



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

November 4, 2025

Dear Planning Partners:

Pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations (23 CFR § 490) regarding National Performance Management Measures for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), Pennsylvania has established the 2026 targets for the following Safety Performance Measures:

- 1) Number of fatalities
- 2) Rate of fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT)
- 3) Number of serious injuries
- 4) Rate of serious injuries per 100 million VMT
- 5) Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is required to establish these targets by August 31 each year. The 2026 targets found in Table 1 of the enclosure are based on a data driven trend analysis of the statewide fatality and suspected serious injury numbers (2 percent annual fatality reduction and maintaining level suspected serious injuries).

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPOs) are required to establish targets within 180 days of PennDOT establishing its targets (by February 27, 2026) either by agreeing to plan and program projects in support of the PennDOT targets, or by establishing their own quantifiable targets. For consistency, PennDOT is requesting Rural Planning Organizations (RPOs) follow the same procedure. Table 2 of the enclosure reflects values for your MPO/RPO based on the same methodology that was used at the state level. MPOs/RPOs wishing to establish their own quantifiable targets are requested to coordinate with PennDOT as early as possible, but no later than December 31, 2025.

A state is determined to have met or made significant progress toward meeting established targets if the outcome in 4 of 5 performance measures is better than the baseline number. For Pennsylvania's 2024 targets, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will report this determination by March 31, 2026.

Based on preliminary data, we do not expect Pennsylvania to meet our 2024 targets and anticipate will be subject to the provisions of 23 United States Code § 148 (i). This will require the Department to submit an implementation plan that identifies gaps, develops strategies, action steps and best practices, and includes a financial and performance review of all HSIP funded projects. This plan will be due June 30, 2026. In addition, we will be required to obligate in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2027 an amount equal to the FFY 2023 HSIP apportionment (\$128,666,054).

For more information, please visit the FHWA Safety Performance Management website at <https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/hsip/spm/>.

Please note your response by using the form on the next page. Your response is requested before February 27, 2026.

Should you have any questions, please contact Matthew Crea, Transportation Planning Manager, Center for Program Development and Management, at 717.787.2862 or mcree@pa.gov.

Sincerely,



Kristin A. Mulkerin
Deputy Secretary for Planning

Sincerely,



Christine Norris, P.E.
Deputy Secretary for Highway
Administration

Enclosure

Please complete the following:

Planning Organization Name

Select one of the following options for establishing Safety Performance Measures:

- The MPO/RPO agrees to plan and program projects so that they contribute toward the accomplishment of the established PennDOT targets. The MPO/RPO will have the option to establish quantifiable targets of their own each year when new PennDOT targets are established. Table 2 of the enclosure reflects corresponding MPO/RPO values.

- The MPO/RPO has established quantifiable targets for each performance measure for our planning area. The targets and methodology used to develop them are enclosed with this letter. This option will require PennDOT coordination with the Federal Highway Administration to ensure that the targets established are not just aspirational but achievable based on the projects that are programmed on the MPO/RPO's Transportation Improvement Program. If choosing this option please notify the Center for Program Development and Management (CPDM) by December 31, 2025.

Concurrence: _____
Authorized MPO/RPO Representative

Date

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Table 1: Statewide Targets:

Performance Measure	5-year Rolling Averages		
	TARGET 2022-2026	ACTUAL 2022-2026	BASELINE 2020-2024
Number of Fatalities	1,140.4		1174.8
Fatality Rate	1.176		1.216
Number of Serious Injuries	4,722.0		4746.2
Serious Injury Rate	4.870		4.914
Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	944.0		864.6

* Future VMT estimated to hold level over next few years

Table 2: Reading MPO Supporting Values:

Performance Measure	5-year Rolling Averages		
	TARGET 2022-2026	ACTUAL 2022-2026	BASELINE 2020-2024
Number of Fatalities	47.3		45.6
Fatality Rate	1.402		1.361
Number of Serious Injuries	192.8		200.0
Serious Injury Rate	5.715		5.968
Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	36.3		33.2

* Future VMT estimated to hold level over next few years