



**NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY
M E M O R A N D U M**

TO: NOACA Board of Directors
FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer
DATE: December 5, 2025
RE: **Resolution 2025-053: CY 2026 Highway Safety Performance Measure Targets**

ACTION REQUESTED

The Board of Directors is asked to approve the proposed Calendar Year (CY) 2026 Highway Safety Performance Measure Targets.

The Transportation Subcommittee and Planning and Programming Committee recommended this item.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION

[Safety Performance Management \(SPM\)](#) is FHWA's strategic, data-driven approach to informing federal-level investment and policy decisions to improve safety on all roads. The Safety Performance Management (SPM) Measures regulation establishes safety performance measure requirements for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). It also requires State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), like NOACA, to set HSIP targets for the following five safety performance measures as five-year rolling averages:

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
5. Number of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries

The SPM regulation also establishes the process for DOTs and MPOs to establish and report their adopted safety targets. State DOTs are required to adopt targets annually. MPOs must establish targets within 180 days of DOT adoption and represent the anticipated outcomes for the same calendar year as the DOT's targets. MPO targets can be established through one of two options:

1. Agree to plan and program projects so that they contribute toward the accomplishment of the State DOT safety target for a safety performance measure, or
2. Commit to a quantifiable target for a safety performance measure specific to the metropolitan planning area.

Together, these performance measures foster transparency and accountability and help organizations track progress on safety outcomes at the regional, state, and national levels.

Last year, following feedback from the Planning & Programming Committee, the Transportation Subcommittee, and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Council, NOACA adopted a new method,

Equal Annual Reduction (EAR), to replace the previous fixed reduction rate for establishing annual safety targets. According to the EAR methodology, to achieve the Vision Zero goal by 2050, the reduction *rate* should be 4.0% for CY 2026. The reduction *value* depends on the rolling average of observed data in the previous five years. Due to higher Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) without commensurate increases in traffic congestion in 2024, several performance measures increased and necessitate a higher reduction value than last year. The resulting targets are listed in the table below. The presentation will provide details on which performance measures have increased and how the target reductions for those measures have consequently grown.

Safety Performance Measure	2026 Targets
Fatalities	159
Fatalities per 100 Million VMT	1.23
Serious Injuries	1,222
Serious Injuries per 100 Million VMT	9.46
Nonmotorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	163

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact.

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS

Pending Board approval, NOACA’s Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Plan will be amended to reflect the adopted 2026 highway safety performance targets.

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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

WHEREAS, the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, and the City of Cleveland, and the areawide water quality management agency for the same region; and

WHEREAS, under 23 C.F.R. § 490, States and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are required to establish targets for five safety performance measures applicable to all public roads, which include the number of fatalities, number of serious injuries, fatality rate, serious injury rate, and number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, the performance measures are meant to foster transparency and accountability, and help track safety progress at the regional, state, and national levels; and

WHEREAS, MPOs must establish targets for their respective areas within 180 days of the State's annual establishment of targets; and

WHEREAS, MPOs can establish targets either by agreeing to plan and program projects so that they contribute toward the accomplishment of the State DOT safety targets or by committing to quantifiable safety targets for the metropolitan planning area; and

WHEREAS, NOACA has committed to using an Equal Annual Reduction (EAR) methodology based on the safety performance measure of the preceding year and a Vision Zero year of 2050 for establishing safety targets; and

WHEREAS, based on the EAR calculation, NOACA should adopt a 4.0% reduction rate across all five performance measures for calendar year (CY) 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, consisting of forty-six principal officials serving general purpose local governments throughout and within the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, and the City of Cleveland that:

Section 1: A 4.0% reduction rate for all five safety performance measure targets is adopted for CY 2026.

Section 2: NOACA's Long Range Plan, *weNEO2050+*, and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be amended accordingly, and projects will be implemented that contribute toward accomplishing the adopted safety performance measure targets.

Section 3: The Executive Director is authorized to transmit certified copies of this resolution to appropriate federal, state, and local agencies.

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution of the Board of
Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating
Agency adopted this 12th of December, 2025.



Secretary

12/12/2025

Date Signed