

## Regional Safety Plan

### **Background**

Motor vehicle crashes increased over 40 percent from 2012 to 2016, and motor vehicle fatalities increased over 20 percent during the same period. These crashes cost the region \$6.4 Billion in 2016. To date, there has been no coordinated plan to address regional traffic safety issues. Moreover, traffic safety performance measures have been established to gauge the progress of states and MPOs at improving traffic safety in their areas.

### **Current Situation**

The Regional Safety Plan (RSP) was developed in collaboration with regional stakeholders to provide a framework for addressing the most prominent traffic safety issues in the region. Using a data-driven approach, the plan identifies the most frequency motor vehicle crash types and demographic information about drivers involved in these crashes. The RSP also supports the State Highway Strategic Plan (SHSP) which address similar issues on the state level.

The RSP sets targets to help achieve reductions in mandated traffic safety performance measures. The plan outlines specific strategies and goals to achieve these targets, utilizing existing safety programs to the greatest extent possible.

The plan is the first regional safety plan for the Transportation Management Area, and will be update every four years going forward, in conjunction with the SHSP. The entire draft plan is available for review on the H-GAC website at <http://h-gac.com/transportation-safety/default.aspx>.

### **Action Requested**

For information only.