COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF
SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

November 5, 2019

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 2020 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 31st each year. The 2020 targets found in Table 1 of the enclosure are consistent with the fatality and serious injury reduction goals of the 2017 Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPOs) are required to establish targets within 180 days of PennDOT establishing its targets (by February 27, 2020) by agreeing to plan and program projects in support of the PennDOT targets, or by establishing their own quantifiable targets. Table 2 of the enclosure reflects corresponding values for your MPO/Rural Planning Organization (RPO). MPOs/RPOs that support the state targets will have the option each year to establish their own targets. PennDOT is requesting RPOs follow the same procedure.

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 2018 targets, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will report this determination by March 31, 2020.

Preliminary data indicate Pennsylvania did not meet our 2018 targets and 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, 2020. In addition, we will be required to obligate in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 an amount equal to the FFY 2017 HSIP apportionment.

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

Your response is requested before February 27, 2020.

Please complete the following:

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Planning Organization Name

Select one of the following options for Safety Performance Measures:

☐ The MPO/RPO agrees to plan and program projects so that they contribute toward the accomplishment of the 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 that represent the anticipated outcome 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 additional coordination with Federal Highway Administration so if choosing this option please notify the Center for Program Development and Management by February 1, 2020.

Concurrence: _____ _____
Authorized MPO/RPO Representative Date

SUBMIT

Should you have any questions, please contact Casey Markey, Transportation Planning Manager, Center for Program Development and Management, at 717.787.1251 or cmarkey@pa.gov.

Sincerely,

Larry S. Shifflet

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Enclosure

MPO/RPO Target Setting
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Table 1: Statewide Targets:

Performance Measure	5-year Rolling Averages		
	TARGET 2016-2020	ACTUAL 2016-2020	BASELINE 2014-2018
Number of Fatalities	1,171.9		1182.0
Fatality Rate	1.148		1.169
Number of Serious Injuries	4,400.3		3839.6
Serious Injury Rate	4.309		3.797
Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	781.7		679

* Future VMT estimated to be 0.5% higher per year starting in 2019

Table 2: Scranton/WB MPO Supporting Values:

Performance Measure	5-year Rolling Averages		
	TARGET 2016-2020	ACTUAL 2016-2020	BASELINE 2014-2018
Number of Fatalities	49.5		52.4
Fatality Rate	1.071		1.150
Number of Serious Injuries	175.2		162.2
Serious Injury Rate	3.791		3.561
Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	36.0		31.8

* Future VMT estimated to be 0.5% higher per year starting in 2019