



MEMORANDUM

TO: TPB Technical Committee
FROM: Jon Schermann, TPB Systems Performance Analysis Manager
SUBJECT: Safety Recommendations
DATE: July 1, 2020

This document provides a review of the TPB's discussion of the proposed safety resolution at their June meeting and an update on the status of the regional safety resolution.

RECEPTION OF THE REGIONAL SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS AT THE JUNE TPB MEETING

The TPB was very supportive in general of the staff recommendation to adopt a resolution consisting of the following four parts (this is the wording presented at the June 17 meeting; the wording to be presented at the July 22 meeting may be further fine-tuned):

- **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.¹
- **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.

Discussion among board members centered on the topic of equity. Chair Russell proposed the following statement on equity be included in the resolution. Many TPB members voiced their support for the equity statement.

¹ A concise list of these safety measures was provided as part of the TPB mailout.

Chair Russell's Equity Statement

Every action TPB considers, every debate we have, and every decision we make as the region's MPO must be viewed through the lens of equity, fairness, and non-discrimination. Past actions that have been exclusionary or had disparate impacts on underrepresented communities must be recognized, and actions taken to correct or mitigate the resulting unfairness. From infrastructure to education and enforcement, we must act fairly, without partiality or prejudice, to ensure all people have true access to safe and equitable mobility. The TPB Officers and staff are committed to this mission.

The equity discussions were primarily concerned with enforcement strategies, with the recommendation for the TPB to call on its member states to adopt primary seat belt legislation being a particular focus. TPB officers are currently working on developing language they can support related to this strategy. They are also working with DTP staff to finalize the language of the overall resolution that will go to the board in July.

ADDITIONAL SAFETY STRATEGY ADDED TO PART 2 OF THE RESOLUTION

Based on a request from Chair Russell, the following strategy will be added to the list of safety strategies.

Provide walkways where appropriate, including paved shoulders, shared-use paths, trails, bicycle lanes and/or separated bike lanes.

This is an FHWA Proven Effective Countermeasure and will be placed with the other infrastructure-oriented pedestrian safety strategies.

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: Tentative CY 2020 Safety Agenda Items

Month	Technical Committee	Transportation Planning Board
July 2020	Safety Recommendations 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 the Technical Committee and TPB members.