

Target Zero Commission – Working Group Meeting
Wednesday, May 28, 2025 • 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

For all questions, comments, and concerns, please contact targetzero@rutgers.edu

Please introduce yourself in the chat.

Meeting Goals

- Identify potential actions that fall under the Safer People Objective of FHWA's Safe System Approach.

Agenda

- I. **Welcome & NJDOT Remarks** (Michael Rizol, Director, NJ DHTS)
- II. **Role of Working Group Members** (Leigh Ann Von Hagen, VTC)
- III. **NJ Target Zero Action Plan: Safer People** (VTC)
 - a. Objectives of the Safe System Approach and Additional Priorities
 - b. Overview of the Safer People Objective
 - i. Encourage safe behavior
 - ii. Create safe conditions
 - c. Draft action examples from the input form
- IV. **Breakout Groups** (VTC)

Discussion: FHWA lists the following three behaviors as the most frequent and persistent behavioral safety factors in fatal crashes: Unrestrained occupants, impaired drivers, and speeding.

 1. *What action items should the plan consider to address unrestrained, impaired, and speeding drivers?*
 2. *Are there other hazardous behaviors we should address in New Jersey?*
 3. *How could these hazardous behaviors be mitigated?*

Are there other effective strategies we should consider?
- V. **Group Report Back** (VTC)
- VI. **Closing and Next Steps** (NJDOT)
 - a. Action Plan Input Form
 - b. Email targetzero@rutgers.edu with any comments or questions
 - c. Register for future Working Group meetings:
 - i. [June Working Group Meeting: Safer Roads, Safer Speeds](#)
 - Wednesday, June 18, 2pm–3:30pm, via Zoom
 - ii. [July Working Group Meeting: Safer Vehicles, Post-Crash Care](#)

- Wednesday, July 16, 2pm–3:30pm, via Zoom
- iii. August Working Group Meeting: Action Item Prioritization Exercise
 - Wednesday, August 13, 9am–3:30pm, in person, (registration link to follow)
- iv. [September Working Group Meeting: Finalization of Action Items](#)
 - Wednesday, September 24, 2pm–3:30pm, via Zoom

New Jersey Target Zero Commission

Francis O'Connor (NJDOT, chair) | Patrick Callahan (NJSP) | Michael Rizol (NJ DHTS) | Kimberly DiGiovanni (NJMVC) | Justin Davis (NJ TRANSIT) | James Carone (NJTA) | Kandyce Perry (NJDEP) | Nashon Hornsby (NJDOH) | Ian Rayfield (NJDCa) | Adam Neary (NJDHS) | David Behrend (NJTPA) | Jennifer Marandino (SJTPO) | Kevin Murphy (DVRPC)