

**NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD**  
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**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT ANNUAL HIGHWAY SAFETY TARGETS  
FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION**

**WHEREAS**, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), which is the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Washington Region, has the responsibility under the provisions of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the provisions of the FAST Act continued the implementation of performance based planning and programming to achieve desired performance outcomes for the multimodal transportation system, including the setting of targets for future performance by States and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs); and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) issued a rulemaking for State departments of transportation (State DOT) and MPOs to annually establish data-driven highway safety targets and report progress on achieving the targets for the following performance measures: number of fatalities, rate of fatalities per hundred million vehicle miles traveled (VMT), number of serious injuries, rate of serious injuries per VMT, and number of combined non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries (based on five-year rolling averages); and

**WHEREAS**, the DOTs of the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia set their respective highway safety targets for the five-year period 2016 through 2020 by August 31, 2019 and that MPOs are required to set highway safety targets for their metropolitan planning areas for the same period by February 28, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, TPB staff have coordinated with officials at the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to develop regional highway safety targets that are evidence based, consistent with the targets submitted by each member state DOT, and reflective of the outcomes expected through the implementation of funded safety projects and policies; and

**WHEREAS**, safety of all modes of travel is an important element of TPB's Vision, and a regional priority, with many of its member jurisdictions having adopted aspirational safety goals associated with Vision Zero and Towards Zero Deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPB encourages every member jurisdiction in the region to adopt similar aspirational highway safety goals and calls on the transportation agencies of the region to redouble their efforts to develop projects, programs, and policies to achieve dramatic reductions in fatalities and serious injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPB acknowledges that the number of fatalities, the number of nonmotorist fatalities and serious injuries, and the rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles travelled remain unacceptably high, which is contrary to regional aspirations; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPB remains focused on developing and achieving its aspirational goals and will use the federally-required annual regional highway safety targets and the target setting process to evaluate the region's progress toward its aspirational goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPB has commissioned a study to determine the factors contributing to fatal and serious injury crashes in the region and recommend countermeasures; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPB will take appropriate actions based on the recommendations of the regional safety study when they are available as well as other relevant safety improvement ideas developed through ongoing Transportation Safety Subcommittee activities and continuing collaboration with state DOTs and member jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPB continues to support local, regional and state level efforts to reduce fatalities and serious injuries concurrent with the development of increasingly aggressive highway safety targets in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, these highway safety targets have been reviewed and recommended for TPB approval by the Transportation Safety Subcommittee and the TPB Technical Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPB requests that its members continue to coordinate and share information on projects, programs, policies, and initiatives to improve safety; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board adopts the following set of highway safety targets for the National Capital Region, as described below.

**Table 1: Regional Highway Safety Targets – 2016-2020 Average**

Performance Measure	2016-2020 Target
# of Fatalities (5 year rolling average)	253.0
Fatality Rate (per 100 MVMT) (5 year rolling average)	0.588
# of Serious Injuries (5 year rolling average)	2,692.1
Serious Injury Rate (per 100 MVMT) (5 year rolling average)	6.157
# Nonmotorist Fatalities & Serious Injuries (5 year rolling average)	508.6

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