



# ONE **great** REGION

## Safety Performance Measures 2026 Target Setting

TAQC/ARC Board

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\*REVISED FROM ORIGINAL VERSION

## Vision

ONE **great** REGION

## Mission

*Foster thriving communities for all within the Atlanta region through collaborative, data-informed planning and investments.*

## Values

**Excellence** | **Integrity** | **Equity**

## Goals



**Healthy, safe, livable communities** in the Atlanta Metro area.



**Strategic investments** in people, infrastructure, mobility, and preserving natural resources.



Regional services delivered with **operational excellence** and **efficiency**.



**Diverse stakeholders engage** and take a regional approach to solve local issues.



**A competitive economy** that is inclusive, innovative, and resilient.

# Safety Targets

**Context:** USDOT's Safety Performance Management regulation requires State DOTs and MPOs to set targets for 5 safety performance measures:

1. Number of fatalities
  2. Rate of fatalities
  3. Number of serious injuries
  4. Rate of serious injuries
  5. Number of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries
- The ARC agrees to support statewide targets and sets non-binding, aspirational MPO targets in adherence with our Regional Safety Strategy and Vision Zero goal.
  - The ARC Regional Safety Strategy (RSS) provides a comprehensive framework to support the long-term safety vision and goal.

# 2026 ARC Safety Targets Proposal

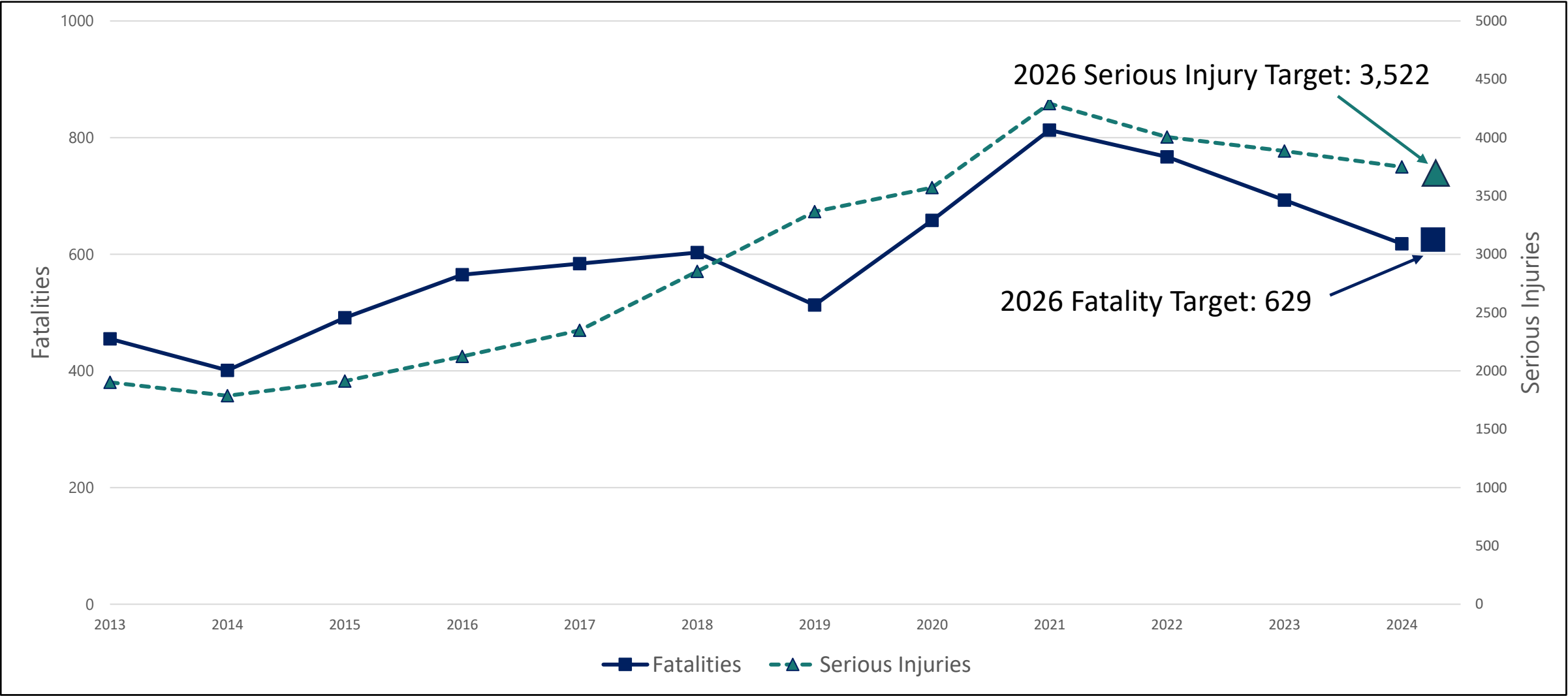
Performance Criteria	2025 Statewide Target	2025 ARC Target*	2026 Statewide Target	2026 ARC Target*
Fatalities	1,680	662	1,574	629
Serious Injuries	8,966	3,707	8,103	3,522
Fatality Rate	1.360	1.141	1.245	1.084
Serious Injury Rate	7.697	6.373	6.408	6.054
Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	1,367	444	1,312	422

