



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
FROM: Jon Schermann, TPB Systems Performance Analysis Manager
SUBJECT: Safety Recommendations
DATE: June 11, 2020

This document outlines the staff recommendations for reducing roadway fatalities and serious injuries in the National Capital Region. Also included in this document is an update to the schedule provided in last month's memo.

DISCUSSION

Over the last two months, the Transportation Planning Board (TPB) has received a briefing from the Washington Regional Alcohol Program and two briefings on the findings of the regional roadway safety study led by Cambridge Systematics. The study has uncovered a complex set of factors that are contributing to the unacceptably high numbers of fatal and serious injury crashes in the region. It is also clear from the study findings that the types of actions that must be implemented to reduce the number of deaths on our roadways are numerous and fall under the auspices of many different agencies and levels of government.

TPB ADOPTS A RESOLUTION

The recommendation is for the TPB to adopt a multipart resolution at the July meeting (later if additional review is needed). The proposed resolution is in four parts and calls on member jurisdictions to take a variety of actions. It also establishes a regional safety program to provide ongoing support to local and regional efforts to reduce fatalities and serious injuries on our roadways. The proposed resolution consists of the following components:

- **Part 1:** The TPB urges its members to reaffirm road user safety as a top priority and prioritize the implementation of projects, programs, and policies, that strive to ensure equitable impacts and will increase seat belt use, reduce speeding, reduce impaired driving, and reduce distracted driving.
- **Part 2:** The TPB urges its members to commit to working individually and/or collectively to implement all of the applicable safety measures to address the types of fatal and serious injury crashes disproportionately observed in this region and strive to ensure their equitable impacts. A concise list of these safety measures is provided as part of the mailout.
- **Part 3:** The TPB will establish a Regional Roadway Safety Program which, through enhanced safety planning capabilities, can assist its member jurisdictions and the region implement projects, programs or policies to equitably improve safety outcomes for all roadway users.
- **Part 4:** The TPB Calls upon its member jurisdictions and agencies to adopt equitable Vision Zero policies and develop local roadway safety plans and the TPB calls on its member states

to adopt primary seat belt legislation, and increase the use of ignition interlock devices for impaired driving offenders.

UPDATED SCHEDULE OF SAFETY BRIEFINGS TO THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE AND THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD

Table 1 shows the current schedule for when the safety study results as well as other safety-related agenda items (such as the next round of annual regional highway safety targets) will be presented to the TPB and the Technical Committee.

Table 1: CY 2020 Safety Agenda Items

Month	Technical Committee	Transportation Planning Board
June 2020	Draft Final Safety Recommendations	Safety Recommendations
July 2020	Safety Resolution Update	Adopt Safety Resolution
September 2020	Methodology for PBPP Highway Safety Targets State DOT Safety Target Updates	
October 2020	State DOT Safety Target Updates Staff Proposed Regional Safety Targets	
November 2020	Staff Recommended Regional Safety Targets	Staff Recommended Regional Safety Targets
December 2020		Adopt Regional Safety Targets

It is anticipated that the schedule outlined above will be updated based on feedback from TPB members.