



TRANSIT AGENCY SAFETY RULEMAKING

Performance-Based Planning and Programming

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Presentation Items

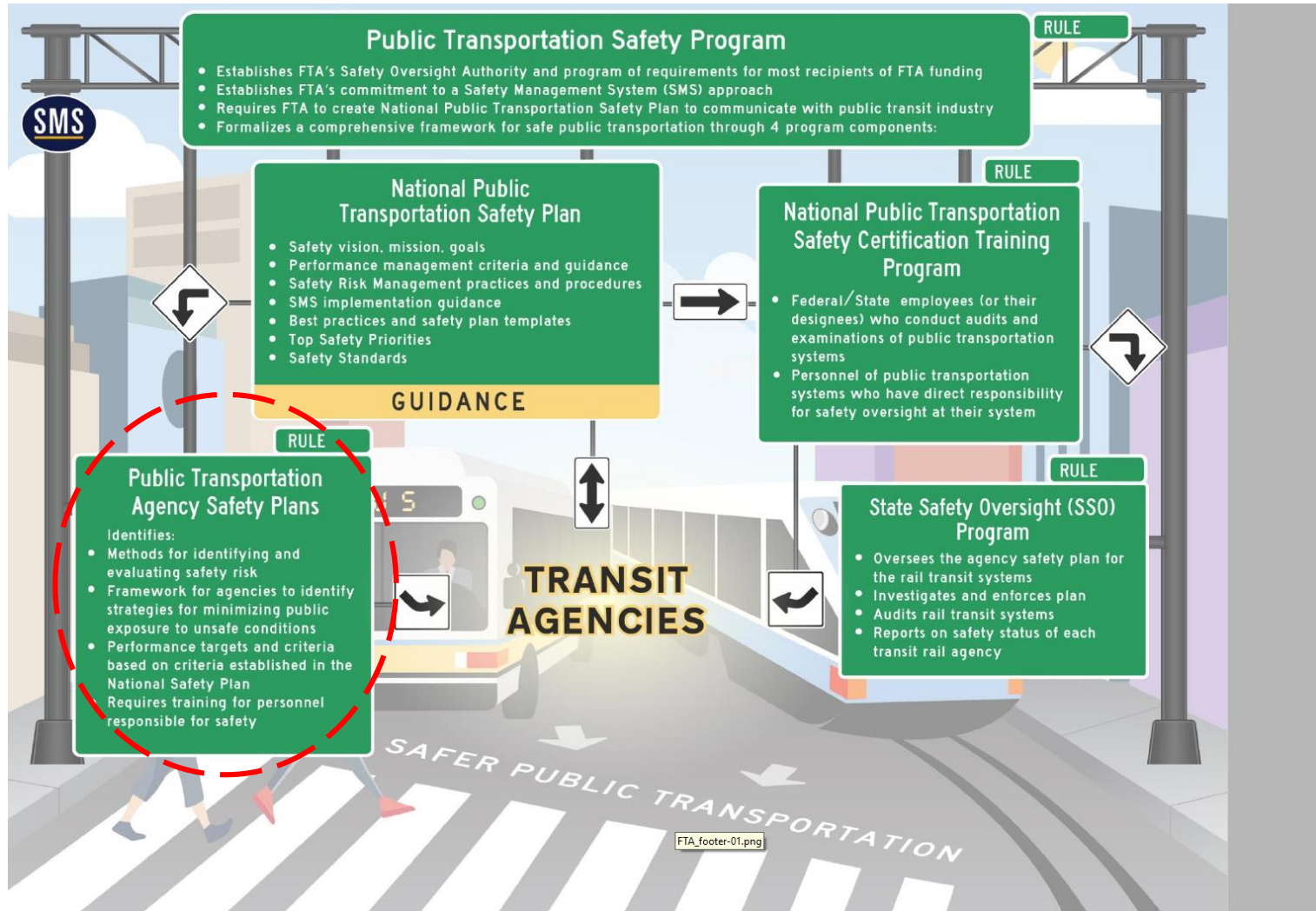
- Overview of Transit Agency Safety Plans Rule
- Elements of the Public Transportation Safety Program
- Transit Safety Performance Measures
- Applicability
- Next Steps

Final Rule – Transit Agency Safety Plans

- The issuance of this final rule serves as a capstone for a collection of rules making the Public Transportation Safety Program
 - Final rule was issued on June 19, 2018
 - The rule has an effective date of 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 (PTASP), which includes the process and procedures for implementing Safety Management Systems (SMS)
 - Set Transit Safety targets



Public Transportation Safety Program



Public Transportation Safety Program

- **National Public Transportation Safety Plan**
 - Guides the national effort in managing the safety risks and safety hazards within our nation's public transportation systems
- **State Safety Oversight Program (SSO)**
 - Oversee safety at rail transit systems (i.e. MSC for WMATA)
- **National Public Transportation Certification Training Program**
 - For fed/state employees who conduct audits and examinations of public transportation systems
- **Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans**
 - Include documented processes and procedures for transit agencies' safety management systems, setting of performance targets



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

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



Final Rules applies to...

- All public transportation operators whom are either recipients or sub-recipients of **FTA grant funds (5307)**
- Agencies that operate more than **100 vehicles** in peak revenue service
- 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 is **not applicable** to public transportation operators that receive only (5310 and 5311) funds



Applicable Regional Agencies

Yes	WMATA PRTC
No, at this time's guidance	Fairfax Connector Ride On (Montgomery Co.)
State DOT/Group Plan	TheBus (Prince George's Co.) DASH (Alexandria) ART (Arlington Co.) CUE (City of Fairfax) Loudoun County Transit VRT (Loudoun Co.)



Next Steps

- Public Transit Agency Safety Rule becomes effective on July 19, 2019
- Transit providers have one year to implement set targets by July 20, 2020
- MPOs will then have 180 days to set regional targets
- Over the next two years, TPB will continue to coordinate with WMATA, PRTC, and other regional applicable public transit operators
- TPB will coordinate with agencies on data collection and forecasting via PBPP LOAs
- After this initial target setting the process will occur on an annual basis



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