

Regional Public Transportation Subcommittee Work Program

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Topics

1. MAP-21 Performance Rules

- Public Transportation Safety Program (8/14)
- Transit Asset Management anticipated 10/2, Transit Agency Safety Rules in December

2. Federal Register notices

- ❖ Notice of Availability of Final Interim Policy Guidance for the Capital Investment Grant Program (8/5)
- ❖ Transportation for Individuals With Disabilities; Service Criteria for Complementary Paratransit Fares (8/20)
- ❖ Expedited Public Transportation Improvement Initiative (9/3)

3. Outline of “State of Public Transportation” Report

Public Transportation Safety Program

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) published August 14, 2015

- Applies to all recipients of Federal transit funds (e.g., Section 53XX funds.)
- Commits to Safety Management Systems (SMS) as the foundation of FTA’s safety plan.
 - *“SMS is a top-down, organization-wide approach to managing safety risks and assuring the effectiveness of safety risk mitigation. It focuses on organization-wide safety policy and accountability, proactive hazard identification, and risk-informed decision-making.”*
- Establishes FTA’s statutory authority; the FTA Administrator will have power to:
 - Conduct audits and investigations, issue subpoenas, enter premises, etc.
 - Impose more frequent reporting requirements.
 - Require Federal funds be spent on correcting safety deficiencies.
 - Withhold all or part of Federal assistance.
 - Issue safety advisories and directives.

Public Transportation Safety Program, cont.

The Public Safety Transportation Program has multiple components to be issued in forthcoming rulemakings:

- National Public Transportation Safety Plan rule,
- Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program,
- Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan rule,
- State Safety Oversight (SSO) Program (*for urban rail systems*).

The National Public Transportation Safety Plan will include the following:

- Safety performance criteria for all modes of public transportation,
- State of good repair standards:
 - Transit agencies will be required to set safety performance targets for state of good repair based on standards established by this plan.
- Minimum safety performance standards for vehicles in revenue service.

Outline of “*State of Public Transportation*” Report

1. Executive Summary (Introduction)
 - Introduction: overview of transit in the national capital region (pictures)
 - List of fixed route providers and major paratransit
 - Overview of statistics: fixed ridership by mode, bus breakdown
2. “One Page” Provider Highlights / Statistics
 - System highlights – Major accomplishments
 - Data: Ridership and operating expenditures
 - Focus on fixed route – additional paragraphs for jurisdiction and paratransit
3. Past/Upcoming Accomplishments / Major Events:
 - Projects started/completed
 - Major Studies
4. Issues Discussed at RPTS
 - E.g., customer info, maintenance facilities, downtown staging needs (bus and rail), technology integration, etc.
5. Findings / Recommendations for consideration by the TPB
 - Categorized Regional Priorities for transit
 - References and resources.



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“One Page” Provider Highlights / Statistics

One slide per fixed route provider

- Highlights, basic data, ridership and financial statistics.
- *Ensures contribution of each provider recognized. Speaks to range of providers across region*
- *Paragraph for paratransit*
- *Paragraph for jurisdiction*

2012 highlights

- Purchased two next-generation hybrid-electric buses
- 33 new hybrid-electric buses began service in St. Paul and communities in the east metro
- Achieved highest maintenance reliability in service history: 7,456 miles between road calls
- Opened 180-space park & ride lot in Little Canada with express service to Minneapolis and St. Paul

System snapshot

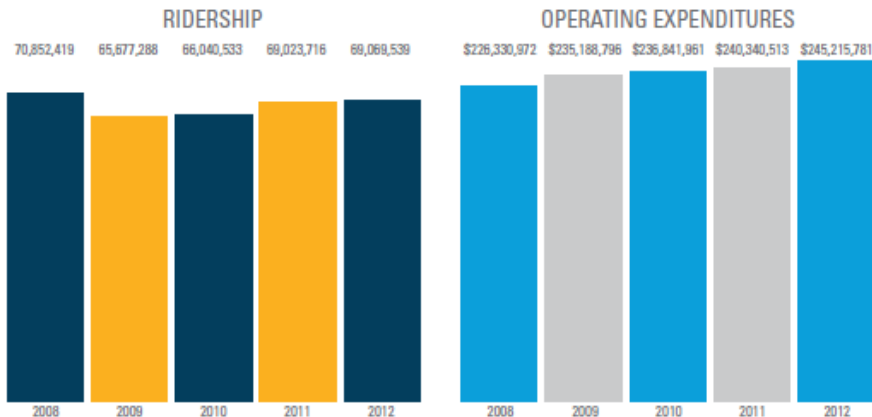
Legal Name	Metro Tranist
Governance	Regional
Area Served	Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Washington counties
Legislative District	Metro
Congressional District	2, 3, 4, 5, 6

System characteristics

Vehicle fleet 740 buses, 166 articulated buses, 26 motor coaches
Service type Fixed route

Hours of Operation
 Monday - Friday 12:00 am - 11:59 pm
 Saturday 12:00 am - 11:59 pm
 Sunday 12:00 am - 11:59 pm
Base fare \$1.75 - \$3.00

System performance



Next Steps for *State of Public Transportation* Report

- January : Discuss Data for inclusion
 - Handout on MinnDOT and MDOT reports
- February : Discuss Information Topics for inclusion
- March: Discuss Draft Questionnaire
- April: Distribute Data & Information Questionnaire, with responses due end of May
- ~~June~~ ~~July~~ **October**: Present initial data profiles and outline of information topics.
- ~~July~~ ~~August~~ **December**: Present draft report for comment
- ~~September~~ **January**: Approve final report.

Agenda Topics for 2015

- RPTS relies on participant contributions:
 - What would you like to present and discuss in upcoming meetings?

Next meeting: October 27, 2015

