

## DRAFT RESOLUTION 2024-06

### ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

#### In Support of New York State Department of Transportation 2024 Targets for Safety Performance Measures.

**WHEREAS**, the Ulster County Transportation Council (UCTC) has been designated by the Governor of the State of New York as the Metropolitan Planning Organization responsible, together with the State, for the comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process for the Ulster County portions of the Poughkeepsie-Newburgh NY-NJ-CT Urbanized Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal surface transportation programs that are the responsibility of the UCTC are authorized by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA, also known as the “Bipartisan Infrastructure Law,” or BIL), (Pub. L. 117-58, November 15, 2021); and

**WHEREAS**, Title 23 U.S.C. Section 134 (Metropolitan Transportation Planning) requires that a Metropolitan Planning Organization develop a Transportation Improvement Program for the 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 by August 31, 2020, and

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has established targets for five performance measures based on five year rolling averages for the following items:

- (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 Fatalities and Non-motorized Serious Injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, the NYSDOT coordinated the establishment of safety targets with the 14 Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in New York through the New York State Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (NYSAMPO) Safety Working Group and the NYSAMPO Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act Working Group; and discussed the targets at a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Safety Target Setting Workshop and during an Executive Director’s meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, as required by 23 CFR Part 490, New York State set annual safety performance targets (5 year rolling averages) for 2024, and the Governors Traffic Safety Committee has adopted identical safety targets for number of fatalities, rate of fatalities and number of serious injuries as set forth in the Highway Safety Strategic Plan (HSSP), and

**WHEREAS**, the UCTC may establish safety targets by agreeing to plan and program projects that contribute toward the accomplishment of the aforementioned State’s targets, or establish its own target within 180 days of the State establishing and reporting its safety targets, new therefore be it

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**RESOLVED**, that the Ulster County Transportation Council has agreed to support NYSDOT’s 2024 targets for the five safety performance targets as shown in Attachment 1, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Ulster County Transportation Council will plan and program projects that contribute to the accomplishment of said targets as resources allow.

**CERTIFICATE**, the undersigned, duly qualified Secretary of the Ulster County Transportation Council, certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by a vote on February 27, 2024.

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Date

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Lance MacMillan, P.E., Secretary,  
Ulster County Transportation Council



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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**New York State Department of Transportation’s 2024 Safety Performance Targets:**

Measure	Last Annual and 5-year Baseline		Step 1: Forecast Using 5-Yr Moving Average Trendline		Step 2: Round and apply a 2% or 4% Cap	
	2021 Annual	2021 Baseline 2017-2021 average	2024 Forecast	% Change 2020-2024 vs. 2017-2021	Rounded / Capped Percent	NYS DOT Target 2024
<b>Number of Fatalities</b>	1,157	1,021.2	894.9	-12.4%	<b>-0.50%</b>	<b>1,016.1</b>
<b>Fatality Rate</b>	1.083	0.890	0.768	-13.7%	<b>-0.50%</b>	<b>0.886</b>
<b>Number of Serious Injuries</b>	11,238	11,145.6	11,034.1	-1.0%	<b>-0.50%</b>	<b>11,089.9</b>
<b>Serious Injury Rate</b>	10.516	9.654	9.370	-2.9%	<b>-0.50%</b>	<b>9.606</b>
<b>Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries</b>	2,663	2,641.6	2,502.3	-5.3%	<b>-0.50%</b>	<b>2,628.4</b>