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Presentation Overview

The purpose of this presentation is to provide an update on FTA's recent transit safety initiatives, including Bipartisan Infrastructure Law implementation, new mental health and cybersecurity resources for the transit industry, and an update on the Transit Advisory Committee for Safety.

Agenda

- Welcome
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Overview
- Cybersecurity Resources for Transit Agencies
- Mental Health Resources for Transit Workers
- TRACS Update

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Overview

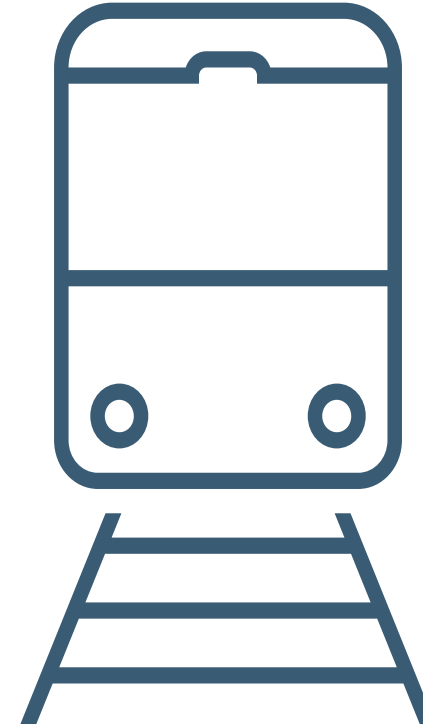
72%
increase in funding

- The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law includes a funding increase of 72-percent
- Average community transit funding increased by 30-percent
- Enhances State Safety Oversight programs by strengthening rail inspection practices to protect transit workers and riders from injuries and ensure safe access to transit



Risk Based Inspection (RBI) Special Directive

- State Safety Oversight Agencies (SSOAs) must develop and implement a risk-based inspection program commensurate with the number, size and complexity of the rail transit systems they oversee.
- Risk-based inspection programs are designed to identify the highest risk elements and prioritize inspections to address the highest risk safety conditions.



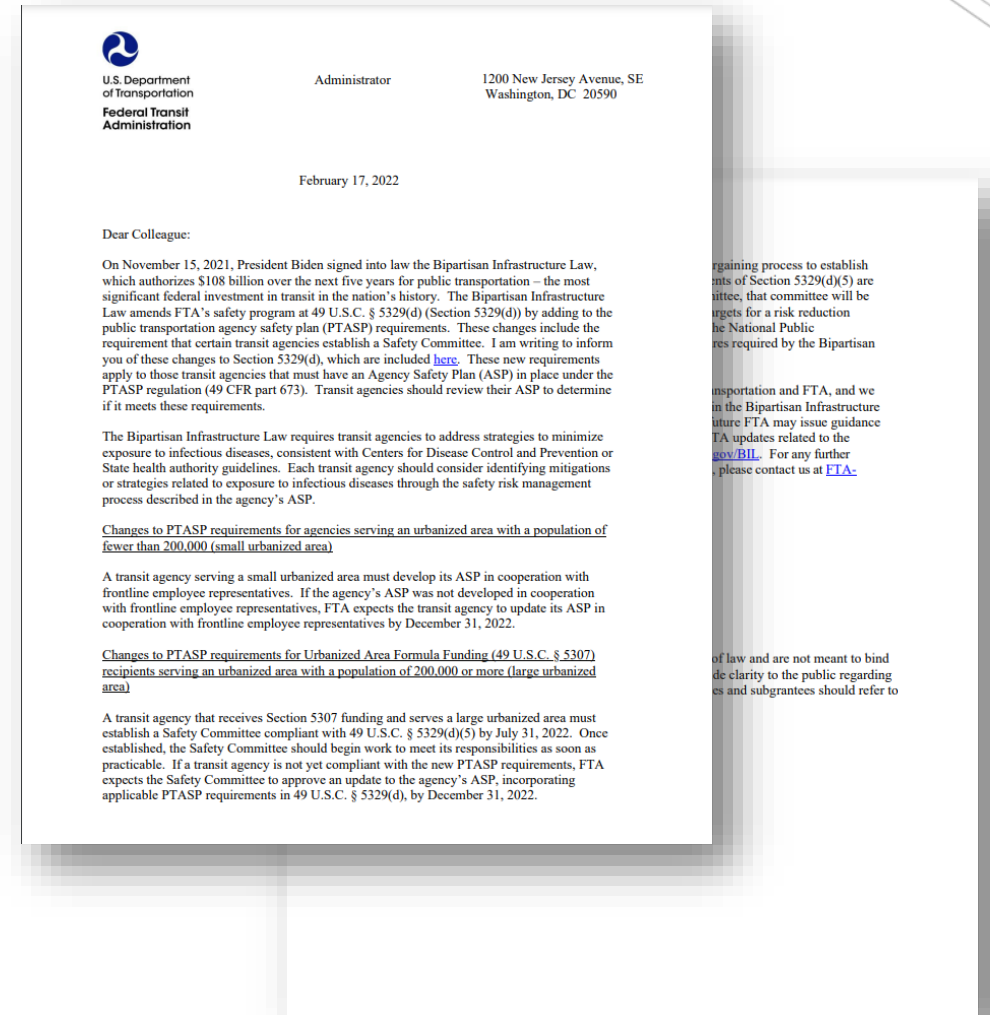
National Public Transportation Safety Plan (NSP)

