

Resolution of Adoption

Bismarck-Mandan Metropolitan Planning Organization 2025 Safety Policy Study Leadership Commitment

WHEREAS, the Bismarck-Mandan MPO is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Bismarck, North Dakota Metropolitan Area with responsibilities to perform regional transportation planning and programming, in cooperation with the North Dakota Department of Transportation and Bis-Man Transit, the major transit operator; and

WHEREAS, one of the primary responsibilities of the Bismarck-Mandan MPO is to prepare and approve a long-range metropolitan transportation plan in accordance with the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (23 U.S.C. 104, 134) and implementing U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations (23 C.F.R. 450); and

WHEREAS, one of the primary goals of the *Arrive 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* is to reduce the risk of traffic crashes and harm to all users of the transportation system regardless of mode with an emphasis on reducing crash frequency and severity, implementing safe system features, and supporting North Dakota's Vision Zero goal toward eliminating severe crashes; and

WHEREAS, the Bismarck-Mandan MPO has developed a Safety Policy Study to provide a comprehensive framework using the Safe System Approach to reduce traffic fatalities and life-changing injuries on the regional transportation network with a goal of a fifty percent (50%) reduction in annual fatal and life-changing injury crashes, to 35 fatal and life-changing injury crashes or fewer by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the Safety Policy Study was developed through a collaborative process that included input from regional stakeholders, public agencies, community organizations, and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Safety Policy Study identifies key safety concerns, sets performance targets, and outlines strategies and actions to improve transportation safety across the Bismarck-Mandan MPO metropolitan planning area; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the Safety Policy Study will help support the North Dakota Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP), and align with national performance measure goals and National Roadway Safety Strategy set forth by the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), supported by the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program; and

WHEREAS, the Bismarck-Mandan MPO will collaborate with local, regional, and state partners to implement the strategies and actions identified in the Safety Policy Study, leveraging available funding sources and seeking new opportunities to enhance transportation safety; and

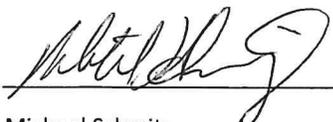
WHEREAS, the Bismarck-Mandan MPO will monitor and periodically report on progress towards achieving the safety vision and goal outlined in the Safety Policy Study and will monitor emerging safety challenges and current best practices regarding transportation safety in the Bismarck-Mandan Region:

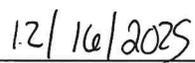
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bismarck-Mandan MPO hereby adopts the Safety Policy Study as the guiding document for transportation safety improvements in the metropolitan planning area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bismarck-Mandan MPO hereby adopts a vision to eliminate traffic fatalities and life-changing injuries on the regional transportation network with the goal to reduce annual traffic fatalities and life-changing injuries by fifty percent (50%), to 35 fatal and life-changing injury crashes or fewer by 2050, and encourages all partner jurisdictions to align their local safety initiatives with the Safety Policy Study and work collectively towards the shared vision of zero roadway deaths and life-changing injuries.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, duly elected chairperson of the Bismarck-Mandan Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board certifies that the foregoing is true and correct copy of a Resolution, adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Bismarck-Mandan Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board held on December 16, 2025.

By: 
Michael Schmitz
Chairman, Bismarck-Mandan MPO Policy Board


Date