

**AMES AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

**SUBJECT: TRANSIT SAFETY TARGETS**

**BACKGROUND:**

The Federal Transit Administration's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) regulation, 49 CFR Part 673, requires that transit agencies make safety performance targets available to states and MPOs to aid in the planning process and to coordinate with states and MPOs in the selection of safety performance measures. PTASPs identifying transit safety performance measures and targets were due for transit agencies that receive 5307 funding (large urban systems in Iowa) by December 31, 2020. CyRide receives 5307 funding was therefore required to create a PTASP.

CyRide approved their PTASP on October 28, 2020 and provided it to AAMPO on November 2, 2020. MPOs are required to adopt these transit safety targets by June 29, 2021, or no more than 180 days after receiving the PTASPs from their public transportation provider(s). Because AAMPO received CyRide's PTASP on November 2, 2020, **AAMPO must adopt transit safety targets by April 31, 2021.**

The CyRide Transit Board approved the following transit safety targets. These targets are based on a review of the previous five years of Ames Transit Agency (CyRide) performance data and are derived from the safety performance measures established under the National Public Transportation Safety Plan. It is recommended that AAMPO adopt these performance measures:

Mode of Transit Service	Fatalities (Total)	Fatalities (per 100 thousand VRM)	Injuries (Total)	Injuries (per 100 thousand VRM)	Safety Events (Total)	Safety Events (per 100 thousand VRM)	System Reliability (VRM/Failures)
Fixed Route Bus	0	0	3	0.22	5	0.37	33,000
Paratransit	0	0	1	2.6	1	2.6	38,450

Upon approving the Transit Safety targets, the AAMPO will be required to reflect the performance measures and targets in all future planning document updates such as Metropolitan Transportation Plans and Transportation Improvement Programs. Each update to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan reports baseline conditions and system performance progress towards achieving these targets. Transportation Improvement Programs are required to describe how progress towards the targets is achieved.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the transit safety performance measures as established in CyRide's PTASP.
2. Direct staff to make modifications to the transit safety performance measures.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:**

The Ames Area MPO Transportation Technical Committee has reviewed the proposed transit safety targets and unanimously recommended approval. The transit safety targets were established by CyRide using the previous 5 years of performance data from our region.

Therefore, it is recommended by the Administrator that the Transportation Policy Committee adopt Alternative No. 1, as noted above.