

FTA Safety Regulatory Update, Roadway Worker Protection, Assaults on Transit Workers, and FTA Resources

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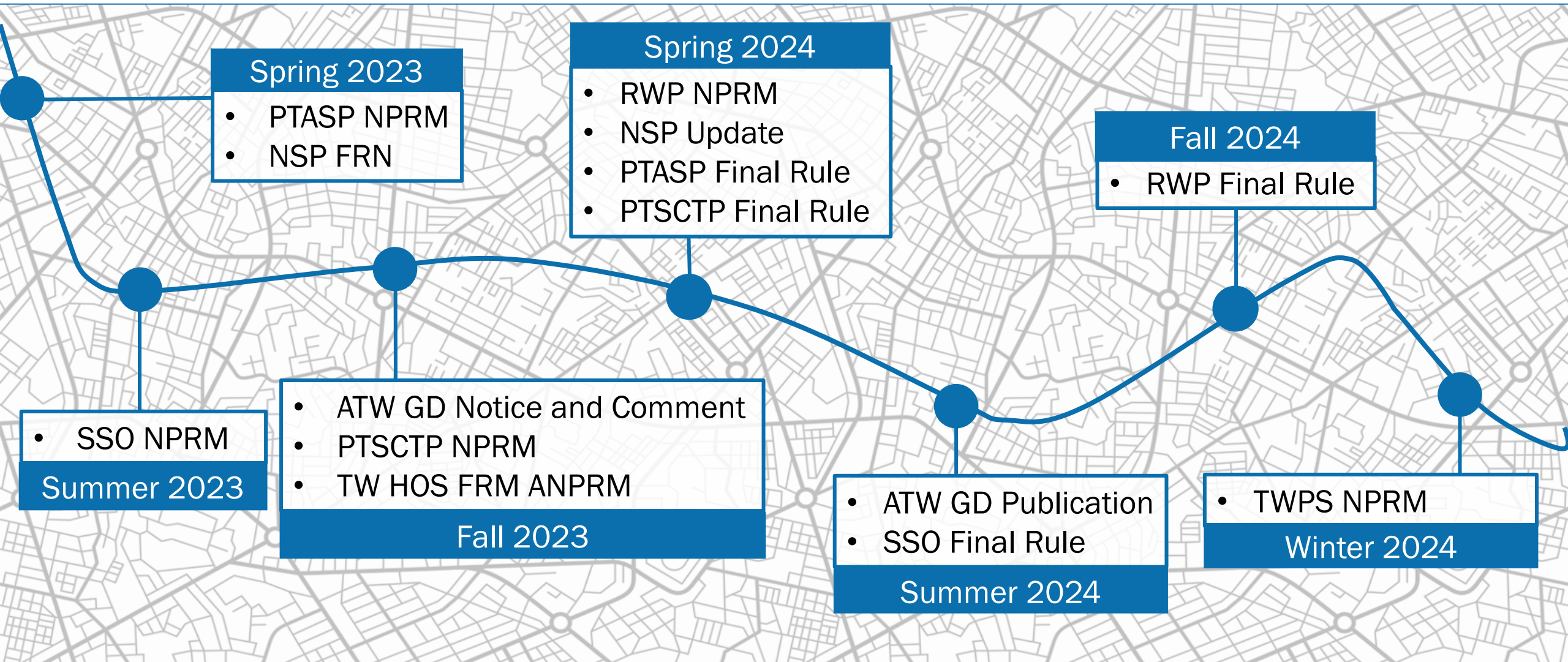
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4. Enhanced Transit Safety and Crime Prevention Initiative
5. SMS in Practice: Advancing Safety Risk Management and Safety Assurance Workshops
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Where We're Going: Policy Actions



Regulatory Activity Update (Slide 1 of 2)

Rail Transit Roadway Worker Protection (RWP)

Establishes minimum baseline standards and risk-based redundant protection requirements.

NPRM Published in the Federal Register: **March 25, 2024**

Anticipated Final Publication: **Fall 2024**

Comment Period
Closes
May 24, 2024

National Public Transportation Safety Plan (NSP)

Proposes additional performance measures, best practices, tools, technical assistance, voluntary standards and other resources.

Anticipated Final Publication: **Spring 2024**

Comment Period
Closed
July 31, 2023

Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans (PTASP)

Incorporates new requirements established through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Anticipated Final Publication: **Spring 2024**

Comment Period
Closed
June 26, 2023

Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program (PTSCTP)

Amends training curriculum to reflect new requirements and training course information.

NPRM Published in the Federal Register: **October 2023**

Anticipated Final Publication: **Spring 2024**

Comment Period
Closed
December 26, 2023

Regulatory Activity Update (Slide 2 of 2)

State Safety Oversight (SSO) Update

Introduces changes to clarify State Safety Oversight Agencies' (SSOA) oversight responsibilities and authority to conduct inspections.

