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PTASP Technical Assistance Center (TAC)

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Overview

- TAC restarted its outreach activities in July 2020 after a 3-month pause due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency.
- Major focus of the restart includes:
 - Helping States and transit agencies meet the new effective PTASP regulation compliance deadline of **December 31, 2020** established in [FTA's Notice of Enforcement Discretion](#)
 - Addressing implementation questions and concerns for agencies that have already certified the development of an Agency Safety Plan (ASP) in [FTA's Transit Award Management System](#) (TrAMS)



Find Out What's New

Learn More About the TAC

How can we help?

- Answer questions
- Review draft Agency Safety Plans
- Provide onsite trainings and support
- Submit documents to share with peers

Industry Certification Status

- Work has not stopped during the COVID-19 public health emergency
 - Many States and transit agencies have been able to meet the PTASP regulation's original deadline of July 20, 2020
 - Through July 20, 2020, **51% (361) of the 705 applicable agencies and their State Departments of Transportation (DOTs), as appropriate,** have certified development and implementation of an ASP in TrAMS
- During late July and early August, the TAC is surveying those 344 applicable agencies and State DOTs who have not yet certified in TrAMS to confirm ASP development status and discuss technical assistance needs

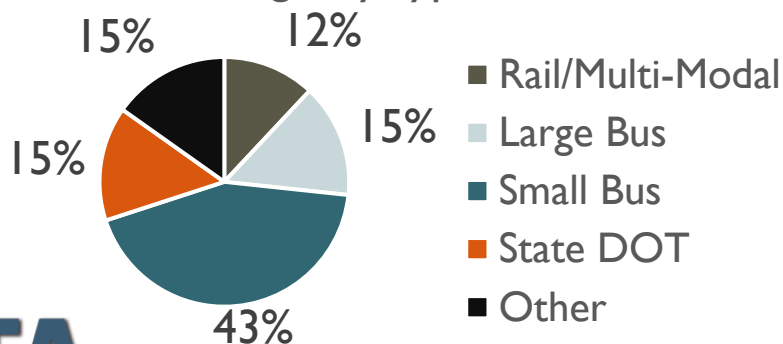
PTASP Technical Assistance Center Accomplishments

- Since mid-October 2019, the TAC assisted over 2,000 State and transit agency representatives through:
 - 13 webinars focused on a variety of PTASP topics
 - Over 50 guidance documents, including sample ASPs, lessons learned and guides, fact sheets and tools
 - Nine day-long workshops focused on bus ASP development (14 total since June 2019)
 - Resolution of 843 technical assistance requests
- The TAC also reviewed 167 draft ASPs, providing comments using the TAC's standard checklist and supporting follow-up communications with States and transit agencies as needed

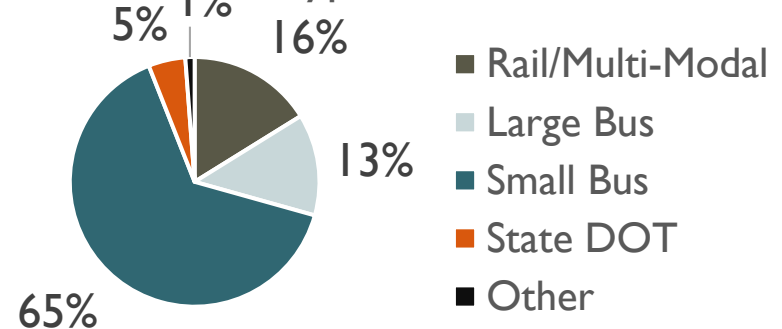
PTASP Technical Assistance Center Accomplishments

- Small transit providers opting to develop their own ASPs used the TAC the most, both for technical assistance and ASP review requests
- 42% (27) of rail transit agencies requested an ASP review
- Large bus agencies made up 15% of technical assistance requests and 13% of ASP review requests
- State DOTs are responsible for 15% of technical assistance requests and 5% of ASP reviews

