# Transit Award Management System (TrAMS) Enhancements

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# Agenda

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# What is TrAMS?

- The [Transit Award Management System](#) (TrAMS) is FTA's web-based grant management tool that allows recipients to apply for federal funds, manage their programs in accordance with federal requirements, and enable FTA to review, approve, control, and oversee how funds are used.

- The TrAMS Application uses the Appian platform.

- Platform provides workflow control though role-based access.

- Assigns 'Tasks' to the appropriate 'User Roles' when a particular step in a grant's life cycle should be performed.

- Recipients initiate the grants process within the TrAMS Application and are notified by email of any assigned tasks.

- Access to specific TrAMS grant functions are restricted to users who are allowed to perform those tasks and only available during certain times within the grant's life cycle.

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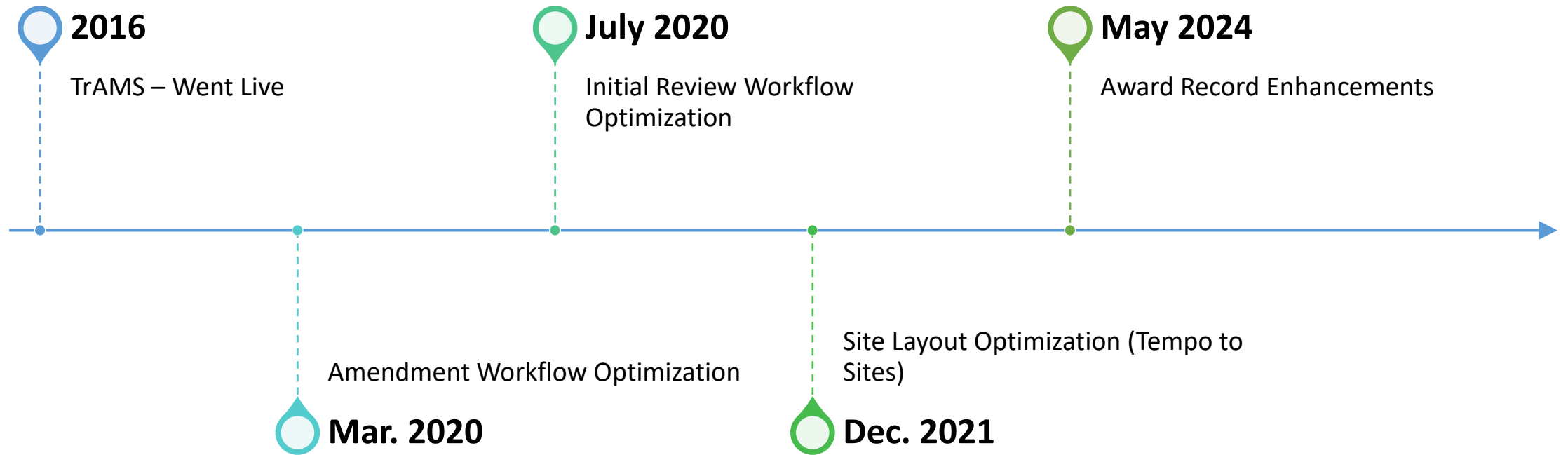**Federal Transit Administration**

# Why did FTA make these Enhancements?

These changes are necessary for FTA to stay on pace with current technology while streamlining users' experience and enhancing clarity.

These enhancements **Will NOT** change the workflow or data. The enhancements were made to the layout, appearance and terminology specific to the Records Page.

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# TrAMS Evolution

**2016**

TrAMS – Went Live

**July 2020**

Initial Review Workflow Optimization

**May 2024**

Award Record Enhancements

Amendment Workflow Optimization

**Mar. 2020**

Site Layout Optimization (Tempo to Sites)

**Dec. 2021**

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# Enhancements Overview

**More streamlined layout for the Records page**

**New record type called Awards under Applications/Awards**

- All applications and amendments under a single Award
- Latest approved information that includes an overview of an Award, including budget revisions and amendments
- Changes to the FTA amount over time
- Delineate Applications from Awards

**New filters added to Application/Award Record**

- Pre/Post Award Manager
- Recipient

**The Award Number and FAIN will now no longer include the two-digit amendment number**

**Existing application and record views updated to maintain consistency with the changes**

**Terminology Updates to maintain consistency with the changes**

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# Application/Award – Terminology

**Award Number**

IL-2023-107

No longer includes amendment number

**Application Number**

IL-2023-107-00

For Draft Applications (after FAIN is Assigned)

**Award Amendment Number**

IL-2023-107-01

For Amendments

- Updates currently only apply to the Awards Record & Application Record

- Modules not currently updated (Future updates)

  o Projects

  o Tasks

  o View-Prints

  o Reports

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# Record View Restructure

- Enhanced Grouping of Record Types

| APPLICATION/AWARD | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Awards** | **Applications** | **Projects** |
| Only includes information that has been awarded by the RA – does not include draft information. | Includes new draft applications, amendments and budget revisions to existing awards. | Includes all projects. |

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# Records Tab - Restructure

# Record View Updates

- A new record –'Awards' added under Application/Awards

- New Filters added for:

  o Pre/Post Award Managers

  o Recipient

- Updates to Application & Award Status Filters

- Updates to make FAIN/Award Number consistent across Application & Award Records

- Workflow Diagrams for guidance on Applications & Awards

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# Records Tab – Award Record

# Records Tab – Application Record

# Award Record Updates

- New record type added for Awards along with new views

    o New Summary View

    o Award Fund Status View

    o New Amendments & Budget Revisions View

    o Related Actions relevant only to Awards

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# Records Tab – Award - Summary