2026 ARC targets are a 5% reduction from 2025 targets.

2026 GDOT targets represent a Vision Zero over 80-years.

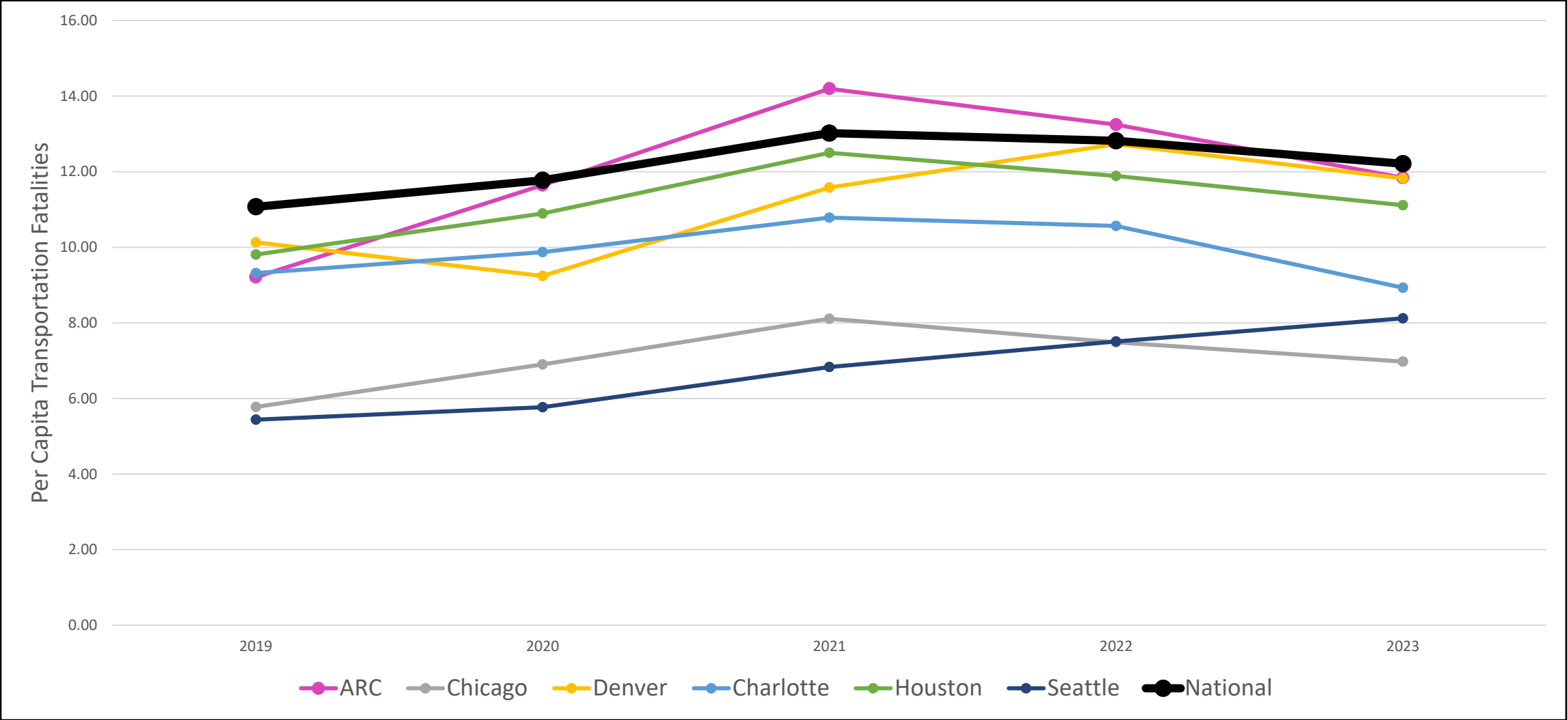
\*These values represent crash & traffic data from within MPO boundaries only.

# ARC Transportation Fatalities and Serious Injuries



Source: GDOT

# ARC compared with other MPOs



Source: FARS Database  
FARS data available only to 2023

# The ARC Regional Safety Strategy and Economic Costs

Severity	Annual Economic Cost
Fatality	\$818,723
Serious Injury	\$49,446

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Fatalities	658	813	767	693	618
Serious Injuries	3,572	4,292	4,006	3,885	3,749

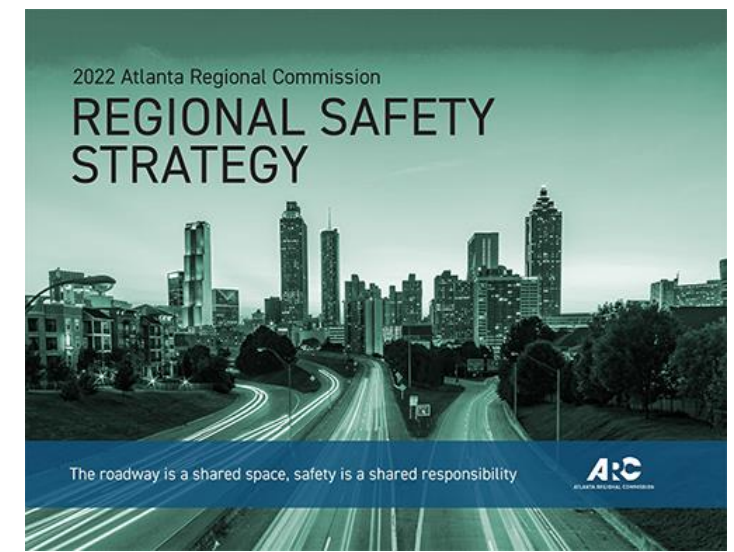
Costs to economy due to loss of work hours, productivity, and inefficient spending

2020-2024 Cost:  
**\$3,870,042,003**



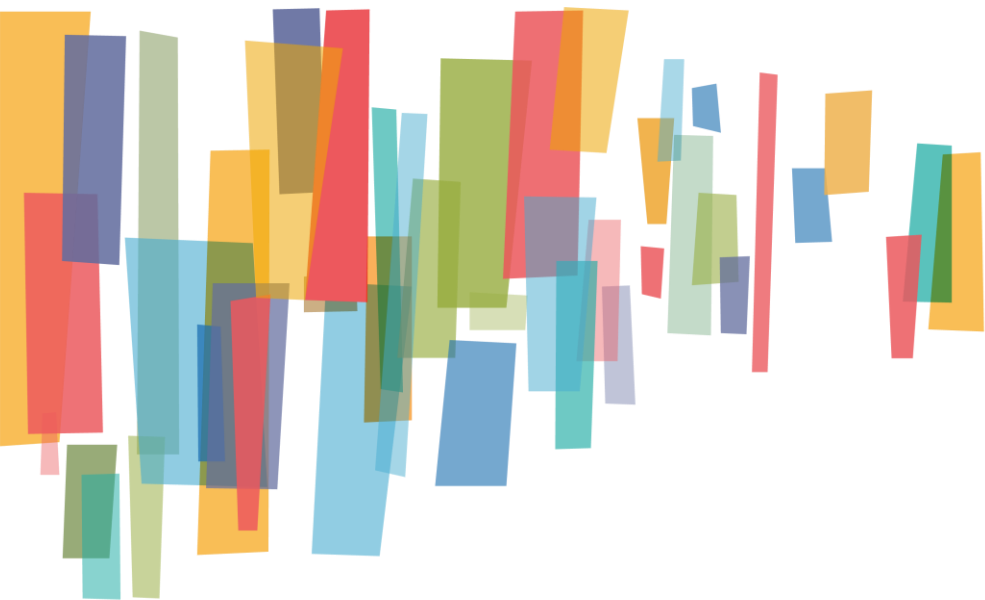
# Take Aways and Next Steps

- Continue to implement Regional Safety Strategy (2022) and Safe Systems Approach with local governments and partners
  - Safer street designs and speeds
  - Mode shifts to walking, biking, and transit
  - Risk reduction: fewer crashes and less damaging crashes
- Recent trends are moving in the right direction, but continued and increased focus is necessary
- Consider safer designs in all roadway projects and lay groundwork during maintenance projects



**ARC is committed to eliminating deaths and serious injuries in the Atlanta region** through a regional safety approach that is proactive, data-informed, and community-based. Implementing the RSS will help achieve the vision of **safe, accessible, and convenient** travel in the Atlanta region for all road users, especially the most vulnerable road users. Specifically, it will help ARC and its partners to identify actionable strategies and resources, improve project development, implement incremental improvements, track progress toward meeting regional safety targets, and promote a culture of safety in the Atlanta region.





# Questions or Comments?