

**Housatonic Valley & South Western Region  
Metropolitan Planning Organizations**

**January 17, 2019 at 11:30 am**

**Location: Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Association**

**27 Governor Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877**

**Call-in Information: 515-739-1034, Access Code: 500386#**

**Agenda**

1. Meeting Call to Order:
2. Public Participation:
3. Information Items:
  - a. LRTP Update
  - b. MOU for Transportation Planning and Funding
  - c. Unified Planning Work Program Update
4. Action Items:
  - a. Approval of December 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes (HV & SWR) Attachment 4a, pp. 1-4
  - b. Safety Performance Measures Attachment 4b, pp. 5-14
5. Other Business:
6. Next Meeting: March 21, 2019 beginning at 11:30 am
7. Adjournment:

*\*Separate votes are taken by HV and SWR MPOs*

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Housatonic Valley  
Metropolitan Planning Organization  
**INTERIM HVMPO MINUTES**  
For the 12/13/2018 Meeting  
Held at the Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Association  
27 Governor Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877

*Chairman Rudolph Marconi - Vice Chairman Julia Pemberton*

#### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bethel	First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker
Bridgewater	First Selectman Curtis Read
Brookfield	First Selectman Steve Dunn
Danbury	Absent
New Fairfield	First Selectman Pat Del Monaco
New Milford	Mayor Pete Bass
Newtown	First Selectman Dan Rosenthal
Redding	First Selectman Julia Pemberton
Ridgefield	First Selectman Rudy Marconi
Sherman	Absent
HARTransit	Development Director Rick Schreiner
CTDOT	Transportation Planning Supervisor Kathryn Faraci (non-voting)
MPO Staff	Executive Director Francis Pickering (non-voting)

#### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Darien First Selectman Jayme Stevenson, Greenwich First Selectman Peter Tesei, New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan, Weston First Selectman Chris Spaulding, Westport First Selectman James Marpe, Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice, Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Jim Travers and Norwalk Transit District CEO Kimberlee Morton were in attendance. WestCOG staff members in attendance were Kristin Hadjstylianos, Victoria Ricks, Jamie Bastian and Kevin Mahoney. Alex Dasher of HARTransit, Daphne Dixon of Live Green CT, Sam Sojka from Eversource and James Root from Danbury Sierra Club and Leo Fontaine from CTDOT were also in attendance.

#### CALL TO ORDER

HVMPO Chairman Rudy Marconi called the meeting to order at 11:30am.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

**Title VI Environmental Justice Presentation:** Executive Director Francis Pickering gave a presentation on the Title VI laws that prohibit discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age and disability on any agency that is funded from the Federal Government.

**Municipal ADA Compliance Questionnaire:** Kristin Hadjstylianos gave an update on the CT DOT Municipality ADA Compliance Assessment that is required for all our members to complete. Leo Fontaine from CTDOT provided more information on what the DOT will be using this information for.

**Safety Performance Measures:** Kristin Hadjstylianos gave an update on the 2019 Safety Performance Measures developed by CTDOT.

**MPO Officers:** Kristin Hadjstylianos gave an update on MPO officers, which are on 2-year term and are not up until January 2020.

## ACTION ITEMS

**HVMPO Approval of 11/15/2018 Meeting Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by First Selectman Dan Rosenthal and seconded by First Selectman Steve Dunn, the minutes of the meeting of 11/15/2018 were unanimously approved.

**2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Project:** On a motion made by First Selectman Rudy Marconi and seconded by the Newtown TIP Amendment was unanimously approved, while the Danbury TIP Amendment was conditionally approved contingent upon approval by the City of Danbury.

## OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business discussed.

## ADJOURNMENT

The next MPO meeting will be held on January 17, 2019. On a motion duly made and seconded it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:30am.

