

**BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**RESOLUTION #18-8
ADOPTING HIGHWAY SAFETY TARGETS FOR THE REGION**

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, encompassing the Baltimore Urbanized Area, and includes official representatives of the cities of Annapolis and Baltimore, the counties of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard, and Queen Anne's, as well as representatives of the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Maryland Department of the Environment, the Maryland Department of Planning, the Maryland Transit Administration, and Harford Transit; and

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB), the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Baltimore region, has the responsibility under the provisions of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the FAST Act continued the implementation of performance based planning and programming to achieve desired performance outcomes for the multimodal transportation system, including the setting of targets for future performance by States, providers of public transportation, and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs); and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) issued a final rule to establish performance measures for state departments of transportation and metropolitan planning organizations to use to carry out the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and to assess the number of motor vehicle crash-related serious injuries and fatalities, the number of serious injuries and fatalities of non-motorized users, and serious injuries and fatalities per vehicle miles traveled (VMT); and

WHEREAS, the FHWA and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) issued a joint final rule on planning (Statewide and Nonmetropolitan Transportation Planning; Metropolitan Transportation Planning), under which MPOs shall establish performance targets within 180 days of a state or transit provider setting targets; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) developed information and targets toward compliance with the law and regulations by the August 31, 2017 due date established for highway safety measures and has communicated its current highway safety targets to the FHWA and the BRTB; and

WHEREAS, while the MDOT and the BRTB propose to adopt short-term yearly highway safety targets in accordance with regulatory guidance and advice received by the FHWA, both organizations nonetheless maintain their long-term commitment to achieving zero deaths on the state's and the region's highways; and

WHEREAS, the MDOT has coordinated with Baltimore Metropolitan Council staff on a method for developing regional targets, and the BRTB's Technical Committee has reviewed and endorsed these targets (see Attachment 1);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region adopts the set of highway safety targets for the region, as described in Attachment 1.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region approved the aforementioned resolution at its January 26, 2018 meeting.

Date

Catherine Pugh, Chairman
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

Baltimore Region Yearly Highway Safety Targets

Performance Measure	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Number of Fatalities	188	182	176	171	166
Number of Serious Injuries	1,224	1,200	1,176	1,153	1,130
Fatality Rate per 100 Million VMT	0.72	0.70	0.68	0.66	0.64
Serious Injury Rate per 100 Million VMT	4.46	4.31	4.18	4.05	3.92
Number of Non-motorized Fatalities & Serious Injuries	216	209	202	195	188

Statewide Yearly Highway Safety Targets (for informational purposes)

Performance Measure	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Number of Fatalities	442	429	416	403	391
Number of Serious Injuries	3,422	3,294	3,171	3,053	2,939
Fatality Rate per 100 Million VMT	0.72	0.70	0.68	0.66	0.64
Serious Injury Rate per 100 Million VMT	6.08	5.86	5.64	5.43	5.23
Number of Non-motorized Fatalities & Serious Injuries	488	473	459	446	433