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FTA Safety & Oversight Update

Hot Topics in Safety and
FTA Safety-related Initiatives

Federal Transit Administration



Agenda

- PTASP and Technical Assistance Update
- FTA's Bus and Rail Safety Data Reports
- Transit Safety Concerns and Transit Worker Safety RFIs
- COVID-19 Vaccine Access and Mask Requirement
- Enhanced Transit Safety and Crime Prevention Initiative
- Transit Advisory Committee for Safety (TRACS)



Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Updates



Congratulations, transit agencies and States!

- To support you in achieving 100 percent certification by FTA's deadline, the PTASP Technical Assistance Center (TAC):
 - Completed voluntarily Agency Safety Plan (ASP) reviews
 - Responded to hundreds of questions and developed FAQs
 - Hosted monthly webinars and workshops
 - Provided technical assistance resources and sample ASPs
 - Provided direct technical assistance
- The TAC remains available to help you with PTASP implementation.

PTASP Survey



- The PTASP survey will help us better understand:
 - How you are using the FTA’s resources to support implementation of the PTASP regulation;
 - How well these resources support your needs; and
 - What future resources would be useful to you.
- The survey can be found on the [PTASP TAC website](#) and closes on **November 24, 2021**.

PTASP TAC Industry Survey for Transit Agencies and States

The purpose of this Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Industry Survey is to help inform the services and support FTA offers to transit stakeholders regarding the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) regulation (49 CFR Part 673). All responses are anonymous. Your feedback will help us improve FTA’s safety programs, and we appreciate your honest opinion.

Thank you, in advance, for your participation and for completing this survey by November 24, 2021.

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PTASP TAC Industry Survey for SSOAs

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Note: Questions are for informational purposes only. Nothing in this survey is intended to impact an SSOA’s oversight program or specific requirements.

Please tell us about your agency.

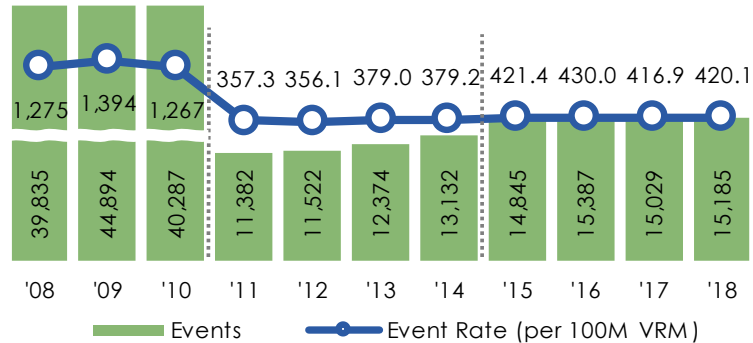
Bus and Rail Safety Data Reports

The reports:

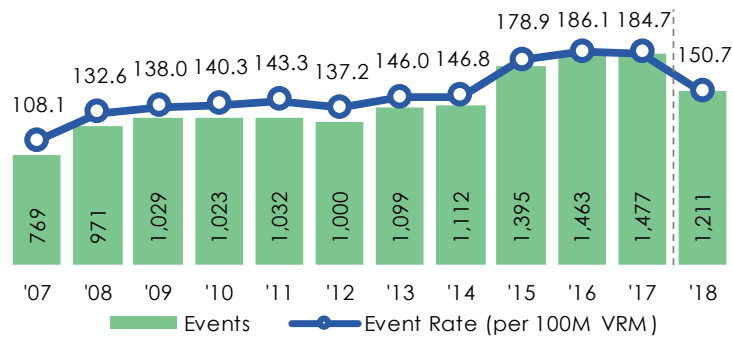
- Provide transit safety performance data to the public
- Identify areas for research, training, or assessment
- Provide transit agencies with industry-wide context for safety performance management and targeting activities
- Access the reports on FTA's website:
<https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/rail-and-bus-safety-data-reports>



Bus and Rail Safety Data Reports – Key Takeaways



Bus Reportable events per 100M VRM* increased 3.7%
per year on average between 2011 and 2018**



Rail Reportable events per 100M VRM increased 6.7%
per year on average between 2007 and 2017**

