

SOUTH JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION 2009-24: Support for the 2021 Safety Performance Measure Targets Set by the New Jersey Department of Transportation in Collaboration with the Metropolitan Planning Organizations in New Jersey

WHEREAS, the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPO) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) designated under federal law for the southern region of New Jersey including Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, and Salem Counties; and

WHEREAS, Title 23, Sections 134 and 150 of the United States Code requires that each MPO undertake a transportation planning process that shall provide for the establishment and use of a performance-based approach to transportation decision-making to support national goals; and that each MPO shall establish performance targets that address the performance measures to use in tracking progress toward attainment of critical outcomes for the region; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) published the final rule, (23 CFR Part 490), on the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) on April 14, 2016, requiring the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) to develop and adopt targets assessing number of motor vehicle crash-related serious injuries and fatalities; serious injuries and fatalities per vehicle miles traveled (VMT); and number of serious injuries and fatalities of non-motorized users; and

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2016 the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) issued a final rule on metropolitan planning (23 CFR 450 & 771 and 49 CFR 613), under which MPOs must adopt safety targets no later than 180 days after the State DOT establishes and reports targets in the State HSIP annual report, and each year thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the final rule also requires that MPOs coordinate with NJDOT to set performance targets for the specified measures and integrate those targets into their planning documents and processes; and

WHEREAS, SJTPO coordinated with NJDOT, the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety (NJDHVS), and the other MPOs in New Jersey on analyzing trends and developing appropriate 2021 safety targets; and

WHEREAS, the NJDOT, in consultation with New Jersey's three MPOs, agreed upon five 2021 quantitative targets for each of the five safety performance measures identified above, and formally submitted them to the FHWA on July 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the final HSIP Rule (23 CFR Part 490) states that MPOs have the option to (1) agree to program investments in support of NJDOT's targets, or (2) set their own quantifiable targets; and


WHEREAS, SJTPO supported the State's 2018 Safety Performance Measure Targets on January 29, 2018, 2019 Safety Performance Measure Targets on July 23, 2018, 2020 Safety Performance Measure Targets on July 22, 2019, and this represents the fourth year of annual target setting for the five safety performance measures mentioned above; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the SJTPO hereby supports the statewide 2021 Safety Performance Measure Targets for each of the safety performance measures set by NJDOT from the National Performance Management Measures: Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP); Final Rule (23 CFR 490), as documented in the July 28, 2020 NJDOT letter to FHWA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SJTPO will program investments that support the achievement of the performance targets in support of the NJDOT HSIP.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a resolution adopted by the Policy Board of the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization at its meeting of September 28, 2020.


John W. Risley, Secretary/Treasurer