

Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board

Meeting Date: December 20, 2018

Agenda Item: Review and Discussion regarding Waco MPO support of safety targets for calendar year 2019 established by the Texas Department of Transportation in accordance with requirements identified as part of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act

Comments: The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act requires the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to demonstrate a performance based decision process that ties back to regional performance targets. The Safety Performance Rule establishes safety performance measure requirements to assess fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads and outlines the process for State DOTs and MPOs to establish targets and report conditions.

TxDOT has adopted 2019 safety targets for Texas for five federally required safety performance measures. These targets are applicable to all public roads in Texas regardless of functional classification or ownership. The MPO must establish targets specific to public roads within the Waco Metropolitan Area for the same five safety measures no later than Feb 27, 2019.

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
5. Number of Non- Motorized Fatalities and Non-Motorized Serious Injuries

The MPO may agree to support the State's 2019 safety targets OR establish its own. By supporting TxDOT targets, the MPO would evaluate projects within the MTP and TIP based on whether they assist TxDOT in achieving their safety targets. MPO targets are not included in the assessment of whether a State met or made significant progress toward meeting its targets.

TxDOT adopted targets are attached. In general, the 2019 targets aim at reducing each factor by 0.8% compared to doing nothing at all. Note that this still would result in an increase in total fatalities and serious injuries compared to 2018.

With Policy Board concurrence, MPO staff will begin the required public involvement process for Policy Board approval on February 21, 2019.

Action Required: Review and Discuss Safety Targets

Motion By:

Seconded:

Content of Motion:

Vote: