



TRANSIT AGENCY SAFETY RULEMAKING

Performance-Based Planning and Programming

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Presentation Items

- Transit Agency Safety Plans Rule
- Transit Safety Performance Measures
- Applicability
- Next Steps



Final Rule – Transit Agency Safety Plans

- Final PBPP rule is a capstone for the collection of rules covering the Public Transportation Safety Program
 - The rule became effective on July 19, 2019. Applicable transit operators are required to certify their safety plan by July 20, 2020
 - The rule requires applicable transit operators to develop Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans (PTASPs), which include the process and procedures for implementing Safety Management Systems (SMS)
 - The rule requires applicable transit operators to set targets for Transit Safety performance measure



Transit Safety Performance Measures

	Performance Measures
Fatalities	Total number of reportable fatalities and the rate per total vehicle revenue miles by mode
Injuries	Total number of reportable injuries and the rate per total vehicle revenue miles by mode
Safety Events*	Total number of reportable events and the rate per total vehicle revenue miles by mode
System Reliability	Mean distance between major mechanical failures by mode

- Transit operators must establish transit safety targets by July 2020
- After the date of establishment MPOs have 180 days to set regional targets

*Collisions, derailments, fires, or life safety evacuations



Transit Agency Safety Plan rule applies to...

- All public transportation operators that are either recipients or sub-recipients of **FTA grant funds (5307)**
- Agencies that operate more than **100 vehicles** in peak revenue service (i.e., Tier 1)
 - For small public transportation providers (Tier 2), a State must certify compliance unless the provider opts to draft and certify its own agency safety plan
- Operators of transit modes subject to the safety jurisdiction of another federal agency are **exempt** (i.e. Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) regulated = commuter rail: VRE and MARC)
- The final rule **does not apply** to public transportation operators that receive only 5310 and 5311 funds



Applicable Regional Agencies

<p>Yes – 5307 sub-recipient Tier I</p>	<p>WMATA PRTC Ride On (Montgomery Co.)</p>
<p>Yes – 5307 sub-recipient Tier 2</p>	<p>The Bus (Prince George's Co.) VanGo (Charles Co.) TransIT (Frederick Co.)</p>
<p>Tier I</p>	<p>Fairfax Connector DC Circulator and Streetcar (DDOT)</p>
<p>Tier 2 <i>DRPT is sponsoring a Group Plan for Virginia Tier II Agencies</i></p>	<p>DASH (Alexandria) ART (Arlington Co.) CUE (City of Fairfax) Loudoun Commuter Transit</p>



Next Steps

- Applicable transit providers must implement the rule and set safety targets by July 20, 2020
 - TPB has 180 days to set regional targets
- August – Collect adopted targets from regional agencies
- September – Draft regional target briefing
 - Technical Committee and TPB
- October – TPB adopt final regional transit safety targets



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