

2026 Safety Performance Measure Targets

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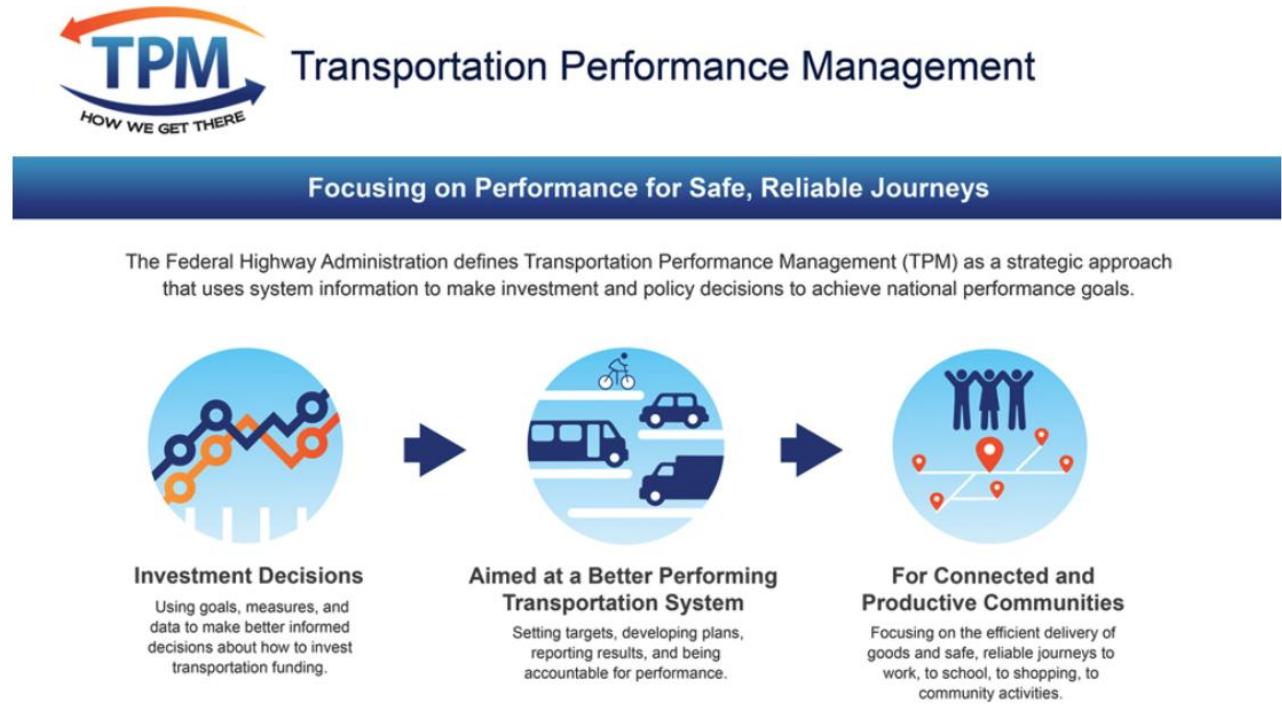
Background

Since the passage of the federal transportation bill Moving Ahead for Progress in 21st Century Act (MAP-21) in 2012, state Departments of Transportation (DOTs) and MPOs have been required to conduct performance-based planning.

Specifically, state DOTs and MPOs are required to set coordinated targets for the federally required performance measures and report on progress in achieving those targets.

NIRPC coordinates with INDOT, Illinois DOT, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, and regional transit agencies, as applicable, to develop, adopt, and report on targets for the NIRPC Metropolitan Planning Area.

Performance measure targets must be included in NIRPC's Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program.



Source: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tpm/about/tpm.cfm>

Background

The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) requires that INDOT and NIRPC establish annual targets for five safety performance measures:

- 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
- Number of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries

INDOT develops statewide targets and distributes to MPOs for adoption. Since 2024 these targets are based on a 2% straight-line reduction from the 2021 5-year average.



The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) connects communities and transportation agencies with funding to make safety improvements that reduce fatalities and serious injuries on our nation's public roadways. The HSIP maximizes safety benefits for all modes by allowing agencies to accelerate the adoption of the most effective transportation safety practices.

Put your HSIP funds to work, and get everyone home safely.

HSIP. Invest in the future. Save lives today.

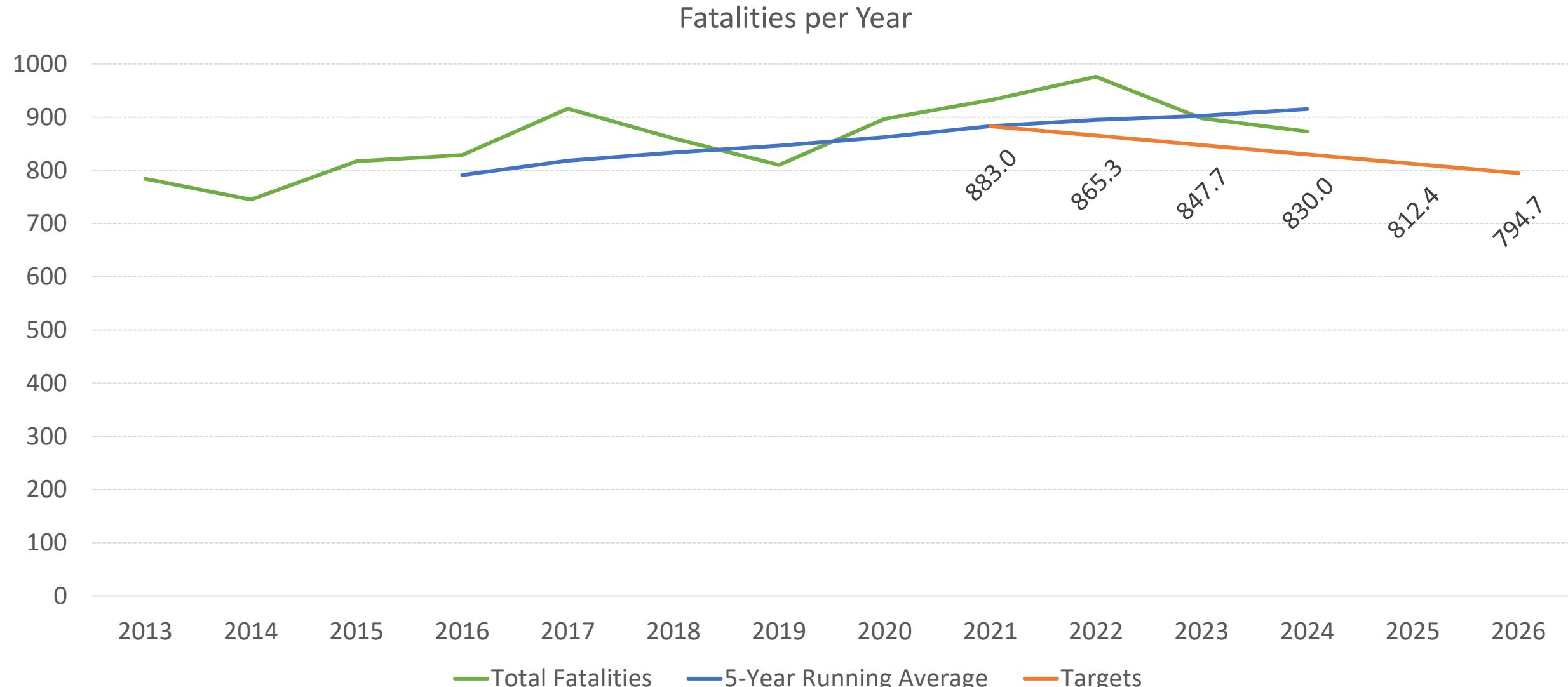
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Source: FHWA Safety Campaign Cards https://highways.dot.gov/sites/fhwa.dot.gov/files/2022-06/HSIP_SafetyCampaign_Cards.pdf

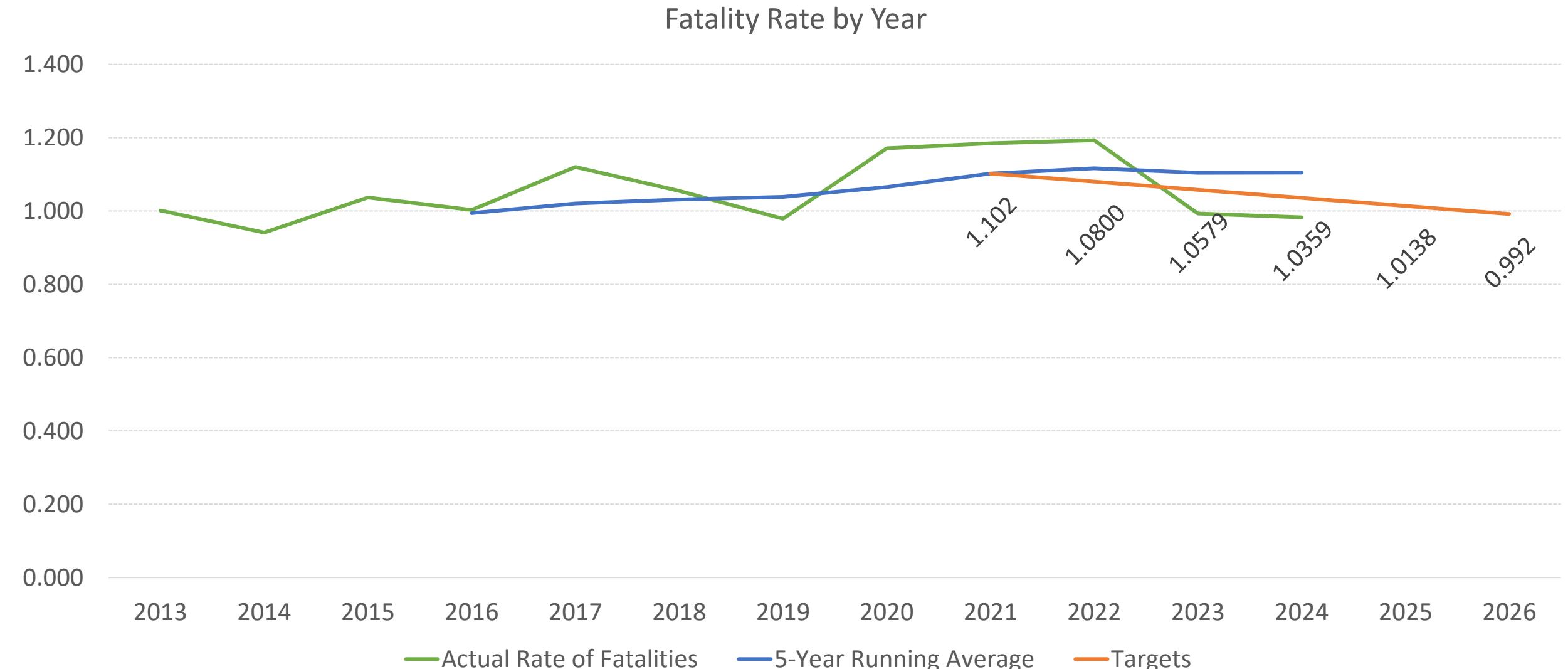
2026 Recommended Targets

Performance Measure	2025 Target*	2026 Target
Fatalities	812.4	794.7
Fatality Rate	1.009	0.992
Serious Injuries	3031.9	2,965.5
Serious Injury Rate	3.402	3.702
Vulnerable Road User (Non-Motorized) Fatalities and Serious Injuries	363.4	462.96

2026 Recommended Targets - Fatalities

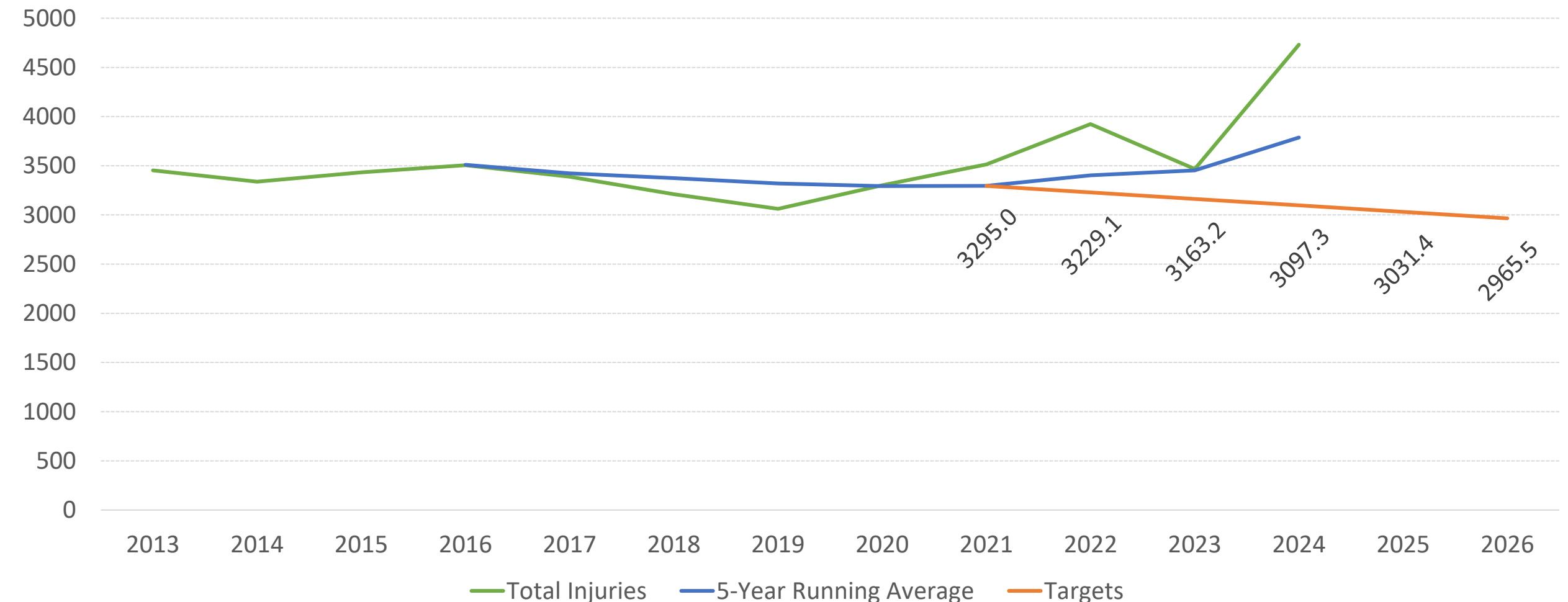


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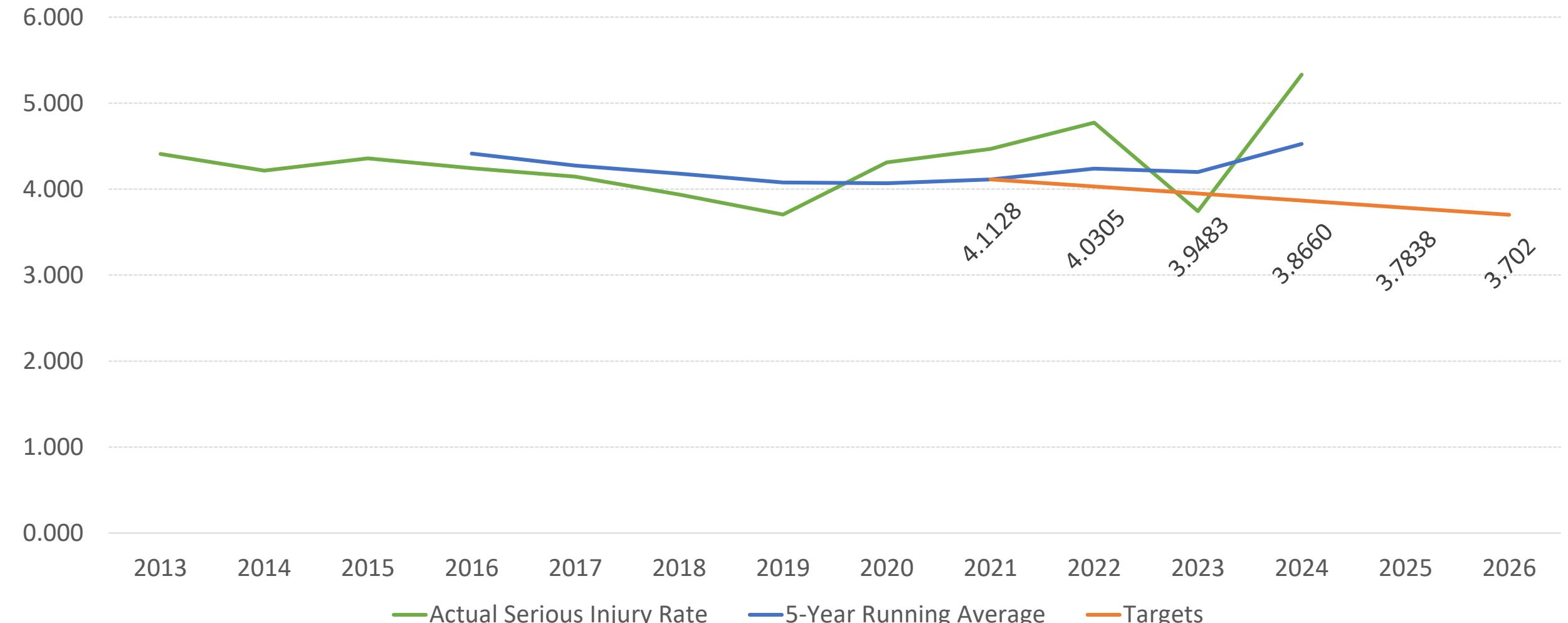
2026 Recommended Targets – Serious Injuries

