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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, cybersecurity and mental health resources for the transit industry, and an update on the Transit Advisory Committee for Safety.

## Agenda

- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Overview
- National Public Transportation Safety Plan
- Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Requirements
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Resources
- Cybersecurity Resources for Transit Agencies
- Mental Health Resources for Transit Workers
- Transit Advisory Committee for Safety (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



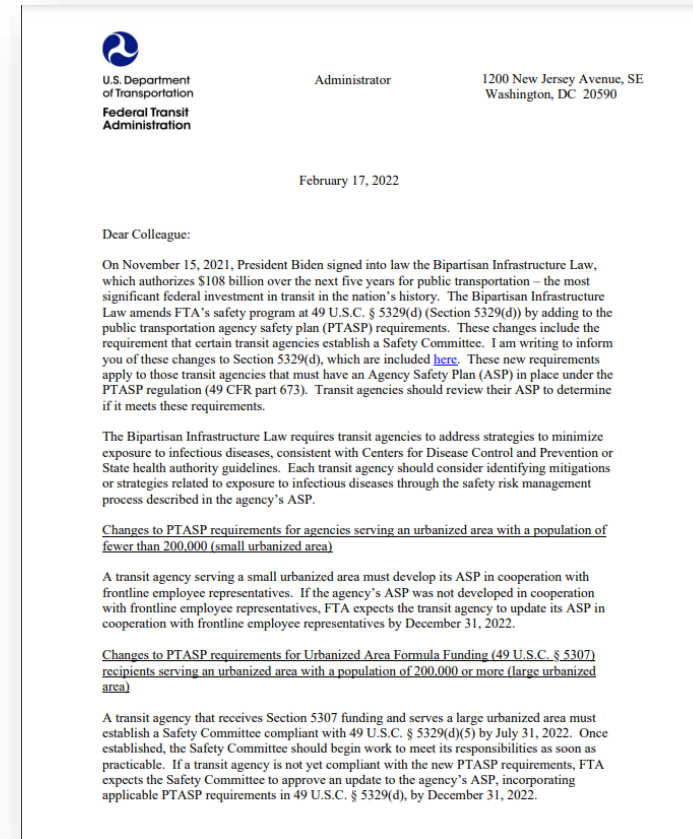
# National Public Transportation Safety Plan

- 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
  - ✓ Include precautionary and reactive actions required to ensure public and personnel safety and health during an emergency



# Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) 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
- Review the FTA Dear Colleague Letter



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# Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Resources

## 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:

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-programs/safety/bipartisan-infrastructure-law-changes-public-transportation-agency>

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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

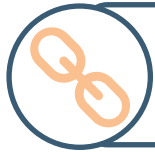
- [Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan FAQs for New Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Requirements](#)
- [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Disposition Requirements FAQs](#)
- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Hiring Preference.** In 2021, FTA announced an initiative, implemented as a pilot program, to permit 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:

<p><b>Improving Safety</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Make inspection activity for state oversight operation.</li><li>• Require on-board inspections.</li><li>• Better engagement between vehicle and management for safety systems.</li></ul>	<p><b>Modernizing Bus &amp; Rail Fleets</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 95% of the Bus and Rail Agency Replacement Program.</li><li>• Invest in vehicles on the U.S. roads more than \$20 billion in repairs.</li><li>• 27% of U.S. transit buses are considered older than their useful life.</li></ul>	<p><b>Low or No Vehicle Emissions Competitive Program</b> TOTAL \$5.3B</p> <p>50M annually 20x more</p> <p>55.3B annually</p> <p>Clearing the air and saving our planet by building the fleets that create less or even 0% pollution.</p>	<p><b>All Stations Accessibility Program</b> TOTAL \$1.75B</p> <p>20% of transit's total revenue sources are accessible and accessible.</p> <p>20% of transit's total revenue sources are accessible and accessible.</p> <p>Providing to increase accessibility at stations nationwide for those with physical disabilities.</p>
<p><b>Safety</b></p> <p>Enhancing state safety oversight programs by strengthening rail inspection practices to protect transit workers and riders from injuries and ensure safe access to transit.</p>	<p><b>Modernization</b></p> <p>Reducing the state of good repair investment backlog by repairing and upgrading aging transit infrastructure and modernizing bus and rail fleets.</p>	<p><b>Climate</b></p> <p>Replacing thousands of transit vehicles, including buses and ferries, with cleaner, greener vehicles.</p>	<p><b>Equity</b></p> <p>Improving transit service for communities that have historically had more limited access to transit and provide for substantial upgrades to station accessibility.</p>

# Cybersecurity Resources for Transit Agencies

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



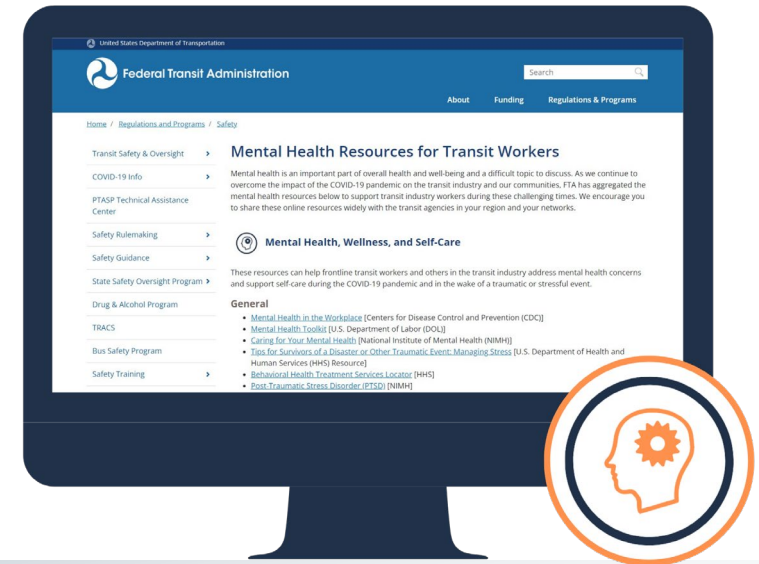
[www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-programs/safety/cybersecurity-resources-transit-agencies](http://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-programs/safety/cybersecurity-resources-transit-agencies)

- **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 **155 applications**
- The DOT Secretary and FTA Administrator will soon finalize committee selections

[www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/transit-advisory-committee-safety-tracs](https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/transit-advisory-committee-safety-tracs)

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