

Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board

Meeting Date: January 18, 2024

Agenda Item: Review and Discussion and Action: Review, Discussion, and Action regarding a recommendation from the Waco MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to begin public engagement (or solicit public comments) concerning proposed annual performance targets.

Comments: The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act requires the MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to demonstrate a performance-based decision-making process that ties back to regional transportation system performance, MPOs are required to consider annual performance targets related to public transit safety and public transit asset condition.

In 2019, TxDOT identified baseline safety metrics for fatalities and serious injuries on roadways in Texas and set a goal to achieve zero statewide fatalities by 2050. Since 2020, the annual statewide **roadway safety targets** adopted by TxDOT incorporate this goal, however, TxDOT continues to use a 2% less than trendline reduction goal for serious injuries and non-motorized fatalities + serious injuries for target setting ([TX_FY24HSP-tag.pdf](#) ([nhtsa.gov](#))). The trendline goal still produces an ever-increasing number of serious injuries and non-motorized deaths / injuries, albeit fewer than if nothing were to be done.

Every 5 years, Waco Transit identified baseline safety metrics for fatalities, serious injuries, and the number of safety events and significant mechanical failures for both fixed route and demand response services. Each year, these metrics are required to be reassessed and new **transit safety targets set**. Waco Transit set transit safety targets for 2024 which were adopted by the Waco City Council in December 2023.

The Waco MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommends the Policy Board support the 2024 safety targets of both TxDOT and Waco Transit. By supporting both sets of safety targets, the MPO agrees to evaluate projects within the MTP and TIP based on whether they assist Waco Transit and TxDOT in achieving their safety targets. The TAC recommends that MPO staff gauge public support for these actions.

Action Required:

1. Review and discuss proposed performance targets for 2024
2. Direct staff to begin public process for requesting comments

Motion By:

Seconded:

Content of Motion:

Vote: