



**GHMPO Endorsement of Targets for Safety Performance Measures Established By NCDOT**

WHEREAS, the Greater Hickory MPO has been designated by the Governor of the State of North Carolina as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible, together with the State, for the comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process for the MPO's metropolitan planning area; and;

WHEREAS the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) final rule (23 CFR Part 490) requires States to set targets for five safety performance measures annually, by August 31, and;

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) 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 (bicycle and pedestrian) Fatalities and Non-motorized Serious Injuries, and;

WHEREAS, the NCDOT coordinated the establishment of safety targets with the 20 Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in North Carolina continually through outreach conducted by NCDOT's Mobility and Safety Group and;

WHEREAS, the NCDOT officially establishes and reports the safety targets in the Highway Safety Improvement Program annual report by August 31, of each year and;

WHEREAS the MPO's may establish safety targets by agreeing to plan and program projects that contribute toward the accomplishment of the State's targets for each measure or establish its own target within 180 days of the State establishing and reporting its safety targets in the HSIP annual report.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the GHMPO agrees to plan and program projects that contribute toward the accomplishment of the State's targets as *noted below for each of the aforementioned performance measures:*

1. For the 2026 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), the goal is to reduce total fatalities by 33 percent from 1,585.2 (2020-2024 average) to 1,057.0 (2022-2026 average) by December 31, 2026.
2. For the 2026 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), the goal is to reduce the fatality rate by 35 percent from 1.353 (2020-2024 average) to 0.885 (2022-2026 average) by December 31, 2026.
3. For the 2026 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), the goal is to reduce total serious injuries by 41 percent from 5,236.8 (2020-2024 average) to 3,101.0 (2022-2026 average) by December 31, 2026.
4. For the 2026 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), the goal is to reduce the serious injury rate by 42 percent from 4.467 (2020-2024 average) to 2.585 (2022-2026 average) by December 31, 2026.
5. For the 2026 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), the goal is to reduce the total nonmotorized fatalities and serious injuries by 41 percent from 712.6 (2020-2024 average) to 418.7 (2022-2026 average) by December

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