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*Chairman Jayme Stevenson - Vice Chairman James Marpe*

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| Darien     | First Selectman Jayme Stevenson                                |
| Greenwich  | First Selectman Peter Tesei                                    |
| New Canaan | First Selectman Kevin Moynihan                                 |
| Norwalk    | Absent   |
| Stamford   | Transportation Bureau Chief Jim Travers                        |
| Weston     | First Selectman Chris Spaulding                                |
| Westport   | First Selectman James Marpe                                    |
| Wilton     | First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice                              |
| Transit    | CEO Kimberlee Morton   |
| CTDOT      | Transportation Planning Supervisor Kathryn Faraci (non-voting) |
| MPO Staff  | Executive Director Francis Pickering (non-voting)              |

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#### CALL TO ORDER

SWRMPO Chairman Jayme Stevenson called the meeting to order at 10:40am.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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## ACTION ITEMS

**SWRMPO Approval of 11/15/2018 Meeting Minutes:** On a motion made by First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice and seconded by First Selectman Chris Spaulding, the minutes of the meeting of 11/15/2018 were unanimously approved as amended. An abstention was made by First Selectman Peter Tesei.

**2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Project:** On a motion made by First Selectman Lynn Vanderslice and seconded by Transportation Bureau Chief Jim Travers, the Norwalk TIP Amendment was conditionally approved contingent upon approval by the City of Norwalk.

## OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business discussed.

## ADJOURNMENT

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# Western Connecticut

## COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



**TO:** MPO Members  
**FROM:** Kristin Hadjstylianos  
**DATE:** January 11, 2019

**RE: FHWA Safety Performance Measures**

**Background:** On March 15, 2016, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) published a final rule to establish performance measures for State departments of transportation to carry out the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). The HSIP is a federal-aid program which seeks to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. There are five safety performance management measures for the purpose of carrying out the HSIP:

- Number of Fatalities
- Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
- Number of Serious Injuries
- Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT
- Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries

**Role of MPO in Performance Measures:** both CTDOT and the Connecticut MPOs are required to establish and report safety targets, but at different times. CTDOT set their targets for the five categories referenced above in August 2018. Following the establishment and approval of State targets, MPO's have 180 days to either support CTDOT targets or establish other targets. Targets may be adjusted annually.

**CTDOT Safety Targets:** the targets set in August 2018 are:

- Number of Fatalities: 5-year rolling average = 274
- Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT): 0.873
- Number of Serious Injuries: 5-year rolling average = 1,574
- Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT: 5.02
- Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries: 290

CTDOT supporting justification provided by CTDOT is included at the end of this memo.

**Next Steps:** the 180-day window for setting MPO targets closes on February 27, 2019 and requires action. At the January 8, 2019 TAG meeting, members present recommended that the MPO Boards endorse a resolution supporting the targets established by CTDOT. Resolutions for HVMPO and SWRMPO may be found on the following pages.

**HOUSATONIC VALLEY  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**  
BETHEL•BRIDGEWATER•BROOKFIELD•DANBURY•NEW FAIRFIELD•NEW MILFORD•NEWTOWN•  
REDDING•RIDGEFIELD•SHERMAN

**RESOLUTION #2019-001 Resolution to Endorse FHWA Safety Performance Measure  
Targets Established by CTDOT**

**WHEREAS:** The HVMPO has been designated by the Governor of the State of Connecticut as the Metropolitan Planning Organization responsible, together with the State, for the comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process for the Housatonic Valley; 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, 2018, and

**WHEREAS:** The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) has established targets for five performance measures based on five year rolling averages for:  
(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 CTDOT coordinated the establishment of safety targets with the eight Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in Connecticut at the June 2018 RPO Coordination meeting, and

**WHEREAS:** The CTDOT has officially adopted the safety targets in the Highway Safety Improvement Program annual report dated August 2018, and

**WHEREAS:** The HVMPO 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 targets within 180 days of the State establishing and reporting its safety targets,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the MPO Policy Board** has agreed to support CTDOT's 2019 targets for the five safety performance targets as attached herein, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the MPO Policy Board will plan and program projects that contribute to the accomplishment of said targets.

*CERTIFICATE: The undersigned duly qualified Secretary of the HVMPO certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the voting members of the HVMPO on January 17, 2019.*

This resolution is effective January 17, 2019.

Date: January 17, 2019.

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Rudy Marconi, Chairman

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**SOUTH WESTERN REGION  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

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**RESOLUTION #2019-001 Resolution to Endorse FHWA Safety Performance Measure Targets Established by CTDOT**

**WHEREAS:** The SWRMPO has been designated by the Governor of the State of Connecticut as the Metropolitan Planning Organization responsible, together with the State, for the comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process for the South Western Region; and

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**WHEREAS:** The CTDOT has officially adopted the safety targets in the Highway Safety Improvement Program annual report dated August 2018, and

**WHEREAS:** The SWRMPO 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,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the MPO Policy Board** has agreed to support CTDOT's 2019 targets for the five safety performance targets as attached herein, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the MPO Policy Board will plan and program projects that contribute to the accomplishment of said targets.

