



2026 Federal Safety Targets

Regional Transportation Committee: January 20, 2026

Federal performance areas



PM1:
Safety
performance



PM2:
Infrastructure
condition



PM3: System
performance,
freight, and
CMAQ



TAM: Transit
Asset
Management



PTASP: Public
Transportation
Agency Safety
Plan

Federal Highway Administration

Federal Transit Administration

PM1: safety performance overview

Area – Public roads in the DRCOG MPO region.

Data – Provided by CDOT, CDOT geo-locates “on-system” data and DRCOG geo-locates “off-system” data.

Performance measures –

- Number of fatalities.

- Rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled.

- Number of serious injuries.

- Rate of serious injuries per 100 million vehicle miles traveled.

- Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries.

Calculation – 5-Year rolling average of 5 individual, consecutive points of data.

Federal guidance –

- Targets should be realistic and achievable, not aspirational.

- DRCOG can support CDOT’s state targets or **set our own for the region.**

Penalty –

- No financial penalty or funding restriction.

- Additional scrutiny into the planning process during the quadrennial federal certification.

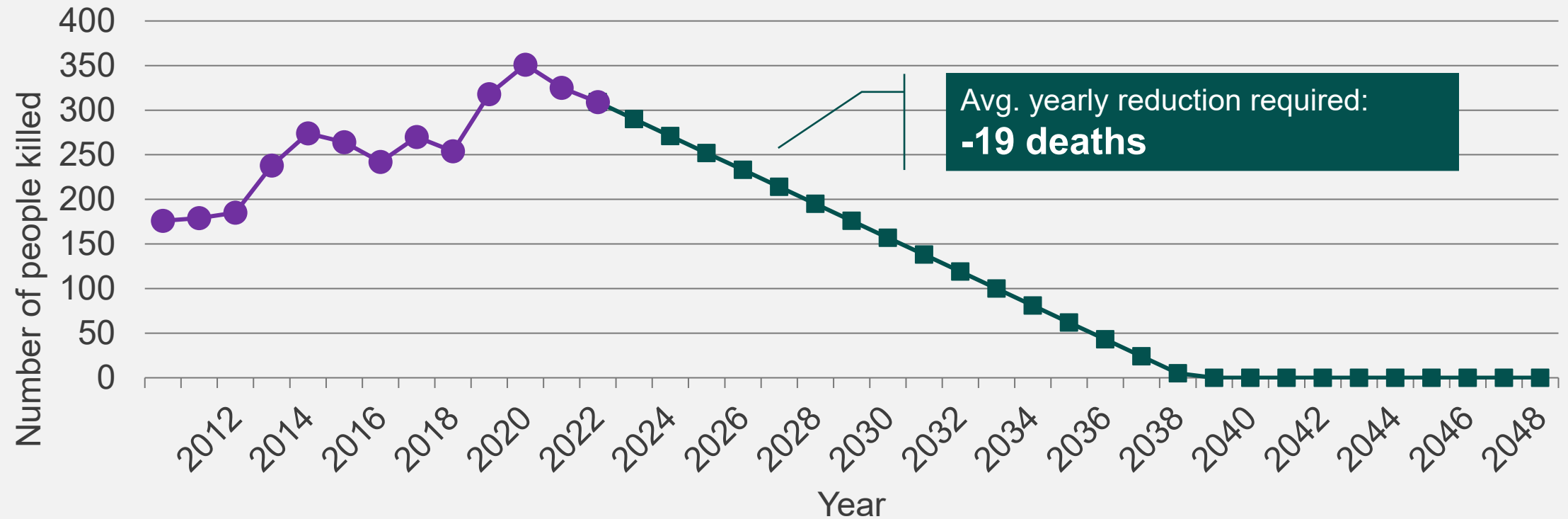
Methodology

“Loss of life is not an acceptable price to pay for mobility.”

Targets based on 0 fatalities by 2040 and 0 serious injuries by 2045. *Staff set targets to the latest available data and recalculated the average reduction required to achieve zero.*

Targets balance the aspirational goal of zero with the federal requirement that targets must be short-term and realistic.

People killed in crashes by year

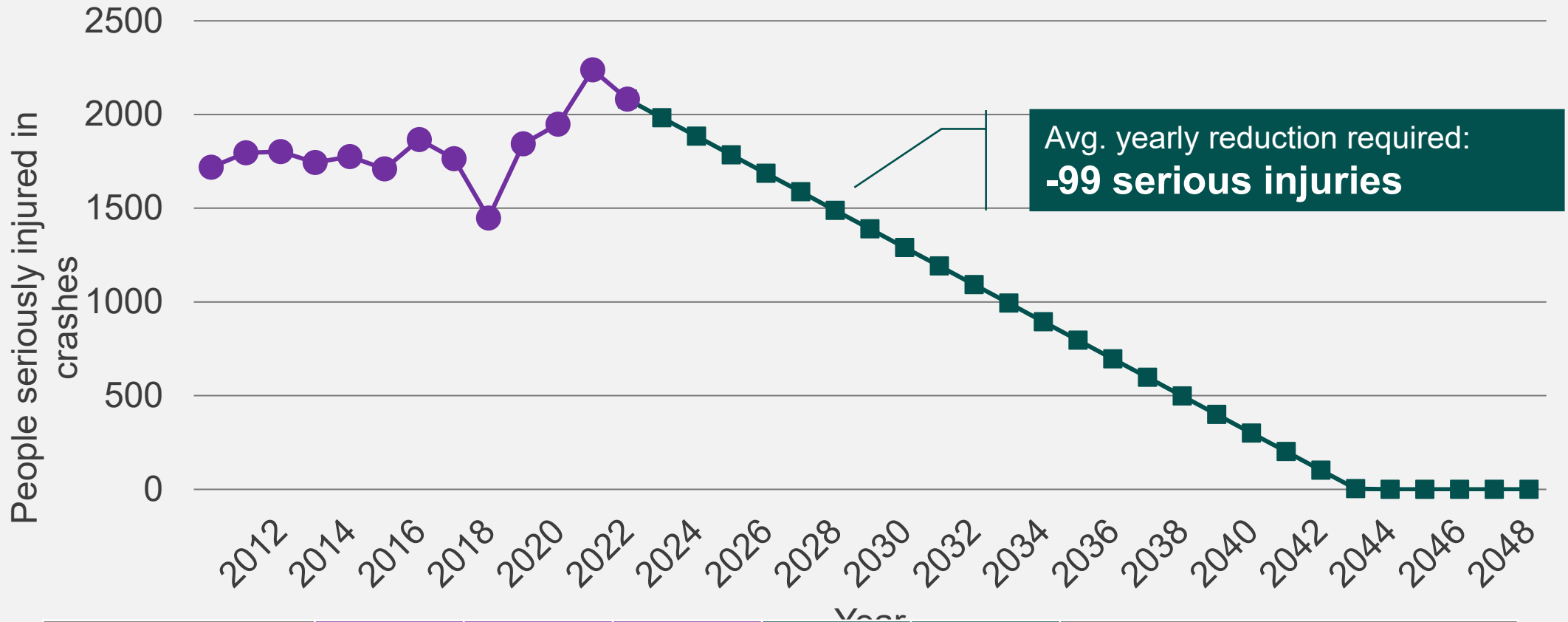


Year	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Calculating target
Number of fatalities	351	325	309	290	271	$(351+325+309+290+271)/5 = \underline{309}$

2022-2024 Observed

2025-2026 Projection

People seriously injured in crashes by year

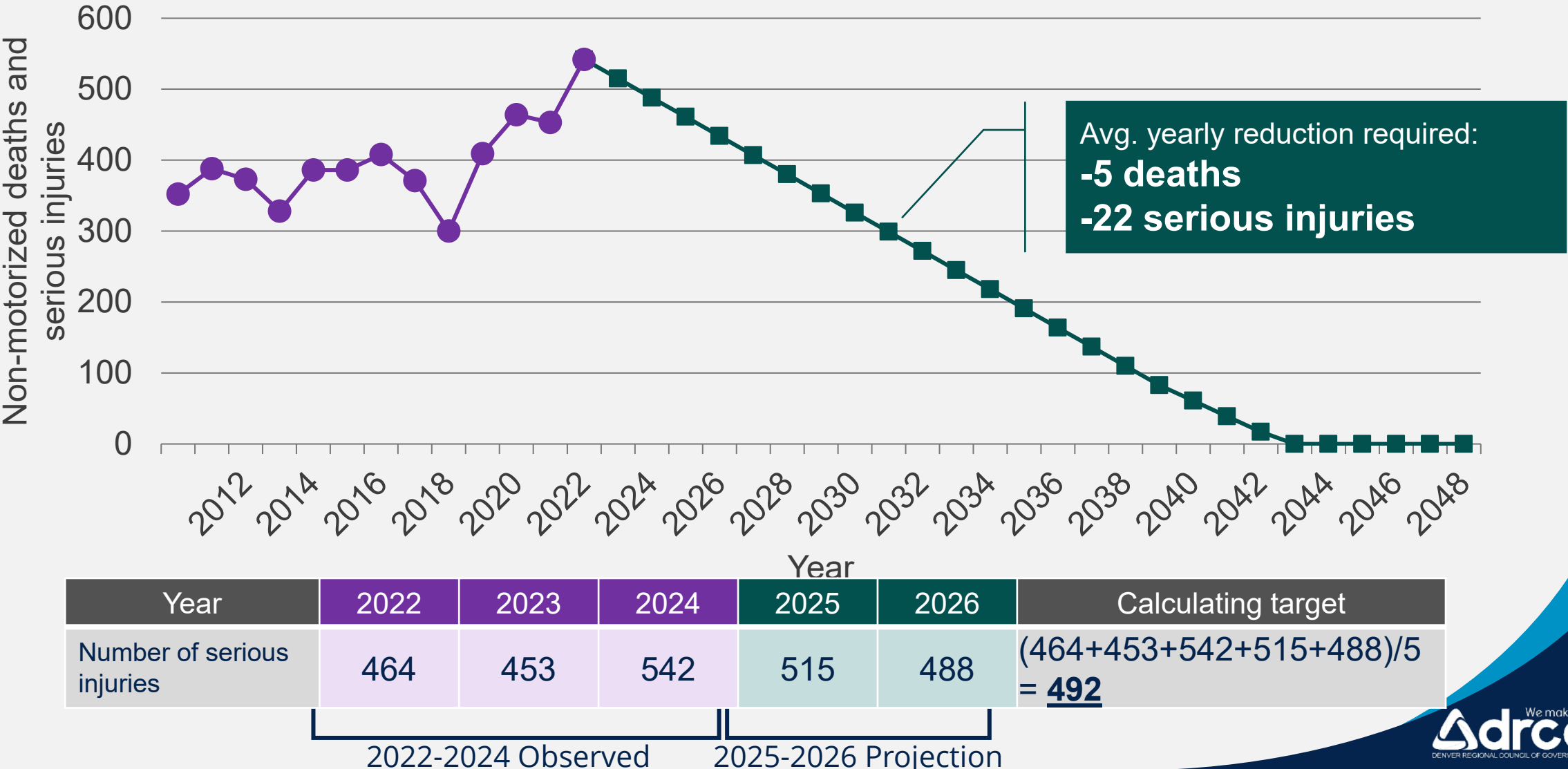


Year	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Calculating target
Number of serious injuries	1948	2239	2082	1983	1884	$(1948+2239+2082+1983+1884)/5 = \mathbf{2027}$

2022-2024 Observed

2025-2026 Projection

Non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries



Proposed 2026 safety targets

Desired trend:



Down for all
targets.

Safety	2025 Baseline	2026 targets (2022-2026)
Number of fatalities (chart shown)	TBD	309
Number of serious injuries (chart shown)	TBD	2027
Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries (chart shown)	TBD	492
Rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled	TBD	1.069
Rate of serious injuries per 100 million vehicle miles traveled	TBD	7.002

Did we achieve previous targets?

Performance Measures	2018 (2014-2018)	2019 (2015-2019)	2020 (2016-2020)	2021 (2017-2021)	2022 (2018-2022)	2023 (2019-2023)	2024 (2020-2024)
	Achieved?	Achieved?	Achieved?	Achieved?	Achieved?	Achieved?	Achieved?
People Killed (Fatalities)	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Fatality rate	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Serious injuries	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Serious injury rate	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Non-motorized	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗



What are we doing?

Last time we were here...

- Active Transportation Plan update. ✓
- Continue to host Regional Vision Zero Work Group meetings. ✓
- Hire a second Senior Safety Planner. ✓



Ongoing and new work

- Minor update to Taking Action on Regional Vision Zero.
- Vision Zero Quick-Build Toolkit.
- Crash Data Consortium work – Research on other states' crash data systems.
- SS4A regional grant application(s).



Recommended Motion

Move to recommend the Board of Directors adopt the 2026 safety targets for the metropolitan planning organization area.