NPRM Published in the Federal Register in November 2023

Anticipated Final Publication: [Summer 2024](#)

Comment Period
Closed
February 15, 2024

Transit Worker Public Safety Rule

Establishes minimum baseline standards and risk-based requirements to address transit worker and public safety including but not limited to Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) section 3022 requirements.

Anticipated NPRM Publication: [Winter 2024](#)

Comment Period
Opens
Winter 2024

Transit Worker Hours of Service and Fatigue Risk Management

Asks questions about establishing minimum standards related to transit worker fitness for duty.

ANPRM Published in the Federal Register: October 2023

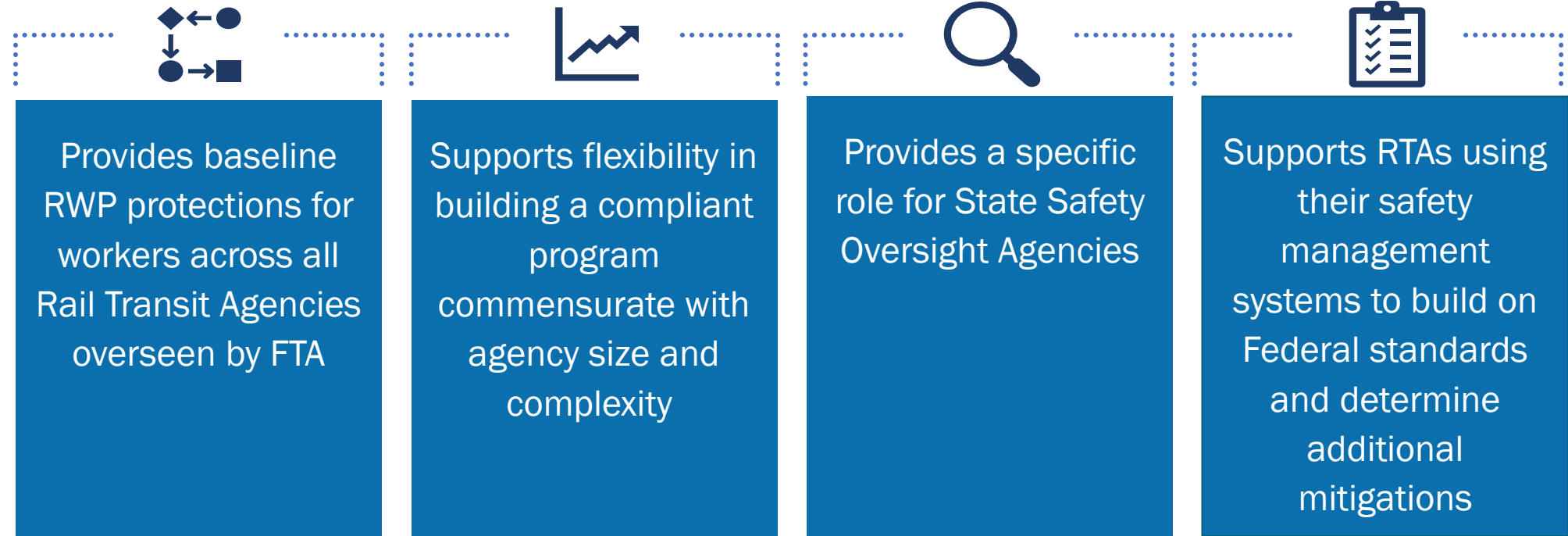
Comment Period
Closed
January 29, 2024

Roadway Worker Protection NPRM Overview

FTA published the RWP NPRM for notice and comment on March 25, 2024.

Key Stakeholders:

- Transit Workers and Representative Labor Organizations
- Rail Transit Agencies (RTAs)
- State Safety Oversight Agencies (SSOAs)



