



August 27, 2018

**Ohio Metropolitan Planning Organizations
Executive Directors**

Dear Colleagues,

The deadline for Ohio to adopt the annual Safety Performance Management Measures is approaching. As a result, I'm writing to inform you of the state's adopted targets, as well as provide a timeline and process for Metropolitan Planning Organizations to adopt these targets or develop regional targets of their own.

Background

Federal Rule 23 CFR 490 requires states to establish five performance measures and set targets for those measures to demonstrate fatal and serious injury reductions on all public roads. The required performance measures are:

- Number of Fatalities
- Number of Serious Injuries
- Rate of Fatalities
- Rate of Serious Injuries
- Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Non-motorized Serious Injuries

Together, these performance measures are being required to foster transparency and accountability, and help organizations track safety progress at the regional, state and national level.

Deadlines

The deadlines for publishing a state's targets are:

- **July 1, 2018** - Targets included in the Highway Safety Plan developed by the Ohio Department of Public Safety and submitted to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.
- **August 31, 2018** - Targets included in the Highway Safety Improvement Program Report developed by the Ohio Department of Transportation and submitted to the Federal Highway Administration. **This starts the 180-day deadline for MPOs.**
- **February 27, 2019** - Ohio MPOs must establish Safety Performance Management targets for their respective metropolitan areas. ODOT requests that MPO Safety Performance targets be adopted through MPO Governance Board resolutions. MPO Safety Performance target options are:
 - Adopt the statewide targets and agree to plan and program projects so they contribute toward the accomplishment of the ODOT safety target for that performance measure; or
 - Commit to a quantifiable target for that performance measure for their metropolitan planning area.

MPO Board Resolutions can be forwarded to Christopher Van Newhouse in ODOT's Division of Planning prior to the February 27, 2019 deadline. We have also created a web page, which includes tools you can use to calculate regional targets. <https://tinyurl.com/ycn6ml9e>

Ohio Adopts 1% Annual Reduction Goal

After reviewing historical crash trends, external factors, and through consultation with ODOT's partners, the Strategic Highway Safety Plan Steering Committee recommended that Ohio retain its **1 percent annual reduction target across all five categories.**

Although the 1% annual target will be difficult to achieve across all five categories, the SHSP Steering Committee feels an aspirational but achievable target is better than adopting targets that accept the status quo.

Calculated Targets for 2019

Below are Ohio's calendar year (CY) 2019 targets. The baseline years for setting CY 2019 targets are CY 2013-2017. The Federal Highway Administration will determine whether a state DOT has met or made significant progress toward meeting its CY 2019 targets in December 2020. States will be notified in March 2021.

A state is considered to have met or made significant progress toward meeting its performance targets if at least four of the five targets have been met or the actual outcome for the target is better than the baseline performance.

CY 2019 Targets for Ohio are:

- 1,062 Number of Fatalities
- 8,834 Number of Serious injuries
- 0.91 Rate of Fatalities
- 7.60 Rate of Serious Injuries
- 836 Frequency of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries

Baselines used to set targets are (CY 2013-2017):

- 1,083.4 Number of Fatalities
- 9,013.2 Number of Serious Injuries
- 0.93 Rate of Fatalities
- 7.76 Rate of Serious Injuries
- 852.8 Frequency of Non-motorized Fatalities and Non-motorized Serious Injuries

Estimates for CY 2018

The following estimates are based on crash frequencies reported in CY 2017.

In CY 2018, Ohio anticipates the following progress towards meeting its safety performance targets:

- 823 Number of Fatalities
- 9,031 Number of Serious Injuries
- 0.82 Rate of Fatalities
- 8.83 Rate of Serious Injuries
- 795 Frequency of Non-motorized Fatalities and Non-motorized Serious Injuries

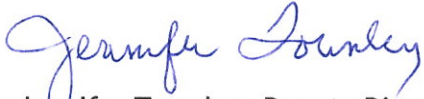
Based on our projections, Ohio can potentially meet 2 of the 5 targets (the Number of Serious Injuries and serious injury rate) and "make significant progress" toward the non-motorist target.

As a result, ODOT will likely be required to develop an action plan and fully allocate its federal HSIP dollars in FFY 2021. (Please note that ODOT already fully allocates these dollars annually).

However, we will continue to work with each of you to direct Ohio's investments in ways that will help us all meet our statewide targets in the future.

If you have questions, please contact Dave Moore at (614) 466-0754 or dave.moore1@dot.ohio.gov or Christopher Van Newhouse at (614) 466-2594 or Christopher.vannewhouse@dot.ohio.gov.

Respectfully,



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