

# Transportation Research Board 2022 Annual Meeting

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# Agenda

- Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan and Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program Updates
- 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
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law



# PTASP Compliance

- 100% of applicable transit agencies and States now have Agency Safety Plans (ASPs)
- To support the industry in meeting the certification deadline, the PTASP Technical Assistance Center (TAC) provided:
  - Over 400 voluntary ASP reviews
  - Responses to over 1,700 questions from transit agencies, State Safety Oversight agencies (SSOAs), State Departments of Transportation, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and other impacted groups
  - Monthly webinars and workshops
  - Technical assistance resources and sample ASPs
  - Direct one-on-one technical assistance



# PTASP Certification Process: Who Must Certify Compliance?

- Direct recipients of Urbanized Area Formula Grants Program (49 U.S.C. Section 5307) funding from July 20, 2020, or later
- Rail transit agencies (RTAs) in the State Safety Oversight (SSO) Program (Part 674)
- States with small public transportation providers receiving 5307 funding
- Newly Applicable Agencies
  - Agencies must develop an ASP and meet all other PTASP regulation requirements
  - Agencies must certify compliance in Transit Award Management System (TrAMS)

# PTASP Certification Process: How do Agencies Maintain Compliance?

- Annual certification for recipients and States
- Annual agency PTASP review, though 49 CFR Part 673 (Part 673) it does not require agencies to update their ASPs annually
- SSOAs may require rail transit agencies under their jurisdiction to complete an annual ASP update
- FTA triennial oversight review of Part 673 requirements



# PTSCTP Requirements

- Initially, training requirements for Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program (PTSCTP): August 21, 2021, or within three years of enrolling into the program
  - Notice of Enforcement Discretion for PTSCTP: New target date **August 21, 2022**
- Complete refresher training every two years
- An SSOA or RTA must identify required refresher training for individuals (staff and/or contractors) designated by the agency
  - Minimum of one hour of safety oversight training
- SSOAs and RTAs must certify compliance

# PTSCTP Individual Training Plan (ITP)

ITP Tracks	ITP Courses	
<b>SSOA</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Safety Management Systems (SMS) Awareness</li> <li>2. SMS Safety Assurance</li> <li>3. SMS Principles for Transit</li> <li>4. Transit Rail System Safety</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Transit Rail Incident Investigation</li> <li>6. Effectively Managing Transit Emergencies</li> <li>7. SMS Principles for SSO Programs</li> </ol>
<b>RTA</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. SMS Awareness</li> <li>2. SMS Safety Assurance</li> <li>3. SMS Principles for Transit</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Transit Rail System Safety</li> <li>5. Transit Rail Incident Investigation</li> <li>6. Effectively Managing Transit Emergencies</li> </ol>
<b>Bus (voluntary)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. SMS Awareness</li> <li>2. SMS Safety Assurance</li> <li>3. SMS Principles for Transit</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Transit Bus System Safety</li> <li>5. Fundamentals of Bus Collision Investigation</li> <li>6. Effectively Managing Transit Emergencies</li> </ol>

# Availability of PTSCTP Courses

## Current remote course offerings:

- SMS Awareness
- SMS Principles for Transit
- SMS Principles for SSO Programs
- SMS Safety Assurance
- Effectively Managing Transit Emergencies
- Transit Rail System Safety
- Transit Rail Incident Investigation
- Fundamentals of Bus Collision Investigation
- Transit Bus System Safety



# Register for PTSCTP Courses

Find the training schedule, FAQs, and more information at

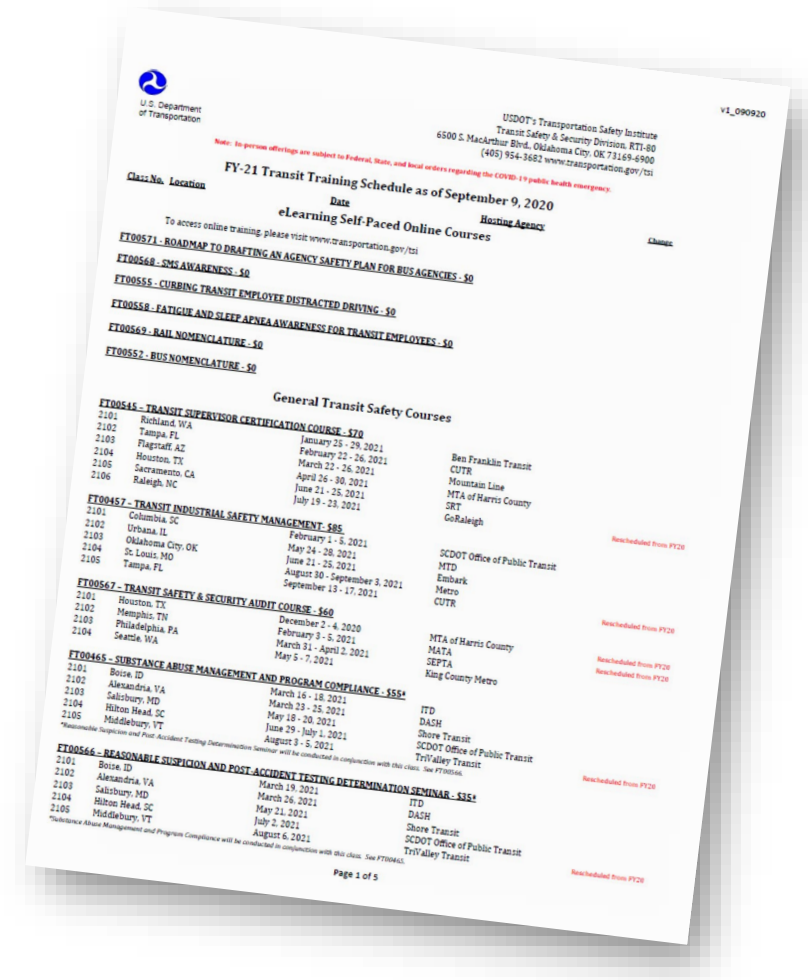
<https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/safety-training>