*CERTIFICATE: The undersigned duly qualified Secretary of the SWRMPO certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the voting members of the SWRMPO on January 17, 2019.*

This resolution is effective January 17, 2019.

Date: January 17, 2019.

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Jayme Stevenson, Chairman



## **2019 Safety Performance Measures & Targets for Federal Reporting Purposes**

This report documents the safety performance targets required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA). The performance measures are defined in federal law, and CTDOT and the MPOs are required to set specific performance targets, review whether or not they meet the targets, and set new performance targets based on the evaluation of past performance and projected trends. The reassessment and target setting must be done every year.

Each of the five required performance measures and targets are presented on a separate page that is indicated below:

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| 1. <b>Number of fatalities per year</b>   | page 3 |
| 2. <b>Number of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled</b>                 | page 4 |
| 3. <b>Number of serious injuries (level A) per year</b>                               | page 5 |
| 4. <b>Number of serious injuries (level A) per 100 million vehicle miles traveled</b> | page 6 |
| 5. <b>Number of non-motorist fatalities and serious injuries (level A) per year</b>   | page 7 |

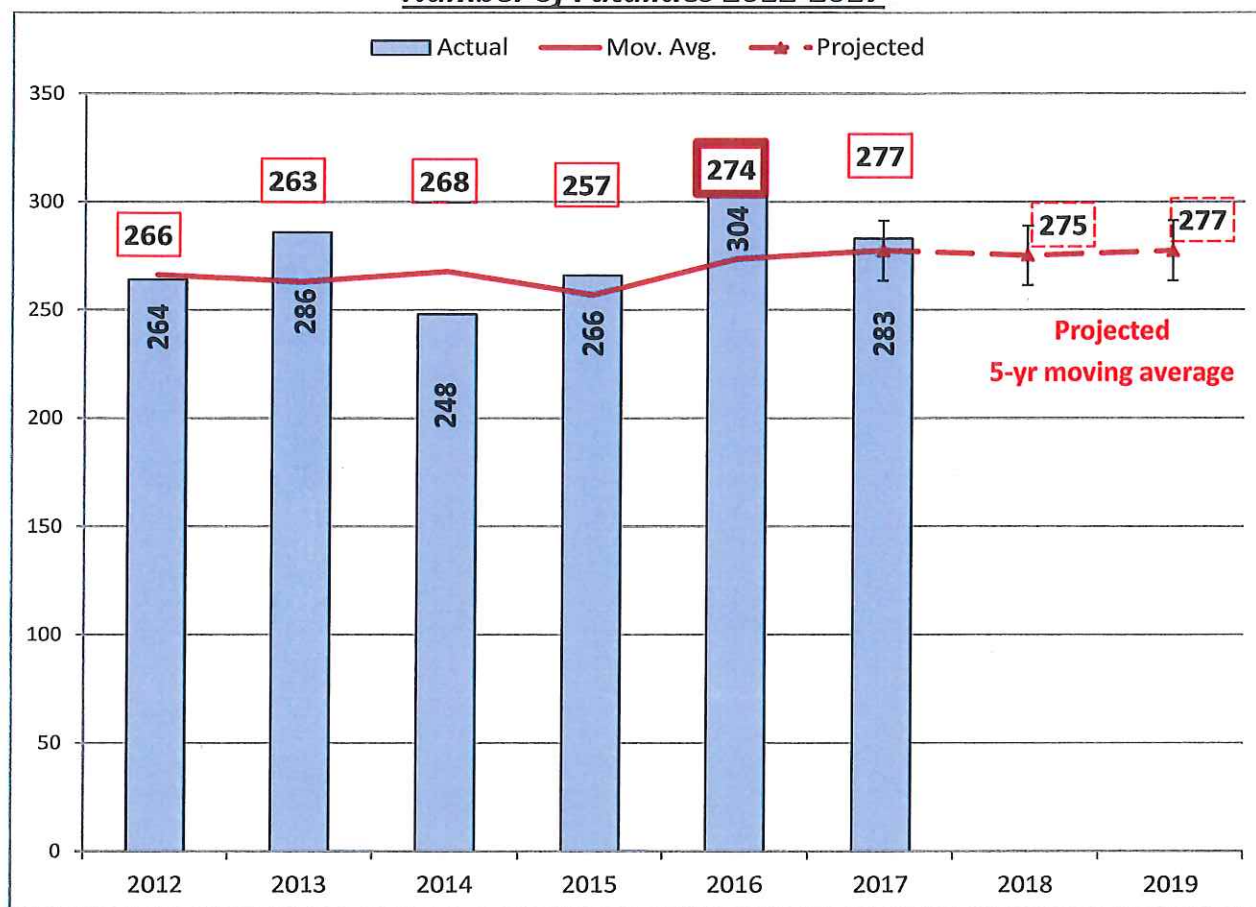
**Federal targets vs. CTDOT's own goals.** Please be aware that CTDOT has established its own state performance goals and targets for these same safety measures. CTDOT's goal is always to reduce all highway fatalities and serious injuries, and each year we develop strategies and projects to help achieve that goal. **However, for federal reporting purposes, we must set annual targets that are attainable or CTDOT will risk federal penalties.** For that reason, the federal targets selected in this report reflect the nationwide trend of increasing fatalities and injuries that has been observed since 2015.

