

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: January 24, 2022

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 9, 2022

Subject: 2022 Safety Performance Measure Targets, Resolution No. 2022-02

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: TAB Action

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt Resolution 2022-02 setting 2022 targets for safety performance measures for the metropolitan planning area.

Background

Federal law requires each MPO to annually adopt safety performance targets and submit an official Resolution upon adoption of the performance measure targets. This Resolution outlines the Council's agreement to set the 2022 regional targets as shown below:

1. Total Traffic Fatalities: 98
2. Fatality Rate (per 100 million vehicle miles travelled): 0.33
3. Total Serious Injuries: 669
4. Serious Injury Rate (per 100 million vehicle miles travelled): 2.24
5. Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries: 164

Rationale

In the past, the Council has used the same methodology as MnDOT to calculate safety targets for the Council's metropolitan planning area. Repeating this practice for 2020 would have resulted in an increase in the Council's adopted targets for fatalities, which was of concern to local partners. As part of the adoption of the 2020 targets, the Council recommended establishing a safety performance work group to recommend a methodology for calculating future targets to address these concerns. This work group convened to make recommendations on the targets for 2021 and again for 2022. The proposed short-term targets for the required safety performance measures directly support the Safety and Security goal of the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan and meet this federal requirement of an MPO.

Thrive Lens Analysis

The safety performance measures are broadly associated with all five of the Thrive Outcomes, most directly to the Livability outcome. This action promotes the Livability outcome by focusing on the lives and safety of all residents within the region and actions that affect their health and wellness. This ensures that the Council promotes projects that create and help improve the infrastructure necessary for a safe transportation system.

Funding

There are no direct implications to funding with this action.

Known Support / Opposition

The targets were recommended for adoption by the Transportation Advisory Board and its technical committees. During the public comment period for the draft 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which is required to include the adopted safety targets, the Council received nine comments requesting either lower targets and/or a Vision Zero approach to safety. This draft TIP included the 2021 targets rather than the proposed 2022 targets in this business item.

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-02

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PERFORMANCE TARGETS

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation established five performance measures for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) as detailed in 23 CFR 490, Subpart B, National Performance Measures for the Highway Safety Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) established performance targets for each of the five HSIP performance measures in accordance with 23 CFR 490.209; and

WHEREAS, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) must establish performance targets for each of the HSIP performance measures; and

WHEREAS, MPOs establish HSIP targets by either agreeing to plan and program projects so that they contribute to the accomplishment of the State DOT HSIP target or commit to a quantifiable target for the metropolitan planning area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Metropolitan Council sets the following 2022 regional targets for the metropolitan area:

1. Total Traffic Fatalities: 98
2. Fatality Rate (per 100 million vehicle miles travelled): 0.33
3. Total Serious Injuries: 669
4. Serious Injury Crash Rate (per 100 million vehicle miles travelled): 2.24
5. Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries: 164

Adopted this 9th day of February, 2022.

Charles A. Zelle, Chair

Elizabeth Sund, Recording Secretary