

DRAFT RESOLUTION #25-2**RESOLUTION OF THE CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL TO
SUPPORT NYSDOT TARGETS FOR SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

WHEREAS, the Capital Region Transportation Council (Transportation Council) has been designated by the Governor of the State of New York as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible for the comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process for the counties of Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, and Schenectady, except the Town of Moreau and the Village of South Glens Falls, as required by 23 U.S.C 134 and 49 U.S.C. 5303; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) final rule (23 CFR Part 490) requires States to set targets for five safety performance measures in the HSIP annual report; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has established targets for five performance measures based on five year rolling averages for:

- (1) Number of Fatalities,
- (2) Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT),
- (3) Number of Serious Injuries,
- (4) Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT, and
- (5) Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Non-motorized Serious Injuries, and

WHEREAS, the NYSDOT coordinated the establishment of safety targets with the 14 Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in New York through the New York State Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (NYSAMPO); and

WHEREAS, the NYSDOT has established calendar year 2025 safety targets for New York State in the 2024 Highway Safety Improvement Program annual report on August 31, 2024, and the Governors Traffic Safety Committee reported identical safety targets for number of fatalities, rate of fatalities and number of serious injuries in the Highway Safety Strategic Plan (HSSP) on July 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Council may establish safety targets by agreeing to plan and program projects that contribute toward the accomplishment of the New York State targets, or establish its own targets within 180 days of the State establishing and reporting its safety targets;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Capital Region Transportation Council has agreed to support NYSDOT’s calendar year 2025 targets for the five safety performance targets as attached herein, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Transportation Council will plan and program projects that contribute to the accomplishment of said targets.

CERTIFICATION

The Chair of the Capital Region Transportation Council certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Capital Region Transportation Council held on March 6, 2025.

Kathy M. Sheehan
Mayor, City of Albany
Chair, Capital Region Transportation Council

March 6, 2025

Safety Performance Measure Targets

Measure	2024 Reduction Percentage	2024 Target	2025 Reduction Percentage	2025 Target
Number of Fatalities	-0.50%	1,016.1	-1.0%	1,011.0
Fatality Rate	-0.50%	0.886	-1.0%	0.881
Number of Serious Injuries	-0.50%	11,089.9	-1.0%	11,034.1
Serious Injury Rate	-0.50%	9.606	-1.0%	9.557
Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	-0.50%	2,628.4	-1.0%	2,615.2

NYS SAFETY TARGET SETTING METHODS – 2025 TARGETS

NYS Department of Transportation, Office of Traffic Safety and Mobility

Overview

As per the Highway Safety Improvement Program final rule (23 CFR Part 490); States are required to set targets for five safety performance measures. The measures are the 5-year rolling averages for:

- Number of Fatalities*
- Rate of Fatalities (Fatalities / 100M VMT) *
- Number of Serious Injuries*
- Rate of Serious Injuries (Serious Injuries / 100M VMT)
- Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Non-motorized Serious Injuries

* Must be identical to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Highway Safety Plan targets set by the Governors Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC).

MPO Requirements

MPOs establish safety targets by either:

- Agreeing to plan and program projects that contribute toward the accomplishment of the State DOT target or
- Committing to a quantifiable safety target for the metropolitan planning area.

Timeline

- GTSC reports targets in the HSP.
- NYSDOT establishes safety targets in the HSIP annual report on August 31, 2024.
- MPOs must agree to support state targets or establish their own within 180 days of the State establishing and reporting its safety targets. The MPO targets are due February 28, 2025.

Target Setting Framework

A key factor in setting the targets for the common measures (Traffic Fatalities, Serious Injuries in Traffic Crashes and Fatalities per 100M VMT) used in the HSP and in the HSIP and SHSP prepared by NYSDOT was the need for consistency.

Agreement was reached to set a realistic 1.5% reduction goal for 2026, with annual reduction benchmarks of 0.5% by 2024 and 1.0% by 2025. Below are the targets for 2025.

Performance Measure	2025
Traffic Fatalities	1,011.0
Fatalities per 100 million VMT*	0.881
Serious Injuries	11,034.1
Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT**	9.557
Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Non-Motorized Serious Injuries***	2,615.2

* Fatality Rate computed using VMT from FHWA Highway Statistics Series, Table VM-2

** Serious Injury Rate computed using VMT from FHWA Highway Statistics Series, Table VM-2

*** Based on combined total of Pedestrian Fatalities and Bicyclist and Other Cyclist Fatalities from FARS.