**Summary Table.** Provided below is a summary table of the five federal safety performance measures and their respective targets for 2019. All measures and targets are based on a **5-year moving average** of the respective measure. Graphs depicting the annual data and the 5-year moving average for each respective measure are provided on the five following pages. These were submitted to FHWA in the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) in August 2018.

**Summary Table**  
**Safety Performance Targets for 2019**  
 (for federal reporting purposes)

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Numeric Target for 2019</b>
<b>Fatalities</b>	<b>Maintain</b> 5-yr average	<b>274</b> per year
<b>Fatality Rate</b>	<b>Maintain</b> 5-yr average	<b>0.873</b> per 100 million VMT
<b>Serious Injuries</b>	<b>Maintain</b> 5-yr average	<b>1,574</b> per year
<b>Serious Injury Rate</b>	<b>Maintain</b> 5-yr average	<b>5.02</b> per 100 million VMT
<b>Non-Motorist Fatalities &amp; Serious Injuries</b>	<b>Maintain</b> 5-yr average	<b>290</b> per year

### Number of Fatalities 2012-2017



Source: FARS Final 2016/Connecticut Department of Transportation 2017 Crash File

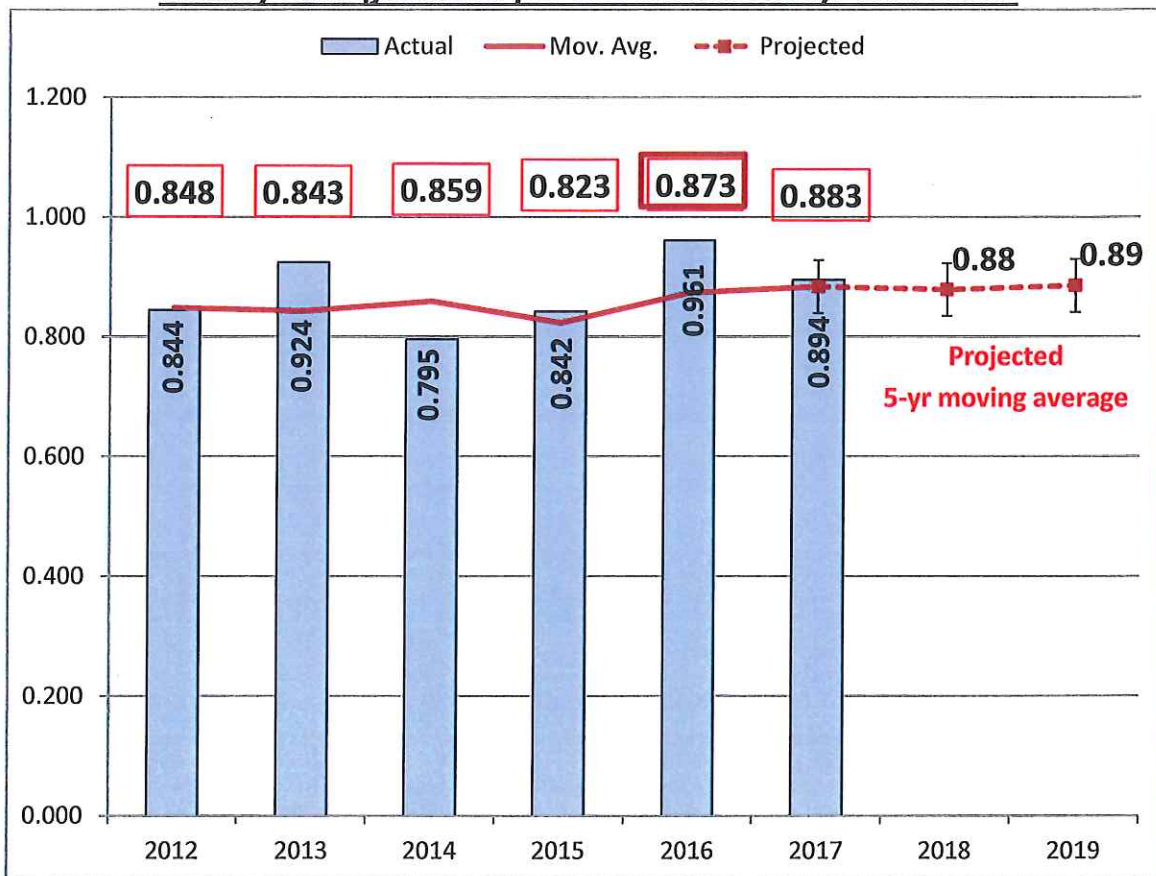
**TARGET:** Maintain the 2016 five year moving average of **274 fatalities**