*Vehicle Revenue Miles

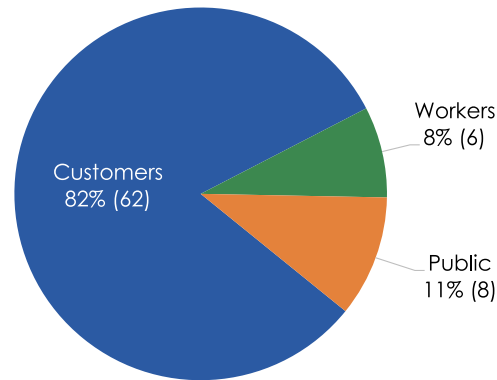
**Prior to 2011, FTA stopped collecting non-major bus security event data, reducing the number of reportable events.

**Data from 2018 includes both events reported under Part 659 and Part 674 thresholds. Due to this transition in reporting criteria, data tallies from 2018 are not comparable to previous years.

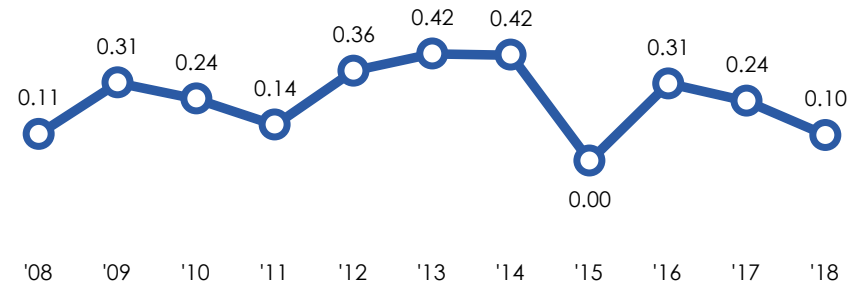
Bus and Rail Safety Data Reports – Bus Homicides and Assaults

Distribution by Person Type

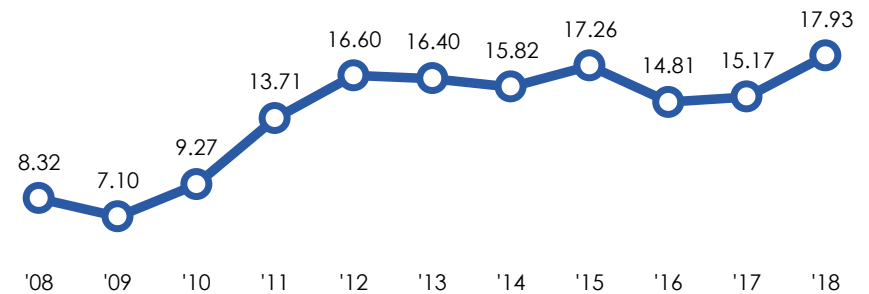
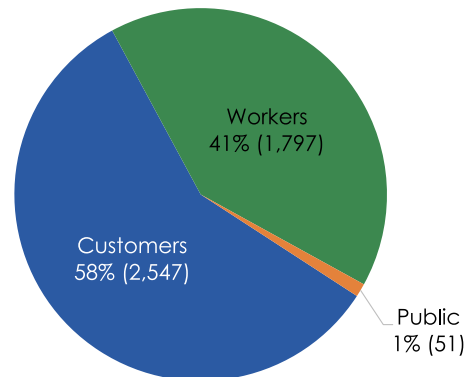
Fatalities
(2008—2018)



Annual Rate (per 100M VRM) Trend



Injuries
(2008—2018)



Transit Safety Concerns RFI Overview

Quick Facts

Date Open: July 15, 2021

Date Closed: September 22, 2021

Audience: Public (industry, transit providers, transit users, researchers, contractors, etc.)

Purpose: Solicit public input on safety concerns FTA should consider including in its next SRM Action Plan

Scope of Questions:

- Safety concerns for SRM analysis
- Emerging safety risks
- Data sources and considerations
- Safety concern identification best practices

FTA Docket Number: FTA-2021-0011

Purpose: FTA solicited input from the public to inform the development of the agency's next Safety Risk Management (SRM) Action Plan.

Next Steps:

- FTA will review and analyze the RFI responses.
- FTA leadership will determine which safety topics should be included in the next SRM Action Plan.
- FTA will use its SRM process to analyze the risk associated with each safety topic and implement mitigations, if warranted.

