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Dear Mr. Clark:

I am pleased to provide New Jersey's 2020 Safety Performance Targets required to be reported for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) intends to include these targets in New Jersey's Annual Safety Report this year. These targets were established after careful consideration of previous trends, recently built projects and the current socioeconomic environment. The targets are based on five year rolling average values and are reported to satisfy federal requirements with the understanding that New Jersey's safety vision is to achieve zero deaths on all public roads. This long-term safety vision requires time to change attitudes and behaviors and to construct infrastructure improvements to reduce the frequency and severity of crashes.

The 2015 New Jersey Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) guides the allocation of safety funding and resources to reduce highway fatalities and serious injuries on NJ's public roadways. The SHSP is data driven, sets long-term goals, and is a coordinated statewide plan that identifies the most significant infrastructure and behavioral safety issues on New Jersey's public roads. The SHSP identifies 16 key safety emphasis areas, including Lane Departure, Drowsy and Distracted Driving, Aggressive Driving, Intersections,

Pedestrians and Bicyclists, and Mature Drivers, and the supporting strategies that are likely to have the greatest impact on improving safety on our roadways.

NJDOT is committed to directing resources to these infrastructure related safety strategies as we diligently strive to drive down fatalities and serious injuries with an ultimate safety vision of zero deaths.

To satisfy 23 CFR 924.15(a)(1)(iii)(B) requirements, the following are the targets set by New Jersey Department of Transportation for 2020 Safety Performance Measures, based on 5 year rolling averages:

<b>PERFORMANCE MEASURE</b>	<b>TARGET 2016-2020 - 5 YEAR ROLLING AVERAGE</b>	<b>BASELINE 2014-2018 - 5 YEAR ROLLING AVERAGE</b>
NUMBER OF FATALITIES	582.8	581.6
RATE OF FATALITIES PER 100 MILLION VMT	0.744	0.759
NUMBER OF SERIOUS INJURIES	1167.9	1110.8
RATE OF SERIOUS INJURIES PER 100 MILLION VMT	1.489	1.449
NUMBER OF NON-MOTORIZED FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES	407.9	392.7

Although some of the five year rolling average targets above indicate an increase, this is due to annual levels for 2014 that were relatively low. 5-year rolling averages after that date lose the benefit of 2014, resulting in higher 5 year rolling average values. However, projected annual values are trending down, as indicated below.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE	TARGET 2020 ANNUAL	BASELINE 2018 ANNUAL
NUMBER OF FATALITIES	560	565
RATE OF FATALITIES PER 100 MILLION VMT	0.700	0.722
NUMBER OF SERIOUS INJURIES	1189	1270
RATE OF SERIOUS INJURIES PER 100 MILLION VMT	1.485	1.623
NUMBER OF NON-MOTORIZED FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES	410	424

NJDOT's target setting process included coordination with NJ's three Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and FHWA's NJ Division Office, along with NJ's Division of Highway Traffic Safety (DHTS) to ensure a consistent approach for target setting. The identified targets reflect coordination and collaboration with NJ's Governor's Highway Safety Representative. The selected targets for number of fatalities, fatality rates, and number of serious injuries are consistent with the targets which will be reported in NJ's Highway Safety Plan by the Division of Highway Traffic Safety.

If you have any questions, please contact my office.

Sincerely,



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