

# **APTA Safety Spotlight Webinar: FTA Safety Updates**

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# Agenda

- Rail Transit Roadway Worker Protection Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
- New FTA Webpage: Fatigue Resources for Transit Operations



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# Rail Transit Roadway Worker Protection

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking



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# Right-of-Way Issues

NYCT worker fatality (November 2023)



Source: NTSB

PATCO contractor fatalities on Benjamin Franklin Bridge (October 2022)



Source: WPVI-TV Philadelphia, PA

# Rail Transit Roadway Worker Protection (RWP) Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)

The RWP Rule (49 CFR Part 671) would establish minimum RWP safety standards to prevent accidents, incidents, fatalities, and injuries to transit workers who may access tracks in the performance of their work.

Key Stakeholders:



**Transit Workers** who may access tracks in the performance of work

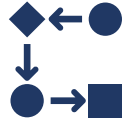


**Rail Transit Agencies (RTAs)** that operate Rail Fixed Guideway Public Transportation Systems



**State Safety Oversight Agencies (SSOAs)** responsible for overseeing those rail systems

# Roadway Worker Protection NPRM Overview



Provides baseline RWP protections for workers across all Rail Transit Agencies (RTA) overseen by FTA

Supports flexibility in building a compliant program commensurate with agency size and complexity

Provides a specific role for State Safety Oversight Agencies (SSOAs)

Supports RTAs using their safety management systems (SMS) to build on Federal standards and determine additional mitigations

# Public Review and Comment

FTA has published the RWP NPRM on [federalregister.gov](https://www.federalregister.gov) for notice and comment.

Docket Number: [FTA-2023-0024](#)

[Tips For Submitting Effective Comments](#), published by Regulations.gov, offers tips that help the public submit impactful comments and that help agency policy makers improve federal regulations.



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# Fatigue Resources for Transit Operations

To improve the transit community's  
understanding of the effects of fatigue in  
the workplace



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# New FTA Webpage: Fatigue Resources for Transit Operations

For additional information and links to resources on transit worker fatigue, please visit:

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

**Fatigue Resources for Transit Operations**  
Click below to see a list of resources



Understanding Sleep

Causes

Symptoms and Warning Signs

Effects

Transit Workers

Transit Agencies

Fatigue Risk Management Systems

FTA is making these resources available in adherence with the [DOT Website Linking Policy](#).

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# Thank you!

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