Transit Worker Safety RFI Overview

Quick Facts

Date Open: September 24, 2021

Date Close: [November 23, 2021](#)

Audience: Public (industry, transit providers, transit users, researchers, contractors, etc.)

Purpose: Solicit public input regarding transit worker safety mitigations related to RWP programs and transit worker assault prevention

Scope of Questions:

Types of redundant protections

- RWP and transit worker assault prevention best practices
- Minimum requirements recommendations
- Information, data, and technology

FTA Docket Number: FTA-2021-0012

Purpose:

- FTA is considering mitigations for reducing the safety risk to transit workers.
- FTA is soliciting the public's input regarding possible mitigations for both RWP and transit worker assaults.

Next Steps: FTA will review responses to the RFI and use them to inform the agency's next steps in response to these safety concerns.

You may file comments, identified by docket number FTA-2021-0012, by any of the methods listed in the RFI.

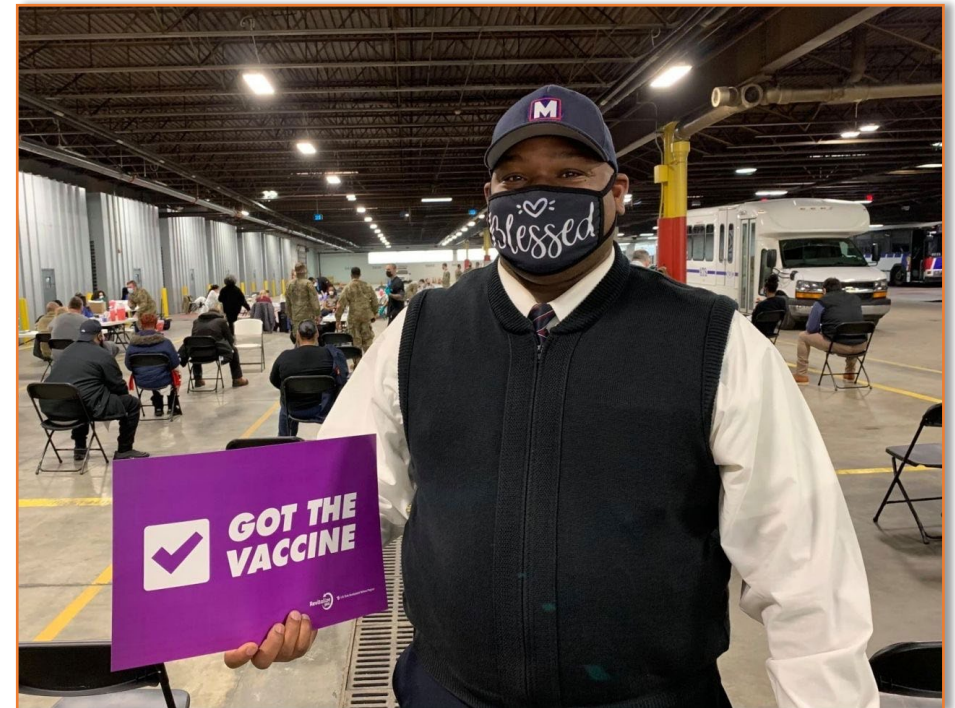
Vaccine Access Outreach

Eligibility of CARES Act, CRRSAA and ARP funds includes vaccine access services, such as:

- Free or reduced-fare rides to COVID-19 vaccinations, and
- Providing use of transit facilities or vehicles for vaccination sites.

Transit agencies incentive examples for employee vaccinations include:

- Paid time off
- Cash Awards
- Gift Cards



COVID-19 Vaccine Access – Available Resources

FTA COVID-19 Webpage
www.transit.dot.gov/coronavirus

- ✓ [How to Build Transit Workers' Confidence in COVID-19 Vaccines Guide](#)
- ✓ [Transit Workers Vaccine Confidence Toolkit](#)
- ✓ [Frequently Asked Questions from FTA Grantees Regarding Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) \(See Question CE18\)](#)
- ✓ [COVID-19 Response Program Information Collection FAQs](#)
- ✓ [Increasing Vaccine Confidence Among Transit Workers Webinar](#)
- ✓ [Transit's Role in COVID-19 Vaccination National Peer Exchange Webinar](#)
- ✓ [COVID-19 Recovery Practices in Transit](#)
- ✓ [FTA COVID-19 Resource Tool](#)

The screenshot shows the Federal Transit Administration's COVID-19 webpage. The page is titled "Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)" and provides information about the pandemic, including the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA), and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. It also includes a section for "FTA Resources" and "Vaccines" with links to various webinars and FAQs.

