

## **ITEM 9 – Information**

September 18, 2019

### Activities to Address Safety Challenges in the Region: MDOT

**Background:**

This second briefing from the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) will provide an overview of actions underway to improve safety in Maryland, as well as review the statewide 2020 highway safety targets.





## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Transportation Planning Board  
**FROM:** Jon Schermann, TPB Transportation Planner  
**SUBJECT:** TPB Safety Agenda Items  
**DATE:** September 12, 2019

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This memo provides an overview of upcoming safety-related briefings to the Transportation Planning Board (TPB).

## BACKGROUND

In January, the TPB approved Resolution R11-2019 setting performance-based planning and programming (PBPP) highway safety targets for 2019. As part of the resolution, the board requested that member Departments of Transportation (DOT) report quarterly on their efforts to improve safety. The board also requested interim updates on the status and findings of the Regional Safety Study.

## UPCOMING SAFETY AGENDA ITEMS

The following safety-related items are on the TPB's docket for the remainder of 2019:

**Member DOT Safety Updates:** During the September TPB meeting, the board will receive a safety update from the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT). Both the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) will provide safety updates at the TPB's October meeting.

**Regional Safety Study Update:** In late May COG signed a contract with Cambridge Systematics, Inc. to conduct the Regional Safety Study. This study will identify the factors driving our observed safety outcomes and recommend projects, policies, strategies, and programs to address those factors. A kickoff meeting to launch the study was held in June. The consultant team has acquired and begun analyzing relevant crash data for the region. An update on the progress of this study will be provided to the TPB later this year.

**2020 Regional Safety Targets Adoption:** Federal regulations require metropolitan planning organizations like the TPB to set regional highway safety targets each year. A draft set of staff-recommended regional safety targets for 2020 will be presented for TPB review in November. Depending on board member feedback, staff plans to request official adoption of the targets at the December TPB meeting.