

DRAFT RESOLUTION 2025-13

ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

In Support of New York State Department of Transportation 2026 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, 2025, 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 2026, 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 2026 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 November 25, 2025.

Date

By_____
James Rusak, P.E., Secretary,
Ulster County Transportation Council

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ATTACHMENT 1

New York State Department of Transportation's 2026 Safety Performance Targets*:

Performance Measure	2026
Traffic Fatalities	1,005.9
Fatalities per 100 million VMT*	0.877
Serious Injuries	10,978.4
Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT**	9.509
Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Non-Motorized Serious Injuries***	2,602.0

**Agreement was reached to set a realistic 1.5% reduction goal for 2026, with annual reduction benchmarks of 0.5% by 2024 and 1.0% by 2025.*