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
The world is experiencing an expanding outbreak of respiratory illness caused by COVID-19. FTA encourages transit agencies to be informed and prepared.

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which President Biden signed on March 11, 2021, includes \$30.8 billion in Federal funding to support the nation's public transportation systems as they continue to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and support the President's call to vaccinate the U.S. population.

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA)
The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) includes \$900 billion in supplemental appropriations for COVID-19 relief, \$14 billion of which will be allocated to support the transit industry during the COVID-19 pandemic. CRRSAA became law on December 27, 2020. [Learn more.](#)

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act
On Friday, March 27, 2021, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law. FTA is allocating \$25 billion to recipients of urbanized area and rural area formula funds.

FTA Resources
For assistance with COVID-19 related questions, please contact your designated [FTA Regional Program Manager](#).

Vaccines

- Increasing Vaccine Confidence Among Transit Workers Webinar (May 17, 2021)
 - [Presentation](#) | [Recording](#) | [Transcript](#)
- Transit's Role in COVID-19 Vaccination National Peer Exchange (March 26, 2021)
 - [Presentation](#) | [Recording](#) | [Transcript](#)

Masks

- [Mask Up Toolkit](#)
- [Federal Mask Requirement for Transit](#)
- [Federal Mask Requirement Frequently Asked Questions \(USDOT\)](#)

Best Practices

- [COVID-19 Recovery Practices in Transit](#) (As of August 25, 2021)
- [FTA COVID-19 Recovery Discussion Forum](#)
- [FTA COVID-19 Recovery Listening Sessions](#)
- [FTA/HUD COVID-19 Partnership for COVID-19 Recovery](#)

TSA Federal Mask Requirement Updates

- The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has extended the face mask requirement through **January 18, 2022**.
- TSA updated the [Frequently Asked Questions](#).
- A new range of penalties:
 - \$500-\$1,000 for first offenders and
 - \$1,000-\$3,000 for second offenders.
- For more information, visit [TSA's COVID-19 webpage](#) and [FTA's Transit Mask Up webpage](#).



Enhanced Transit Safety and Crime Prevention Initiative

- Transit worker and rider safety is a top priority for the Biden-Harris Administration and the U.S. Department of Transportation.
- FTA's Enhanced Transit Safety and Crime Prevention Initiative provides information and resources to help transit agencies prevent and address crime in their systems to protect transit workers and riders.

Enhanced Transit Safety and Crime Prevention Initiative



Overview

Transit worker and rider safety is a top priority for the Biden-Harris Administration and the U.S. Department of Transportation. Public transit is a safe form of transportation. Transit workers should expect a safe workplace and riders should expect a safe trip.



<https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-programs/safety/enhanced-transit-safety-and-crime-prevention-initiative>



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Enhanced Transit Safety and Crime Prevention Initiative Resources



Available Funding

Federal funding is available for transit agencies to prevent and address crime:

- Section 5307 and 5311 funding
- COVID-19 supplemental funding
- FTA State of Good Repair Grants Program
- FTA Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program

Additional funding is available through [FTA safety research programs](#).



Training

The National Transit Institute offers two relevant training courses:

- Assault Awareness and Prevention for Transit Operators
- Violence in the Transit Workplace: Prevention, Response and Recovery

Links to both courses are available on FTA's [Initiative website](#).



Transit Advisory Committee for Safety (TRACS)

TRACS provides information, advice, and recommendations on transit safety and other issues.

2020 Reports:

- [TRACS Final Report 18-01 Employee Safety Reporting](#)
- [TRACS Final Report 18-02 Roadway Worker Protection](#)
- [TRACS Final Report 18-03 Trespass and Suicide Prevention](#)



<https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/transit-advisory-committee-safety-tracs>



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Questions?



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