding National Performance Management Measures for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), Pennsylvania has established the 2024 targets for the following Safety Performance Measures:

- 1) Number of fatalities
- 2) Rate of fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT)
- 3) Number of serious injuries
- 4) Rate of serious injuries per 100 million VMT
- 5) Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is required to establish these targets by August 31<sup>st</sup> each year. The 2024 targets found in Table 1 of the enclosure are based on a data driven trend analysis of the statewide fatality and suspected serious injury numbers (2% annual fatality reduction and maintaining level suspected serious injuries).

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPOs) are required to establish targets within 180 days of PennDOT establishing its targets (by February 27, 2024) either by agreeing to plan and program projects in support of the PennDOT targets, or by establishing their own quantifiable targets. For consistency, PennDOT is requesting Rural Planning Organizations (RPOs) follow the same procedure. Table 2 of the enclosure reflects values for your MPO/RPO based on the same methodology that was used at the state level.

The MPOs that establish quantifiable fatality rate or serious injury rate targets shall report the VMT estimate used for such targets and the methodology used to develop the estimate. The methodology should be consistent with other Federal reporting requirements, if applicable. MPOs/RPOs wishing to establish their own quantifiable targets are requested to coordinate with PennDOT as early as possible, but no later than December 31, 2023.

A state is determined to have met or made significant progress toward meeting established targets if the outcome in 4 of 5 performance measures is better than the baseline number. For Pennsylvania's 2022 targets, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will report this determination by March 31, 2024.

Preliminary data indicate Pennsylvania did not meet our 2022 targets and will be subject to the provisions of 23 United States Code § 148 (i). This will require the Department to submit an implementation plan that identifies gaps, develops strategies, action steps and best practices, and includes a financial and performance review of all HSIP funded projects. This plan will be due June 30, 2024. In addition, we will be required to obligate in Federal Fiscal

Year (FFY) 2025 an amount equal to the FFY 2021 HSIP apportionment.

For more information, please visit the FHWA Safety Performance Management website at <https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/hsip/spm/>.

Your response is requested before February 27, 2024.

Please complete the following:

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Planning Organization Name

Select one of the following options for establishing Safety Performance Measures:

- The MPO/RPO agrees to plan and program projects so that they contribute toward the accomplishment of the established PennDOT targets. The MPO/RPO will have the option to establish quantifiable targets of their own each year when new PennDOT targets are established. Table 2 of the enclosure reflects corresponding MPO/RPO values.
- The MPO/RPO has established quantifiable targets for each performance measure for our planning area. The targets and methodology used to develop them are enclosed with this letter. This option will require PennDOT coordination with the Federal Highway Administration to ensure that the targets established are not just aspirational but achievable based on the projects that are programmed on the MPO/RPO's Transportation Improvement Program. If choosing this option please notify the Center for Program Development and Management (CPDM) by December 31, 2023.

Concurrence: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized MPO/RPO Representative Date

Should you have any questions, please contact Casey Markey, Transportation Planning Manager, Center for Program Development and Management, at 717.787.1251 or [cmarkey@pa.gov](mailto:cmarkey@pa.gov).

Sincerely,



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Sincerely,



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Enclosure