

Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board

Meeting Date: January 16, 2025

Agenda Item: Review, Discussion, and Action regarding a recommendation from the Waco MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to begin public engagement 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 roadway safety, 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** (PM1) 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 ([Texas Triennial Highway Safety Plan FY 2024-2026](#)). This goal produces an ever-increasing number of serious injuries and non-motorized deaths/injuries, albeit fewer than if nothing were to be done. As instructed by the Transportation Planning and Programming Division of TxDOT through email from C. Wells on December 18, 2024, TxDOT has kept the 2024 targets in place for 2025.

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** (PTASP) set. Waco Transit set transit safety targets for 2025 which were adopted by the Waco City Council in December 2024.

Since 2023, Waco Transit has participated in TxDOT's Group Sponsored Transit Asset Management Plan. Participation in the statewide plan assists Waco Transit and other rural and dual rural/urban transit providers manage their assets to deliver an agreed standard in accordance with FAST. This helps local decisionmakers act in plenty of time to prioritize necessary improvements to transit fleet and to passenger terminals, and administration and maintenance buildings. TxDOT's plan contains **transit asset management targets** (TAM) for 2023 through 2026 and provides a replacement schedule for rolling stock, equipment and facilities for each agency.

The Waco MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommends the Policy Board support Waco Transit's 2025 PTASP and TAM targets and TxDOT's recommended roadway safety targets for 2025. By supporting these targets, the MPO agrees to evaluate projects within the MTP and TIP based on whether they assist Waco Transit and TxDOT in achieving their targets. The TAC recommends that MPO staff gauge public support for these actions.

Action Required:

1. Review and discuss proposed performance targets for 2025
2. Direct staff to begin public process for requesting comments

Motion By:

Seconded:

Content of Motion:

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