**TARGET Year: 2019**

#### TRENDS & target setting explanation

- Annual fatality figures have fluctuated during the five year reporting period, but the 5-year moving average has been flat or increasing. This upward trend is also occurring at the national level.
- The 5-year moving average calculated for 2012-2016 is **274 fatalities**.
- The **projected** 5-year trend line based on regression analysis is relatively flat for the next 2 years.
- Based on the projected trend line, the number of fatalities per year is expected to remain flat or slightly increase during the planning period. The new target selected in collaboration with Traffic Engineering for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) is to **“maintain the current five year moving average of 274.”**

### Fatality Rate (fatalities per 100 million VMT): 2012-2017



Source: FARS Final 2016/Connecticut Department of Transportation 2017 Crash File

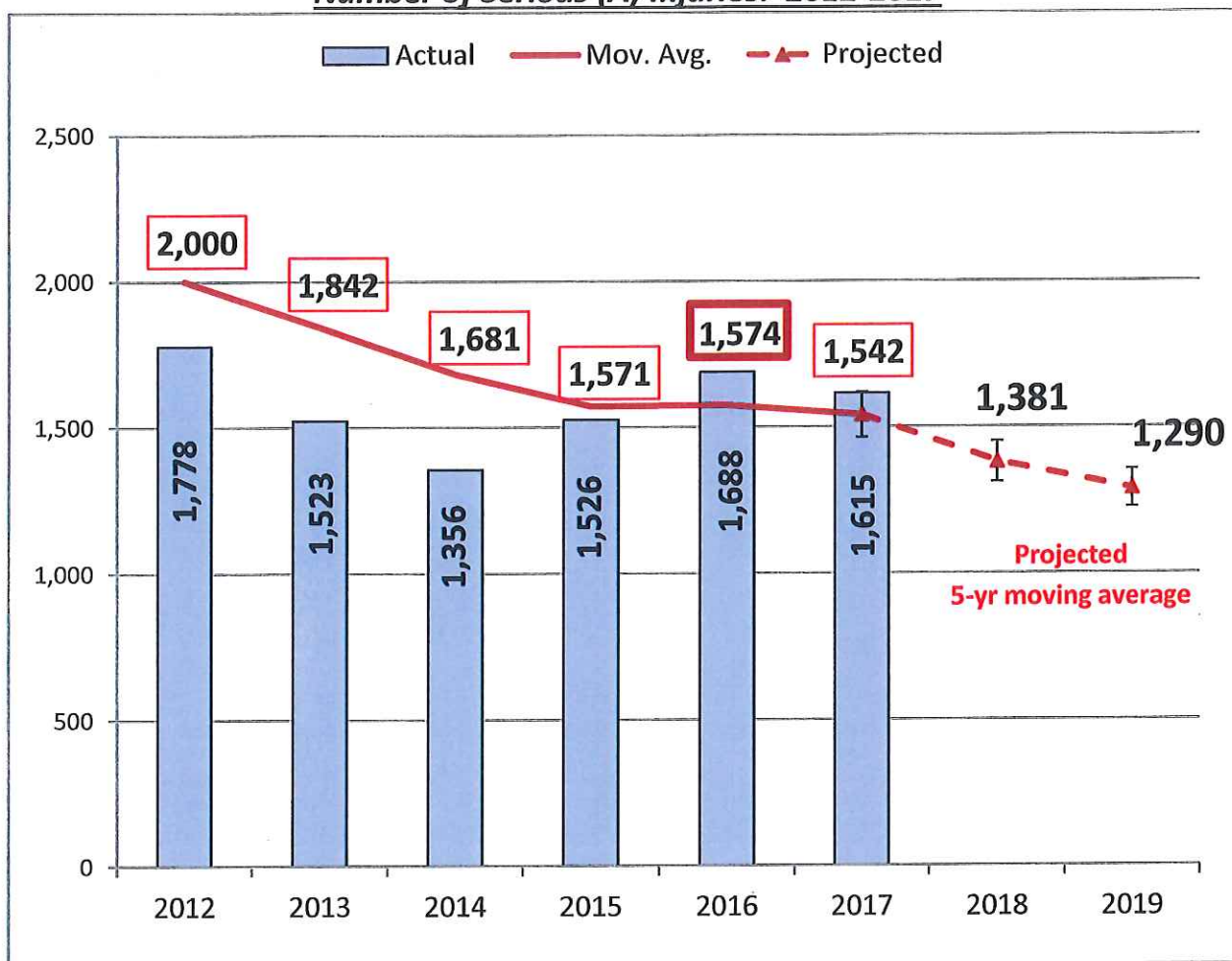
**TARGET:** Maintain the 2016 moving average of **0.873 fatalities per 100 million VMT**

