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This issue of the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Technical Assistance Center (TAC) Update focuses on developing and monitoring safety risk mitigations.

Featured Resources

New! Developing and Monitoring Safety Risk Mitigations Webinar:

[Presentation](#)

PTASP Safety Risk Assessment in Practice Webinar:

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PTASP Safety Risk Management Webinar:

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[Safety Risk Mitigations and Corrective Actions Guide:](#)

Explains the distinct functions of safety risk mitigations and corrective actions and discusses their respective roles within the Safety Risk Management and Safety Assurance processes.

[Guide to Developing the Safety Assurance Component of a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan:](#)

Gives an overview of the processes within Safety Assurance, including mitigation monitoring.

Access the entire TAC Resource Library by visiting FTA's [PTASP TAC website](#).

Q & A Highlights

Question 1:

Are safety risk mitigations meant to eliminate hazards?

FTA Response:

Sometimes it's important to distinguish hazards from consequences for accurate safety risk assessment. During safety risk assessment, a transit agency assesses the severity and likelihood of potential consequences of hazards, not the hazards themselves. After an

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Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Resources

[The FTA Bipartisan Infrastructure Law web page](#)

[Dear Colleague Letter: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Changes to PTASP Requirements](#)

[Bipartisan Infrastructure Law changes to PTASP requirements at 49 U.S.C. 5329\(d\)](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Changes to PTASP Requirements](#)

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assessment, the agency will develop safety risk mitigations to **eliminate or reduce** the likelihood and/or severity of the potential consequences of hazards.

Question 2:

Is there a requirement to have a mitigation monitoring plan?

FTA Response:

While not required, mitigation monitoring plans can help ensure that an agency documents and performs monitoring activities, as required by [49 CFR § 673.27\(b\)\(2\)](#), to confirm that mitigations are effective, appropriate, and fully implemented.

A mitigation monitoring plan may include information about the safety risk mitigation, a description of and time frame for mitigation monitoring activities, who is responsible for monitoring activities, the data sources used for monitoring, and reporting frequency and format.

Question 3:

What is the difference between safety risk mitigations and Corrective Action Plans (CAPs)?

FTA Response:

Safety risk mitigations (required at [§ 673.25\(d\)](#)) address safety risk. The goal is to avoid or reduce the impact of the potential consequences of hazards for the safe delivery of transit operations.

Corrective actions (which may be part of an agency's processes but are not required by the PTASP regulation) address cause(s) of non-conformities with rules, procedures, allocation of resources, and established requirements. The corrective actions agencies take may also include addressing non-conformities in the implementation of the safety risk mitigations.

Safety risk mitigations and corrective actions play critical roles in Safety Risk Management. One does not replace the other, and both support the safe delivery of transit agency services. For more information, see [Safety Risk Mitigations and Corrective Actions Guide](#) for rail transit agencies.

Upcoming Webinar

The Safety Risk Register in Action

When: Wednesday, July 27
2:00 p.m. EST

[Register Here](#)

Transit Safety and Crime Prevention

See train-the-trainer course offerings of [Assault Awareness and Prevention for Transit Operators](#) and [Violence in the Transit Workplace](#) on the [National Transit Institute's course schedule](#).

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