

South Carolina Department of Transportation

Planning Procedure Agreement

Agreement Number: PL- 2017-01

Effective: August 31, 2017

Subject: Coordination of Safety Data and Target Setting for Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Council of Governments (COGs) to address FAST Act compliance

Purpose: Define the Initial Coordination Process between the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) and MPOs and COGs to Facilitate Initial Safety Target Setting for the Five Prescribed FAST Act Performance Measures.

Primary Department: Planning

Roles, Responsibilities, and Deliverables:

The FAST Act and subsequent federal rulemaking established five performance measures related to Safety. The measures are:

- Number of fatalities;
- Number of serious injuries;
- Rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled;
- Rate of serious injuries per 100 million vehicle miles traveled; and
- Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries.

Federal regulations require state departments of transportations (DOTs) to establish and report annual targets related to each of these five performance measures by August 31 of each year. MPOs are required to either adopt and support their DOT's statewide targets or set their own targets specific to their areas. Annual targets will be expressed as five-year rolling averages and be compared with a five-year rolling average base period comprising of the five calendar years ending prior to the year the targets are due.

SCDOT, in coordination with the South Carolina Department of Public Safety, have established statewide targets for the first three performance measures (number of fatalities, number of serious injuries, and rate of fatalities). SCDOT will also establish statewide targets for the rate of serious injuries and number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries annually by August 31.

In preparation for the initial safety target setting effort with targets due August 31, 2017, consultation between SCDOT and MPOs occurred via quarterly webinars to review federal rule making requirements, a staff presentation to the MPO and COG Working Group chartered to assist with implementation of performance management, and a subsequent meeting with all MPO and COG partners to review the proposed process procedure agreement.

For the initial target-setting period of calendar year 2018, SCDOT recommends MPOs adopt and support SCDOT's statewide targets.

