

RESOLUTION OF THE
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE
HATTIESBURG-PETAL-FORREST-LAMAR URBANIZED AREA

WHEREAS, the City of Hattiesburg, as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Urbanized Area is responsible for carrying out a comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process for the Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, Federal regulations implementing the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Act of 2012 require that “ –the metropolitan transportation planning process shall provide for the establishment and use of a performance-based approach to transportation decision-making” to support the achievement of national goals by establishing targets in key performance areas; and

WHEREAS, a national goal has been established to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads; and

WHEREAS, Safety Performance Measure regulations support the Highway Safety Improvement Program and require States and Metropolitan Planning Organizations to set Safety Performance Targets for five areas; including number of fatalities, rate of fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), number of serious injuries, rate of serious injuries per 100 million VMT, and number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, the most current Federal regulations for metropolitan transportation planning, Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2015 continued the Federal requirements for a performance-based planning and programming approach for States and Metropolitan Planning Organizations; and

WHEREAS, States were required to establish 2022 Safety Performance Targets by August 31, 2021 as part of the State’s Annual Highway Safety Improvement Program Report; and

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi established its 2022 Safety Performance Targets in August 2021 which include: Number of Fatalities 723; Rate of Fatalities per 100 million VMT 1.810; Number of Serious Injuries 2,905; Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT 7.300; and Number of non-motorized Fatalities and Non-motorized Serious Injuries 349.6; and

WHEREAS, Federal regulations require Metropolitan Planning Organizations to establish targets specific to the Metropolitan Planning Organization’s planning area for the same five safety performance measures as the State for all public roads within 180 days after the State establishes its targets; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby establishes its 2022 Safety Performance Targets by supporting the State of Mississippi’s efforts to achieve the 2022 Safety Performance Targets outlined in the MS Highway Safety Improvement Program 2020 Annual Report.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE
HATTIESBURG-PETAL-FORREST-LAMAR METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION’S METROPOLITAN PLANNING
POLICY COMMITTEE ON FEBRUARY 18, 2022.

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