

AMES AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: TRANSIT SAFETY PERFORMANCE TARGETS

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Transit Administration’s Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) regulation, 49 CFR Part 673, requires that safety performance targets are available to states and MPOs to aid in the planning process and to coordinate in the selection of state and MPO safety performance measures.

The Transit Board approved their PTASP on August 24, 2022 and provided it to the Ames Area MPO on August 25, 2022. **MPOs are required to adopt the transit safety targets no more than 180 days after receiving the PTASP’s, thus the AAMPO must adopt these transit safety targets by February 21, 2023.** These targets are based on a review of the previous 5 years of Ames Transit Agency (CyRide) performance data and are derived from the safety performance measures established under the National Public Transportation Safety Plan.

The CyRide Transit Board approved the following transit safety targets:

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	0	0.00	0	0.00	40,789.27
Paratransit	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	238,798

*VRM – Vehicle Revenue Miles

Upon approving the Transit Safety targets, the Ames Area MPO 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 implementation of the TIP anticipates making progress towards achieving the targets.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the transit safety performance targets provided by CyRide.
2. Approve the transit safety performance targets, provided by CyRide, with Transportation Policy Committee modifications.

ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

CyRide developed these transit safety targets using the previous five years of performance data from the Ames region and they are derived from the safety performance measures established under the National Public Transportation Plan. The Transportation Technical Committee reviewed these targets and unanimously recommended approval.

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