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NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

**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 final rule to establish performance measures for State departments of transportation (State DOT) and MPOs to establish and report safety 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 by August 31, 2018 for State DOTs and by February 27, 2019 for MPOs; 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 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 recent trends for both fatalities and the rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles travelled are moving in the wrong direction, which does not match regional aspirations; and

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

WHEREAS, the TPB will support 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 member DOTs report back on the projects, programs, policies, and initiatives to improve safety on a quarterly basis; 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 – 2015-2019 Average

Performance Measure	2015-2019 Target
Number of Fatalities <i>(5 year rolling average)</i>	253.0
Rate of Fatalities per 100 million VMT <i>(5 year rolling average)</i>	0.588
Number of Serious Injuries <i>(5 year rolling average)</i>	2,919.6
Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT <i>(5 year rolling average)</i>	6.564
Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries <i>(5 year rolling average)</i>	508.6

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