**TARGET Year: 2019**

#### TRENDS & target setting explanation

- While annual fatality rate (per million VMT) has fluctuated year to year, the 5-year moving average has been flat or slightly increasing.
- The 5-year moving average (for 2012-2016) is **0.873 fatalities** per 100 million vehicle miles.
- The **projected** 5-year trend line based on regression analysis is relatively flat for the next 2 years.
- Based on the projected trend line, the number of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled is expected to remain flat or slightly increase during the planning period. The new target selected in collaboration with Traffic Engineering for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) is to **“maintain the current five year moving average of 0.873.”**

### Number of Serious (A) Injuries: 2012-2017



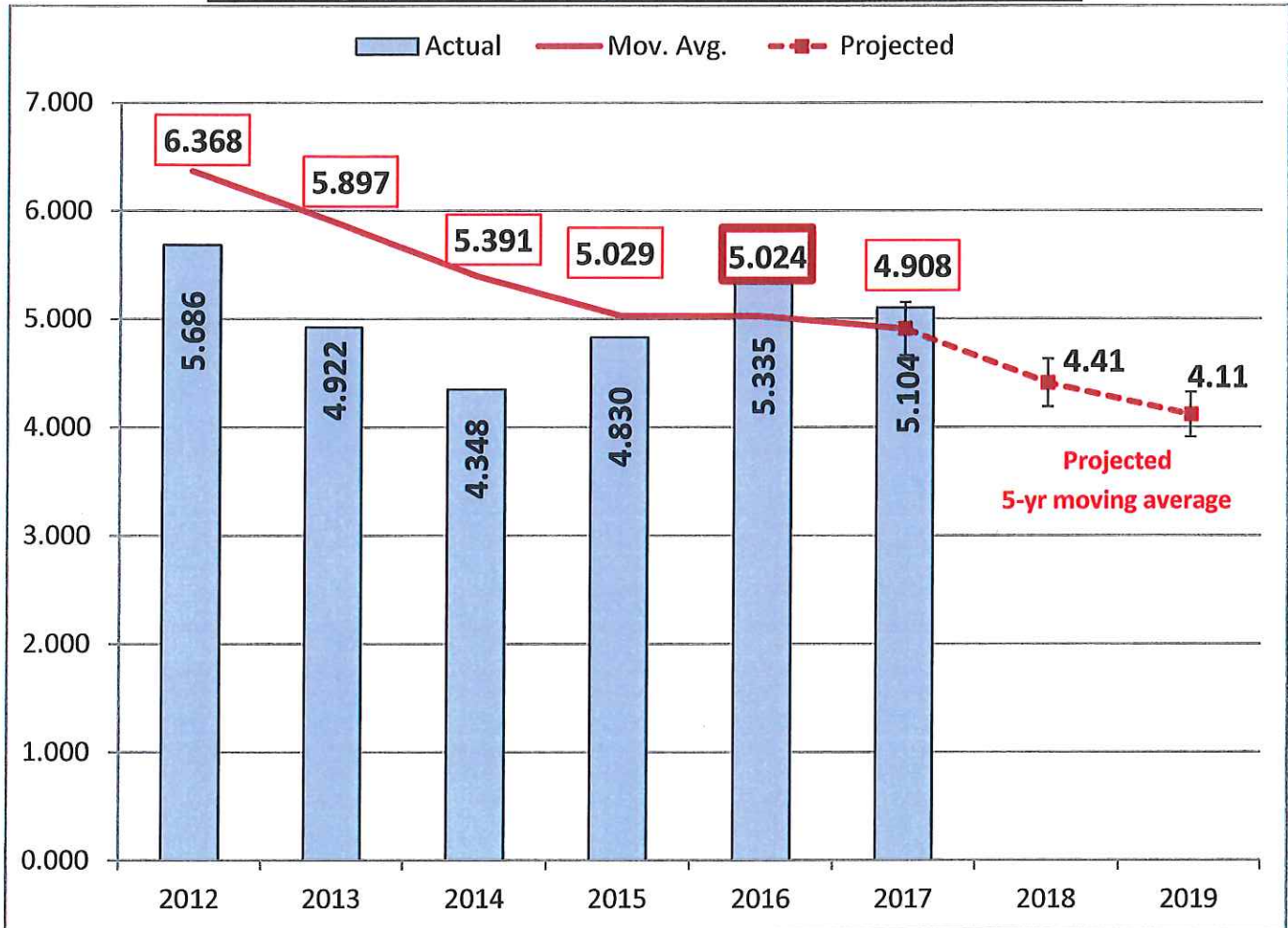
**TARGET:** Maintain the 2016 moving average of **1,574 serious (A) injuries**

**TARGET Year: 2019**

#### TRENDS & target setting explanation

- While serious (A) injuries have fluctuated year to year, the 5-year moving average has been trending down – although flat the last 2 years.
- The 5-year moving average calculated for 2012-2016 is **1,574 serious injuries**.
- The **projected** 5-year trend line based on regression analysis is slightly decreasing for the next 2 years. However, the **3 most recent years (2015-2017) of data suggest** the number of serious injuries per year is no longer decreasing, but instead **annual injuries might be flattening out**.
- Based on the projected trend line, and the most recent 3 years of data, the number of serious (A) injuries is expected to be flat during the planning period. The new target selected in collaboration with Traffic Engineering for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) is to **“maintain the current five year moving average of 1,574.”**

**Serious Injury Rate (injuries per 100 million VMT): 2012-2017**



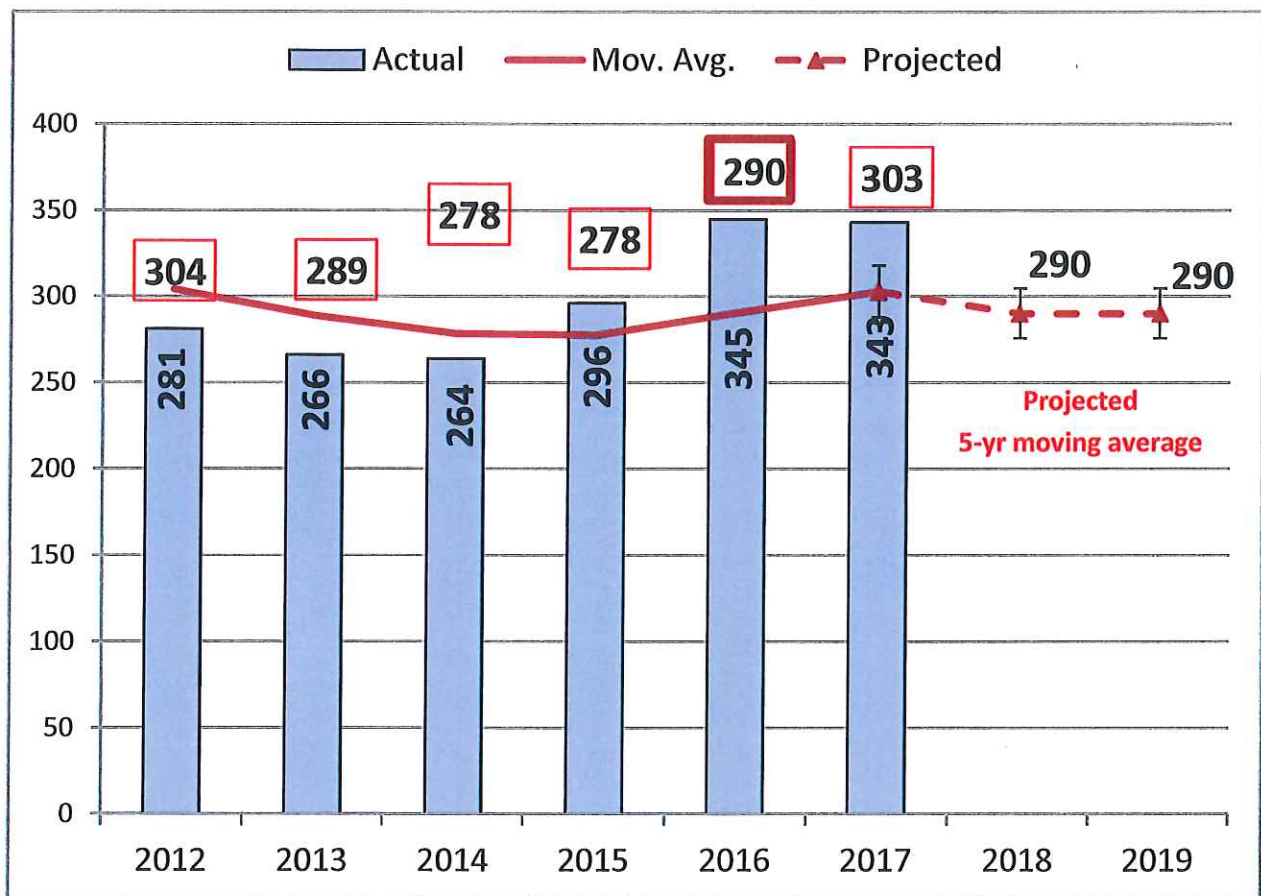
**TARGET:** Maintain the 2016 moving average of **5.024 serious (A) Injuries per 100 million VMT**

**TARGET Year: 2019**

**TRENDS & target setting explanation**

- While the serious (A) injury rate has fluctuated year to year, the 5-year moving average has been trending down – although flat the last three years.
- The 5-year moving average calculated for 2012-2016 is **5.024 injuries per million VMT**.
- The **projected** 5-year trend line based on regression analysis is slightly decreasing for the next 2 years. However, the **3 most recent years (2015-2017) of data suggest** the number of serious injuries per year is no longer decreasing, but instead **serious injuries per million vehicle miles traveled might be flattening out**.
- Based on the projected trend line and the most recent 3 years of data, the number of serious (A) injuries is expected to be flat during the planning period. The new target selected in collaboration with Traffic Engineering for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) is to **“maintain the current five year moving average of 5.024.”**

**Non Motorist Fatalities & Serious (A) Injuries\*: 2012-2017**



**TARGET:** Maintain the 2016 moving average of 290 non-motorist fatalities and serious (A) injuries

**TARGET Year:** 2019

**TRENDS & target setting explanation**

- While non-motorist fatalities and serious (A) injuries fluctuated year to year, the 5-year moving average has **increased** during the last two years.
- The 5-year moving average calculated for 2012-2016 is **290 fatalities and serious injuries**.
- The **projected** 5-year trend line based on regression analysis is flat for the next 2 years. However, the **3 most recent years (2015-2017) of data suggest the number of non-motorist fatalities and serious injuries per year is actually increasing**.
- Based on the trend line, the number of non-motorist fatalities and serious (A) injuries is expected to remain the same or decrease slightly. The new target selected in collaboration with Traffic Engineering for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) is to **“maintain the current five year moving average of 290.”**