## To register for courses:

- Register online through the Transportation Safety Institute (TSI) Learning Management System at <https://tsi-dot.csod.com/client/tsi-dot/default.aspx>
- Contact TSI for assistance at (405) 954-3682 or [Transit@dot.gov](mailto:Transit@dot.gov)

## For PTSCTP ITPs, certifications, and questions:

- Contact FTA at [FTASafetyPromotion@dot.gov](mailto:FTASafetyPromotion@dot.gov)



# Transit Safety Concerns Request for Information

## 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

# Transit Worker Safety Request for Information

## Quick Facts

**Date Open:** September 24, 2021

**Date Closed:** 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



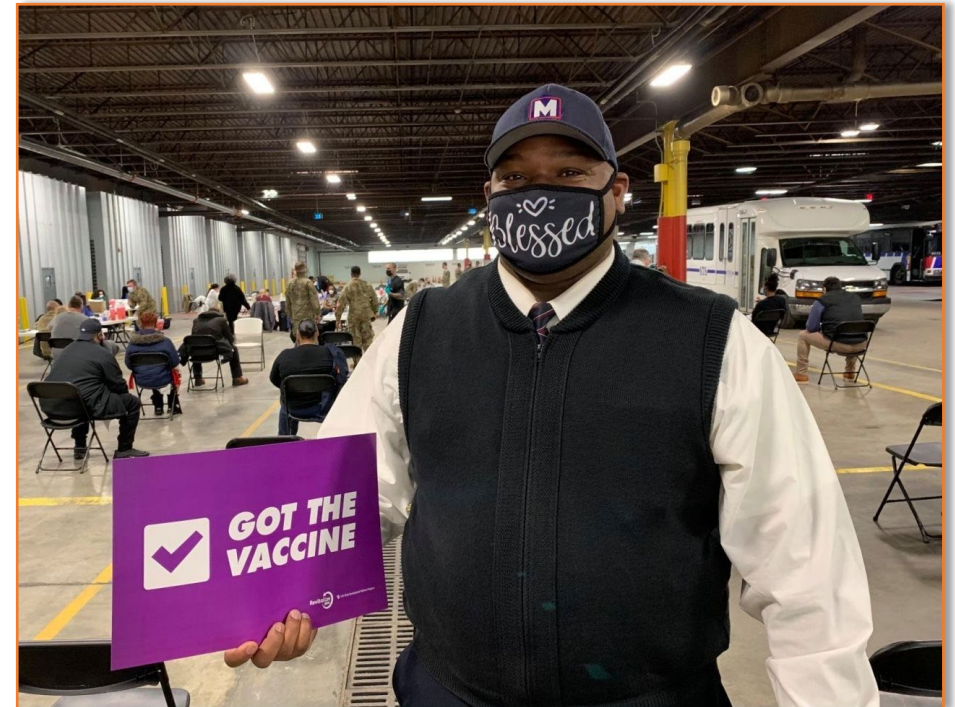
# Vaccine Access Outreach

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



**FTA COVID-19 Webpage**

[www.transit.dot.gov/coronavirus](http://www.transit.dot.gov/coronavirus)



# TSA Federal Mask Requirement Updates

- The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has extended the face mask requirement through **March 18, 2022**.
- Range of penalties remains:
  - \$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

- 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>



[FTASystemSafety@dot.gov](mailto:FTASystemSafety@dot.gov)

# 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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# Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

- ✓ Enhances State Safety Oversight (SSO) programs by strengthening rail inspection practices.
- ✓ Enhances practices related to:
  - the development of transit agency safety plans,
  - improving safety training,
  - reducing assaults on vehicle operators, and
  - instituting measures to reduce vehicular and pedestrian accidents involving buses.
- ✓ Increases the set-aside for SSO grants from 0.5 percent to 0.75 percent, equaling approximately \$251 million over 5 years.
- ✓ Requires additional content be added to the National Public Transportation Safety Plan.
- ✓ Require agency safety plans to be consistent with CDC and State health authority guidelines to minimize exposure to infectious diseases.

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# Questions?



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