



November 21, 2025

Mr. Stephen Read, P.E.
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Virginia Department of Transportation
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Dear Mr. Read:

The Central Virginia Transportation Planning Organization (CVTPO) submits this letter to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to fulfill that March 2016 FHWA final rulemaking (23 CFR 490) for National Performance Measures for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) target setting requirements. The Safety Performance rulemaking requires MPOs to agree to contribute to meeting the State DOT safety targets or to establish safety targets for each of the following five safety measures: number of fatalities, rate of fatalities, rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT), number of serious injuries, rate of serious injuries per 100 million VMT, and number of the non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries.

By establishing MPO safety targets, the CVTPO agrees to plan and program projects to contribute toward reducing fatalities and serious injuries on the transportation system.

Future Target Annual Percent Changes

The VDOT statewide annual goal percent changes and the projected change in VMT are provided in the table below. The CVTPO adopts the statewide annual goal safety target percent changes.

Target Description	*Statewide Annual Goal Percent Change	CVTPO Adoption of Statewide Goal (Yes/No)
Fatalities	-1.31%	Yes
Serious Injuries	-1.31%	Yes
Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	-0.96%	Yes
Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)	+2.51%	Yes

*A positive value represents an increase, and a negative value represents a reduction in five-year averages each year from 2024 to 2026.

2026 Safety Performance Targets

The following five-year average target values were calculated using the CVTPO annual goal percent changes or other methodology:

Submittal of CVTPO 2026 Safety Performance Targets

Target Description	Target Value
Fatalities	14
Fatality Rate	1.006
Serious Injuries	109
Serious Injury Rate	7.945
Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	11

We acknowledge that CVTPO targets are reported to VDOT and will be made available to FHWA upon request. Our 2026 safety targets are submitted to each performance measure on all public roads within 180 days after the VDOT reported its statewide targets, which falls on February 28, 2026.

For questions or comments, please contact me at Kelly.Hitchcock@cvpdc.org or 434-818-7604.

Respectfully,

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