- Guides the national effort to manage safety risk in the nation's public transportation systems following SMS principles.
 - ✓ Establish safety performance measures by mode to address new risk reduction program requirements;
 - ✓ Update voluntary safety standards; and
 - ✓ Include precautionary and reactive actions required to ensure public and personnel safety and health during an emergency



Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Requirements

- The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law added new PTASP requirements:
 - ✓ Create safety committees comprised of representatives of both management and frontline employees (agencies receiving 5307 funds and serving large UZAs)
 - ✓ Develop an Agency Safety Plan (ASP) in cooperation with frontline employee representatives (agencies serving small UZAs)
 - ✓ Address through their ASP, strategies consistent with the CDC or State health authority guidelines to minimize exposure to infectious diseases
- Dear Colleague Letter



Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Resources and Questions

•Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Webpage:

- <https://www.transit.dot.gov/BIL>

•Program Fact Sheets:

- <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/fta-program-fact-sheets-under-bipartisan-infrastructure-law>

•PTASP FAQs for Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Requirements:

- <https://www.transit.dot.gov/safety/public-transportation-agency-safety-program/public-transportation-agency-safety-plan-faqs>

•Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Changes to PTASP Requirements Webinar

Questions?

Email:FTA-IIJA@dot.gov

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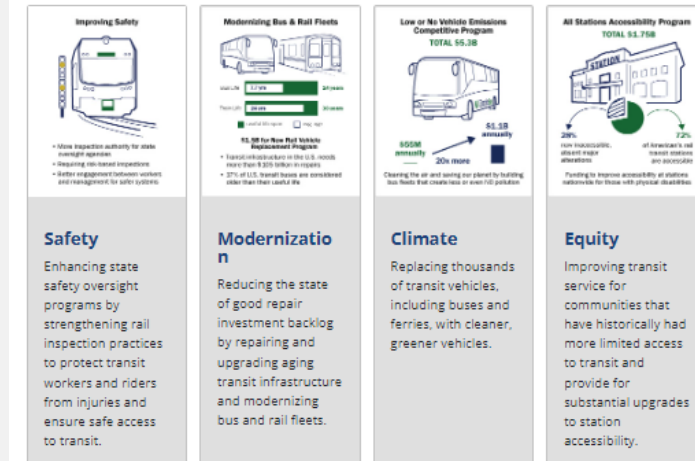
BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, as enacted in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, authorizes up to \$108 billion for public transportation – the largest federal investment in public transportation in the nation's history.

What's New

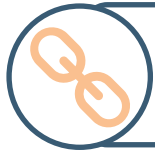
- [Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan FAQs for New Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Requirements](#)
- [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Disposition Requirements FAQs](#)
- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Hiring Preference.** In 2021, FTA announced an initiative, implemented as a pilot program, to permit transit agencies to use hiring preferences on FTA-funded construction projects to promote equitable creation of employment opportunities and workforce development activities, particularly for economically or socially disadvantaged workers. The initiative has transitioned in response to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which includes hiring preferences related to the use of labor for transportation construction projects. Section 25019 provides an express authorization for FTA grant recipients and subrecipients to use a geographical or economic hiring preference for the construction of federally supported transit projects. See the [Federal Register Notice](#).

The legislation will advance public transportation in America's communities through four key priorities:



Cybersecurity Resources for Transit Agencies

FTA published cybersecurity resources to support transit agencies during a time of unprecedented ransomware attacks targeting the transportation sector.



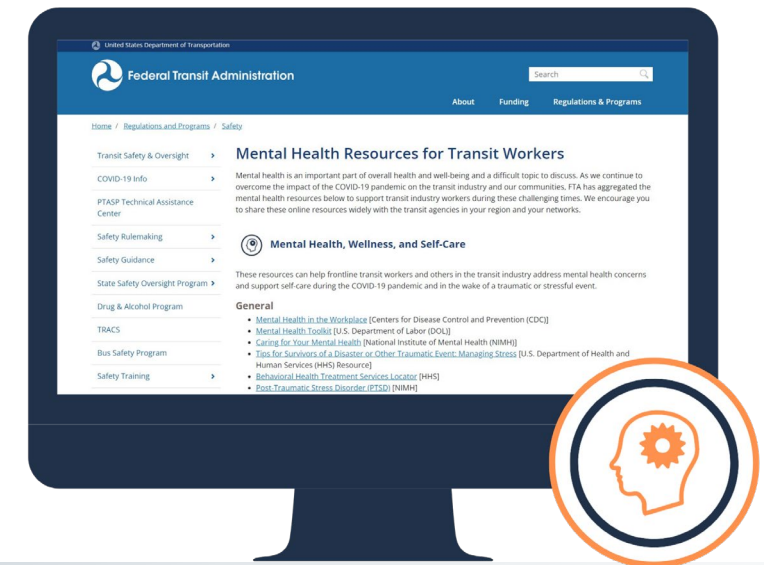
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- **National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST):** NIST resources include a Cybersecurity Framework, voluntary guidance based on existing standards, and guidelines and practices for organizing to better manage and reduce cybersecurity risk.
- **Transportation Security Administration (TSA):** TSA resources include a Surface Transportation Cybersecurity Toolkit that provides cybersecurity information to surface transportation operators with fewer than 1,000 employees.
- **Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA):** CISA resources include a Cyber Essentials Starter Kit and how to report cyber incidents such as phishing and malware to CISA.



Mental Health Resources for Transit Workers

- On February 1, 2022, FTA published [Mental Health Resources](#) to support transit industry workers. We encourage you to share these resources widely with your networks.
 - **Mental Health, Wellness and Self-Care:** These resources help transit stakeholders address mental health concerns and support self-care during the COVID-19 pandemic and in the wake of a traumatic or stressful event.
 - **Suicide Prevention:** These resources highlight free and confidential support for people in emotional distress and offer potential interventions for organizations.
 - **Active Shooter Preparedness:** These resources offer information to help transit stakeholders recognize indicators of potential workplace violence and understand actions to take when confronted by an active shooter.



TRACS Update

- On February 2, 2022, FTA re-established TRACS via a 2022-2024 Charter
- The member solicitation period opened on February 7 and closed on April 8
- FTA may select up to 25 members for the 2022-2024 Charter
- FTA received **154 applications**
- The FTA Administrator and DOT Secretary will be finalizing committee selections in the near future
- Applicants can visit FTA's TRACS webpage for more information or email tracs@dot.gov



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