RWP 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**

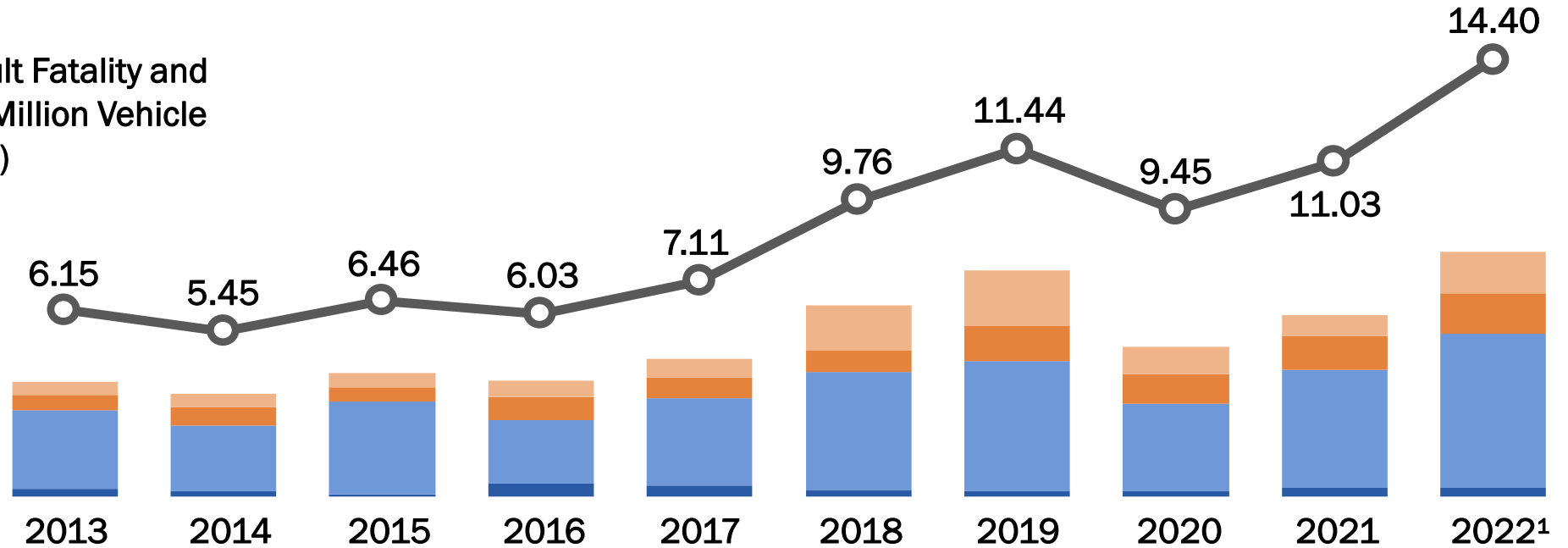


[Tips For Submitting Effective Comments](#), published by Regulations.gov, offers tips that help the public submit impactful comments and that help agency policy makers improve federal regulations.



Addressing Assaults on Transit Workers

○ Transit Worker Assault Fatality and Injury Rate per 100 Million Vehicle Revenue Miles (VRM)



Transit Worker Assault Fatalities and Injuries	222	199	239	226	268	370	439	290	352	474
On Rail Vehicles	24	24	26	32	36	85	108	53	40	80
In Rail Stations	31	36	29	46	40	44	67	56	66	77
On Bus Vehicles	151	127	179	123	171	227	252	169	228	300
In Bus Stations	16	12	5	25	21	14	12	12	18	17

Source: National Transit Database (NTD) submissions through 5/2/2023

¹2022 data are preliminary

Assaults on Transit Workers General Directive

FTA published a proposed General Directive for notice and comment on December 20, 2023, and the comment period closed on February 20, 2024.

FTA received 63 comment submissions with 230 individual comments.

General Directive Requirements:

Conduct Safety Risk Assessment (SRA) for assaults on transit workers: Within 60 days of issuance of GD, unless agency has conducted within past 12 months

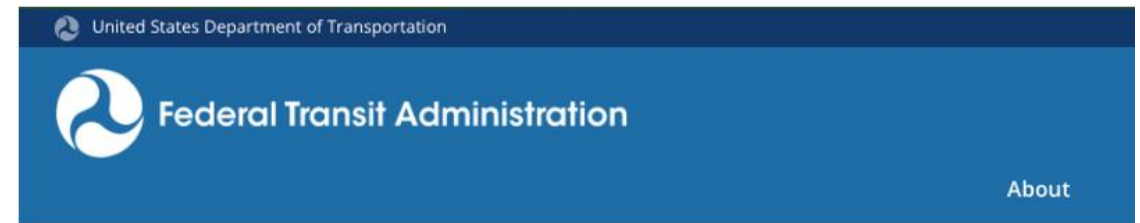
Identify safety risk mitigations: RTAs serving a large urbanized area must involve the joint labor-management Safety Committee when identifying safety risk mitigations

Submit information to FTA: RTAs must submit information on how they are assessing, mitigating, and monitoring the safety risk associated with assaults on transit workers

FTA Enhanced Transit Safety and Crime Prevention Initiative

Provides [information and resources](#) to help transit agencies protect transit workers and riders, including:

- Federal funding eligibilities to improve safety
- Training courses offered by the National Transit Institute (NTI), like *Assault Awareness and Prevention for Transit Operators* and *Violence in the Transit Workplace*



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Enhanced Transit Safety and Crime Prevention Initiative



Overview

Transit worker and rider safety is a top priority for the Biden-Harris Administration and the U.S. Department of Transportation. Public transit is a safe form of transportation. Transit workers should expect a safe workplace and riders should expect a safe trip.

SMS in Practice: Advancing Safety Risk Management and Safety Assurance Workshops

The workshops will focus on Advancing Safety Risk Management and Safety Assurance components of Safety Management System and explore common challenges identified during FTA technical assistance center inquiries, audits and Agency Safety Plan reviews.

Denver, CO
April 17-18, 2024



Atlanta, GA
May 15-16, 2024



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June 5-6, 2024



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