

**STATE PLANNING COUNCIL
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Supplement to Agenda Item #6

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MPO’s Highway Safety Performance Measures and Targets

The Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT), in coordination with the Rhode Island Division of Statewide Planning (RIDSP), set the state’s annual highway safety performance targets for the 2025 calendar year. RIDOT establishes Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) safety targets and reports them in the HSIP annual report that is submitted to FHWA by September 30th each year. The proposed targets have been set against a baseline and show a reduction in target numbers annually.

This [short video](#) provides further explanation on the highway safety target setting process. Please click on the link to view the video in advance of the TAC meeting if possible.

The five mandated safety performance measures and corresponding proposed targets for 2025 are as follows:

Safety Performance Measure	2023 Baseline*	2024 Targets	2025 Targets
Number of fatalities	62.0	59.6	58.6
Rate of fatalities per 100 million VMT	0.823	0.788	0.736
Number of serious injuries	271.8	280	265
Rate of serious injuries per 100 million VMT	3.600	3.675	3.327
Number of non-motorized- fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries	66.6	68	63

*2023 baseline based on 2019-2023, 5-year rolling average

These highway safety targets are connected to the goals outlined in the [State of Rhode Island’s Strategic Highway Safety Plan \(SHSP\)](#). The vision of the 2023-2027 SHSP is to “Leverage partnerships and promote equity to bring roadway deaths and serious injuries TO ZERO for all users through safety countermeasures, continuous education, and a positive safety culture.” A multidisciplinary group of stakeholders from across Rhode Island met and provided input to the 2023 Plan, including stakeholders from federal, state, and local agencies, organizations, and advocacy groups. The goal of the SHSP is to reduce fatalities and serious injuries 25% by 2027, moving TO ZERO by 2050. Key themes of this plan are data & emerging technology, The Safe System Approach, Effective Countermeasures, and Equity. The implementation of the SHSP will meet the dual goals of achieving plan targets, as well as the proposed MPO safety targets (which must be updated and adopted annually).

The Transportation Advisory Committee is being asked to make a recommendation to the Rhode Island State Planning Council (RISPC) regarding the MPO’s safety performance targets, which align with the SHSP goals and RIDOT’s safety targets. The RISPC, as MPO, is required to adopt safety performance targets within 180 days of the adoption by RIDOT.

ACTION REQUESTED: For Action