# Records Tab – Award – Amendments and Budget Revisions

# Records Tab – Award – Amendments and Budget Revisions



**FL-2023-008 | TTO 5307 System Preventive Maintenance**

Summary | Award Funds Status | Amendments and Budget Revisions | Related Actions

## Amendments and Budget Revisions

Select an Amendment to see its budget revisions if applicable. Click on the hyperlink in the Award Amendment Number column to see more details about that Amendment.

| ☑ Award Amendment Number | FTA Amount ❓ | Change Amount ❓ | Amended Date | Budget Revisions ❓ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ☑ FL-2023-008-00 | $1,500.00 | $1,500.00 | N/A | 0 |

## Budget Revisions

**Amendment 0**

Select a row to see more details

| ☑ Revision # |
|---|
| ☑ 0 |

### Budget Revision Details

**Award Amendment Number**
FL-2023-008-00

**Created Date**
3/23/2023 10:02 AM EDT

**Budget Revision Reasons**
New Application

**Budget Revision Narratives**
New Application

**Budget Revision Status**
Approved

**Approved Date**
3/23/2023 11:50 AM EDT

### Activity Line Item (ALI) Quantity Change History

| Scope Code | Activity Type | Line Item | Previous Quantity | New Quantity |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 117-00 | PROJECT ADMINISTRATION | PROJECT ADMINISTRATION | 0 | 0 |
| 127-00 | PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE (RAIL) | PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE (RAIL) | 0 | 0 |

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# Records Tab – Award – Related Actions

# Application Record Updates

- Updates to Application Record

  - Updated Summary View (to keep design consistency with Award Summary View)

  - Related Actions relevant only to Applications

  - Terminology Updates

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# Records Tab – Applications - Summary

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## FL-2024-016-01 | Application for Reservation Behavior

**Summary** | Points of Contact | Application Control Totals | Application Projects | Related Actions

| In-Progress | Initial Review / Concurrence | **Final Concurrence** | Obligation | Executed | Active | Closed |

### Application Overview

**Application Name:** Application for Reservation Behavior

| **Total FTA Amount** | **Total Amount** | **Application Status** | **Pre-Award Manager** | **Post-Award Manager** |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| $1,320 | $1,320 | Final Concurrence / Reservation | Ebonnee Deshields | Ebonnee Deshields |

### Recipient Details

**Recipient ID**
9900

**Recipient Name**
TrAMS Transit Organization

**SAM Expiration Date**
09/28/2025

**SAM Status**
ACTIVE

### Award Amendment Information

**Award Number**
FL-2024-016

**Award Name**
Application for Reservation Behavior

**Award Status**
Final Concurrence / Reservation

**Award Date**
N/A

**Executed Date**
N/A

**Last Disbursement Date**
N/A

**Period of Performance Start Date**
May 06, 2024

**Original Period of Performance End Date**
May 01, 2025

**Current Period of Performance End Date**
May 01, 2025

**Period of Performance Revision Number**
0

**Budget Period Start Date**
May 06, 2024

**Budget Period End Date**

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# Records Tab – Applications – Related Actions

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## FL-2024-016-01 | Application for Reservation Behavior

Summary    Points of Contact    Application Control Totals    Application Projects    **Related Actions**

**View-Print Application**
Generate View/Print for Application

**Application Details**
Edit/View Application Details

**Apply Estimated Indirect Costs**
Apply Estimated Indirect Costs for Application

**View-Print Budget Change History**
Generate View-Print for Budget Revision

**Application Documents**
Manage Application Documents

**Application Review Comments**
View and Manage Application / Award Review Comments

**Application Fleet Status**
View Application Fleet Status

**Application Special Conditions**
Manage Application Special Conditions

**View Period of Performance Changelog**
View All Period of Performance Data at the Award Level

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# System Demo

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# Upcoming & Resources

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# Future Enhancements

## System-Wide Terminology Updates

- Terminology updates on modules previously not updated to make system terms consistent with Application/Award Terms

## Project Record Updates

- Project Record Views will be updated to be consistent with Award & Application record views

## Award Document Updates

- Application documents will be made available at an Award level as Award Documents

## Application/Award Related Actions Updates

- Related Actions under Application Record & Award Record will be reorganized to have similar actions listed together

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# Resources & Help

- [TrAMS Webpage](#)

- [TrAMS User Guide](#)

- FTA Application Help Desk

- [FTAITHelpdesk@dot.gov](#)

**Phone:** 202.967.0340

**Business Hours:**

8:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m. ET, M-F

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TrAMS User Guide

Notices

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**Related Links**

- Sign Up for Updates
- Funding Opportunities for Tribal Entities
- FTA Regional Offices

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## The Transit Award Management System (TrAMS)

### TrAMS Overview

The Transit Award Management System (TrAMS) is FTA's web-based grant management tool that allows recipients to apply for federal funds, manage their programs in accordance with federal requirements, and enable FTA to review, approve, control, and oversee how funds are used.

### Operating Status: Open.

Have a TrAMS account? Log in

### What's New

#### TrAMS Enhancements

On May 16, FTA will introduce enhancements to the Transit Award Management System (TrAMS).

Enhancements include changes to the layout, appearance, and terminology specific to the records page and do not change the workflow or data within the system. These changes are necessary for FTA to stay on pace with current technology while streamlining users' experience and enhancing clarity.

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# FTA Mission, Vision, Values

**Mission**
Improve America's Communities through Public Transportation

**Vision**
A Better Quality of Life for All Built on Public Transportation Excellence

## Values

| | |
|---|---|
| *Service* | Provide reliable, transparent, responsive, and anticipatory services to meet stakeholder needs |
| *Integrity* | