



Agenda

2022 FTA Joint State Safety Oversight (SSO) and
Rail Transit Agency (RTA) Hybrid Workshop

October 25-27, 2022
Washington, D.C.



The Westin Washington, D.C. City Center
1400 M St NW
Washington, DC 20005

Hosted by:
Federal Transit Administration (FTA)



Tuesday, October 25, 2022

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7:00 AM **Check-in and Registration**
Location: Outside National Ballroom

8:00 AM **Opening and Introductions**
Location: National Ballroom

Phil Monty, Facilitator
Program Analyst, Office of System Safety
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration

8:15 AM **Welcome**
Location: National Ballroom

Dr. Melonie Barrington
Director, Office of Safety Review
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration

8:30 AM **Office of Transit Safety and Oversight Welcome Remarks**
Location: National Ballroom

Joe DeLorenzo
Associate Administrator and Chief Safety Officer
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration

8:45 AM **Transit Safety Policy Updates**
Location: National Ballroom

Session description: This session will provide an update of transit safety policy items, including Bipartisan Infrastructure Law implementation, safety rulemaking and other policy initiatives.

Jeremy Furrer
Chief, Safety Policy and Promotion Division
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration

Stewart Mader
Program Analyst, Office of System Safety
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration

Steven J. Peganoff, CSP, TSSP, PTSCTP
Director of Safety
Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority

10:00 AM **Break** (15 minutes)

10:15 AM **Risk-Based Inspections**
Location: National Ballroom

Session description: An overview of risk-based inspections as required by the Public Safety Transportation Program, as amended by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, including Special Directives related to the Rail Fixed Guideway Public Transportation Systems (RFGPTS) and key requirements of the risk-based inspection programs.

Cyrell McLemore
Senior Inspection Specialist, Office of Safety Review
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration

11:00 AM **FTA Administrator Remarks**
Location: National Ballroom

Nuria Fernandez
Administrator
Federal Transit Administration

11:15 AM **Break** (90 minutes)

12:45 PM **Accident Investigation Update**
Location: National Ballroom

Session description: Discussion of multiple topics to include: Two-Hour Accident Notification requirements and areas for improvement; National Transit Database (NTD) Trespasser and Suicide Data/Trends; Trespasser Examples, Research/Mitigations; and NTD Major Event Reporting.

George Good
Senior Accident Investigator, Office of Safety Review
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration

Phil Herbert
Accident Investigator, Office of Safety Review
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration

Tom Coleman
Program Manager, National Transit Database
Office of Budget and Policy
Federal Transit Administration

1:45 PM **American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Safety and Security Update**
Location: National Ballroom

Session description: This session will provide an update on APTA's upcoming events, initiatives and services available to the public transportation industry.

Brian Alberts
Senior Director, Safety and Advisory Services
American Public Transportation Association

Polly Hanson
Senior Director, Security, Risk and Emergency Management
American Public Transportation Association

2:30 PM **Break (15 minutes)**

2:45 PM **State Safety Oversight Audits – Most Frequent Non-Compliance Areas for SSOAs and RTAs**
Location: National Ballroom and Monticello Ballroom

Session description: SSOAs and RRTAs will break out separately. Discussion on the top five most frequent areas of non-compliance and how to improve compliance.

Ruth Lyons (SSOAs)
Senior Program Manager, Office of Safety Review
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration

Timothy Braxton (RTAs)
Program Manager, Office of Safety Review
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration

3:45 PM **Drug and Alcohol Program Update**
Location: National Ballroom

Session description: This session will provide a general overview of FTA's Part 655 Drug and Alcohol regulatory requirements, updates on USDOT Part 40 rulemaking and CY2021 Drug and Alcohol Management Information Systems (MIS) testing data.

Iyon Rosario
Senior Drug and Alcohol Program Manager, Office of Safety Review
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration

4:15 PM **Adjourn**

Wednesday, October 26

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8:00 AM **Day 1 Recap and Introduction to Day 2**
Location: National Ballroom

Julian Watkins, Facilitator
Program Analyst, Office of Program Oversight
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration

8:05 AM *Paul Kincaid*
Associate Administrator
Office of Communications and Congressional Affairs
Federal Transit Administration

8:15 AM **Eligible Activities for SSO Grant Funding (5329)**
Location: National Ballroom

Session description: This session will discuss eligible expenses and activities that SSOAs can use to draw down and spend the Federal funds apportioned to them.

Maria Wright
Senior Program Manager, Office of Safety Review
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration

Richard Wong
Attorney Advisor, Office of Chief Counsel
Federal Transit Administration

Greg Nation
State Safety Oversight Program Manager
Arkansas Department of Transportation

9:00 AM **Signal System Safety and Train Control Safety Advisory**
Location: National Ballroom

Session description: This session will discuss signal system safety risk assessment and resources to help SSOAs and RTAs address the recommendations in the safety advisory.

Paulina Orchard
Director, Office of System Safety
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration

Nick Tomizawa
Senior Consultant
Boyd Caton Group

10:00 AM **Break (15 Minutes)**

10:15 AM **Rail Grade Crossing Safety**
Location: National Ballroom

Session description: FTA will discuss the recently formed DOT Highway-Rail Crossing Safety Action Team (SAT) who is tasked with addressing highway-rail crossing safety challenges and the efforts the SAT is taking to reduce them.

Operation Lifesaver, Inc. (OLI) is a non-profit safety organization committed to preventing collisions, injuries, and fatalities on and around tracks by educating the public about safe behavior while riding on or being near trains. In this session, learn about a suite of new transit rail safety assets that empower the public to make safe choices around rail transit developed by OLI, in partnership with FTA. In addition, hear about some creative projects from the 2021 FTA competitive safety grant awardees and transit highlights from Rail Safety Week 2022.

Elliott Shepherd
Chief, Program Operations Division
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration

Rachel Maleh
Executive Director
Operation Lifesaver, Inc

10:45 AM **FTA Special Directives – Shared Practices on Successful Implementation**
Location: National Ballroom

Session description: Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) will share their cooperative experience with the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) to resolve safety issues.

Ruth Lyons
Senior Program Manager, Office of Safety Review
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration

Dr. Clement Solomon
Director, Division Offices of Aviation, Rail, Transit, Waterways, and System Safety Oversight
Georgia Department of Transportation

Ralph McKinney
Chief Safety Officer
Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority

11:45 AM **Break (75 Minutes)**

1:00 PM **Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) - Whistleblower Protection**
Location: National Ballroom

Session description: This session will discuss whistleblower protections available to transit workers and best practices for whistleblower protections at RTAs.

Meghan Smith
Policy Analyst, Directorate of Whistleblower Protection Programs
Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

1:30 PM **Part I: Effective Practices for Corrective Action Plan (CAP) Management**
Location: National Ballroom

Session description: Shared practices on how CAPs are developed, tracked, and closed. A tabletop activity focusing on ensuring CAPs are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Timebound (SMART).

Ruth Lyons
Senior Program Manager, Office of Safety Review
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration

Joseph Powell
Program Manager, Office of Safety Review
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration

John Chism
Program Manager, Office of Safety Review
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration

2:15 PM **Break** (15 minutes)

2:30 PM **SSOA/RTA Guided Open Forum (SSOAs and RTAs to meet separately)**
Location: National Ballroom and Monticello Ballroom

Session description: Open forum (guided by FTA) and activity to discuss current issues that both SSOAs and RTAs are addressing.

John Chism (SSOA Forum)
Program Manager, Office of Safety Review
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration

Timothy Braxton (RTA Forum)
Program Manager, Office of Safety Review
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration

3:00 PM **SSOA/RTA “Jeopardy”**
Location: National Ballroom

Session description: SSOAs and RTAs will compete in “Jeopardy” and test their knowledge on subjects related to rail transit safety.

Joseph Powell
Program Manager, Office of Safety Review
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration

3:30 PM **Transportation Security Administration (TSA) – Cyber Security**
Location: National Ballroom

Session description: This session will provide updates on recent TSA policy activities related to the Security Training Rule, Cybersecurity and other relevant programs.

Fred Damron
Transportation Security Specialist, Surface Division, Industry Engagement
Transportation Security Administration

4:30 PM **Adjourn**

Thursday, October 27

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8:30 AM **Day 2 Recap and Introduction to Day 3**
Location: National Ballroom

Stewart Mader, Facilitator
Program Analyst, Office of System Safety
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration

8:35 AM *Matt Welbes*
Executive Director
Federal Transit Administration

8:45 AM **State Safety Oversight Reporting (SSOR) Tools**
Location: National Ballroom

Session description: Topics of discussion will include lessons learned from the 2021 reporting year/what to expect for the 2022 reporting year; Difference between Notification vs. Reportable; How is SSOR data used; and challenges and resolutions.

Myesha Stephney
Program Analyst, Office of Safety Review
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration

9:45 AM **Break (15 Minutes)**

10:00 AM **Part II: Effective Practices for Corrective Action Plan (CAP) Management**
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Session description: Shared practices on how CAPs are developed, tracked, and closed. A tabletop activity focusing on ensuring CAPs are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Timebound (SMART).

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John Chism
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11:00 AM **Transit Worker Assault Prevention**
Location: National Ballroom

Session description: This session will discuss risk assessment and mitigations to prevent transit worker assault at RTAs.

Stewart Mader
Program Analyst, Office of System Safety
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration

11:30 AM **Break (75 Minutes)**

12:45 PM **SSOA's Oversight of Safety Certification – Shared Practices**
Location: National Ballroom

Session Description: Shared experiences between SSOAs in coordination with RTAs to ensure Safety Certification oversight and verification.

Ruth Lyons
Senior Program Manager, Office of Safety Review
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration

Brian Brinkley
State Safety Oversight Program Manager
Arizona Department of Transportation

Mignon Allen
President/CEO
Dovetail Consulting

1:45 PM **General Q&A Session – FTA’s Program Management Team**
Location: National Ballroom

Loretta Bomgardner
Chief, Program Management Division
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration

2:00 PM **Closing Remarks**
Location: National Ballroom

Joe DeLorenzo
Associate Administrator and Chief Safety Officer
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration

2:15 PM **Adjourn**