WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD

RESOLUTION ENDORSING TARGETS FOR SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES ESTABLISHED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization provides transportation planning services for the City of Wilmington, Town of Carolina Beach, Town of Kure Beach, Town of Wrightsville Beach, Town of Belville, Town of Leland, Town of Navassa, New Hanover County, Brunswick County, Pender County, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority, and the North Carolina Board of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization has been designated by the Governor of the State of North Carolina as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible, together with the State, for the comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process for the MPO's metropolitan planning area; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) final rule (23 CFR Part 490) requires States to set targets for five safety performance measures annually, by August 31; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) 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 (bicycle and pedestrian) Fatalities and Non-motorized Serious Injuries; and

WHEREAS, the NCDOT coordinated the establishment of safety targets with the 20 Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in North Carolina continually through outreach conducted by NCDOT's Mobility and Safety Group; and

WHEREAS, the NCDOT officially establishes and reports the safety targets in the Highway Safety Improvement Program annual report by August 31, of each year; and

WHEREAS the MPO's may establish safety targets by agreeing to plan and program projects that contribute toward the accomplishment of the State's targets for each measure or establish its own target within 180 days of the State establishing and reporting its safety targets in the HSIP annual report.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby agrees to plan and program projects that contribute toward the accomplishment of the State's targets as noted below for each of the aforementioned performance measures:

1. For the 2027 HSIP, the goal is to reduce total fatalities by 36 percent from 1,602.8 (2021-2025 average) to 1,012.6 (2023-2027 average) by December 31, 2027.
2. For the 2027 HSIP, the goal is to reduce the fatality rate by 24 percent from 1.110 (2021-2025 average) to 0.846 (2023-2027 average) by December 31, 2027.
3. For the 2027 HSIP, the goal is to reduce total serious injuries by 44 percent from 5,346.8 (2021-2025 average) to 3,000.5 (2023-2027 average) by December 31, 2027.

4. For the 2027 HSIP, the goal is to reduce the serious injury rate by 36 percent from 3.910 (2021-2025 average) to 2.499 (2023-2027 average) by December 31, 2027.

5. For the 2027 HSIP, the goal is to reduce the total non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries by 47 percent from 756.2 (2021-2025) to 403.4 (2023-2027 average) by December 31, 2027.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Board on November 18, 2026.

Lynn Barbee, Chair

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary