To comply with federal legislation (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act, 2012; Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act, 2015), the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and SCAG are required to assess fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads and to set annual performance targets based on five-year rolling averages for the:

- 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; and
- Number of Non–motorized Fatalities and Non–motorized Serious Injuries.

In August 2017, Caltrans established its calendar year 2018 statewide targets. SCAG is required to establish its targets 180 days after the state, by February 27, 2018. SCAG has the option to agree to support Caltrans’ targets, establish numerical targets specific to our region, or use a combination of both. SCAG is currently working with stakeholders on developing the regional targets.

As a part of the safety target setting effort, SCAG completed an analysis of the region’s existing conditions and some of the key facts are highlighted here.
RIVERSIDE COUNTY BY THE NUMBERS

POPULATION: 2.3 MILLION

ALL FATALITIES
PER 100,000 RESIDENTS: 10

ALL SERIOUS INJURIES
PER 100,000 RESIDENTS: 28

260 PEOPLE DIE EVERY YEAR FROM COLLISIONS

700 PEOPLE SUSTAIN SERIOUS INJURIES EVERY YEAR FROM COLLISIONS

13,000 PEOPLE SUSTAIN INJURIES EVERY YEAR FROM COLLISIONS

24 COLLISIONS OCCUR PER DAY ON THE STREETS, THAT IS ROUGHLY 9,000 PER YEAR

20% OF ALL DEATHS INVOLVE PEOPLE WALKING OR BICYCLING

41% OF ALL TRAFFIC COLLISION VICTIMS ARE PEOPLE 18–34

80% OF ALL COLLISIONS OCCUR IN URBAN AREAS

60% OF ALL COLLISIONS OCCUR ON LOCAL ROADS

29% OF ALL COLLISIONS OCCUR ON HIGHWAYS

9,400 ANNUAL VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED PER CAPITA

1.12 ALL FATALITIES PER 100M VMT

3.14 ALL SERIOUS INJURIES PER 100M VMT

HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

Consider reviewing the Transportation Safety Regional Existing Conditions Report at www.scag.ca.gov/safety or contact a member of SCAG’s Safety Team:

Courtney Aguirre at aguirre@scag.ca.gov or (213) 236-1804
Alan Thompson at thompson@scag.ca.gov or (213) 236-1940
Tom Vo at vo@scag.ca.gov or (213) 236-1930