Serious Injuries per Year



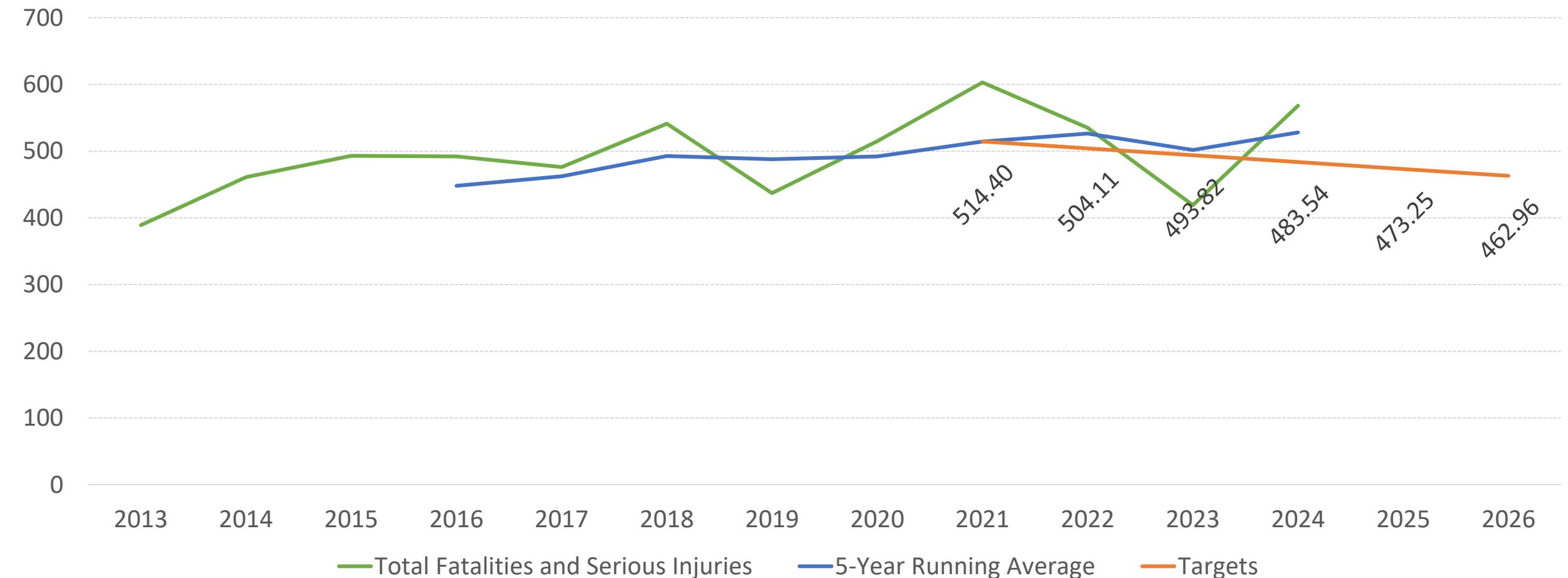
2026 Recommended Targets – Serious Injuries

Serious Injury Rate by Year



2026 Recommended Targets – Non-Motorized

Vulnerable Road User (Non-Motorized)
Fatal and Serious Injuries per Year



Next Steps

1. Commission adoption of Resolution 26-01
2. Forward adopted targets to INDOT
3. Post NWI 2050+ and TIP amendments to www.nirpc.org



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