

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD
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RESOLUTION TO ADOPT ANNUAL TRANSIT SAFETY TARGETS FOR 2021
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, providers of public transportation, and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs); and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) issued a rulemaking for providers of public transportation and MPOs to annually establish data-driven transit safety targets and report progress on achieving the targets for the following performance measures for each mode of public transportation: number of fatalities, rate of fatalities per hundred thousand revenue vehicle miles (RVM), number of serious injuries, rate of serious injuries per hundred thousand RVM, number of safety events (collisions, derailments, fires, or life safety evacuations), rate of safety events per hundred thousand RVM, and the Mean Distance Between Failure (MDBF); and

WHEREAS, the applicable providers of public transportation have set their respective transit safety targets for 2021 and that MPOs are required to set transit safety targets for their metropolitan planning areas for the same period within 180 days; and

WHEREAS, TPB staff have coordinated with officials of the providers of public transportation in the region to develop regional transit safety targets that are consistent with the targets submitted by each provider 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 has reviewed safety performance measures and established data-driven regional safety targets annually since January 2018 and acknowledges that any number of fatalities and serious injuries on the region's roadways and transit systems is unacceptable and contrary to its own vision and the region's aspirations; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the TPB continues to support local, regional and state level efforts to reduce transportation fatalities and serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, these transit safety targets have been reviewed and recommended for TPB approval by the Regional Public Transportation 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 annual transit safety targets for the National Capital Region for 2021, as described below.

Table 1: Regional Transit Safety Targets – 2021

	Fatalities		Serious Injuries		Safety Events		Reliability
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	MDBF
Heavy Rail (HR)	0	0	244	0.31	84	0.11	254,000
Streetcar Rail (SR)	0	0	0	0.00	4	0.27	672
Urban Bus (MB)	0	0	411	0.69	463	0.78	13,654
Commuter Bus (CB)	0	0	6	0.07	20	0.23	13,265
Demand Response (DR)	0	0	40	0.19	18	0.08	0
Vanpools (VP)	0	0	6	0.05	118	1.05	9,500

Rate - Per 100,000 Vehicle Revenue Miles MDBF = Mean Distance Between Failures

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