Technical Assistance Requests by Agency Type



ASP Review Requests by Agency Type

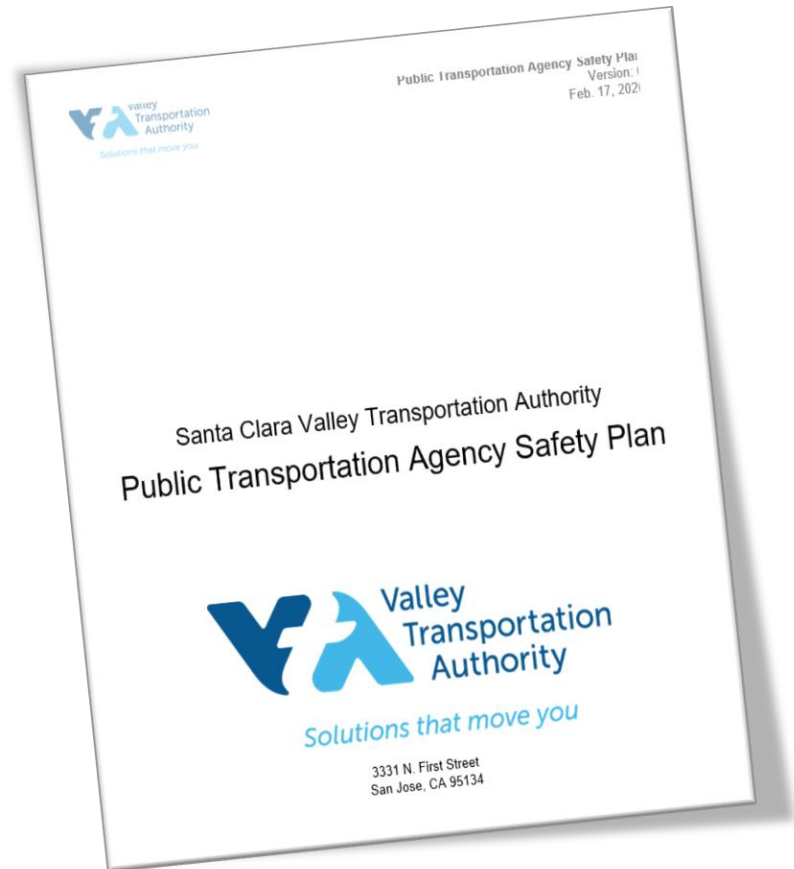


ASP Lessons Learned

- TAC issued a set of ASP Lessons Learned, available [here](#).
- Key Lessons Learned:
 - Clearly define accountabilities, responsibilities and authorities for each SMS component
 - Include seven safety performance targets per transit mode
 - Describe the methods or processes your agency will use to carry out SMS activities, including the steps your agency will take and applicable timeframes
 - Describe how your agency will document the results of its SMS activities
 - Ensure consistency in terminology

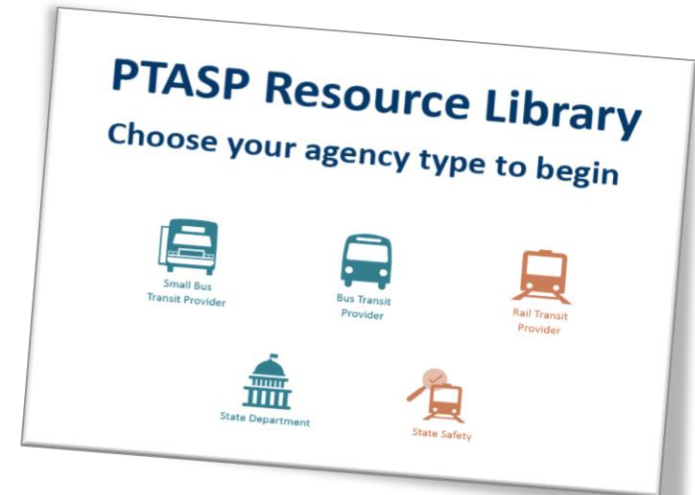
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)

- TAC provided a voluntary review of the first half of VTA's ASP in December 2019
- VTA submitted the second half of its ASP to the TAC for review in February 2020
- VTA certified compliance with the PTASP regulation in April 2020



Ongoing TAC Activities

- TAC's ongoing activities include:
 - July/August ASP Status Survey
 - Two virtual PTASP workshops in August
 - Monthly webinars
 - Biweekly updates
 - New resources available on the TAC website
 - Continued ASP review assistance (deadline to submit is **November 13, 2020**)
- The TAC will transition support from ASP development to implementation in late 2020/early 2021



Questions?



Resources

Technical Assistance Center

- www.transit.dot.gov/PTASP-TAC

PTASP Community of Practice

- www.transit.dot.gov/PTASP-COP

Frequently Asked Questions

- www.transit.dot.gov/PTASP-FAQs

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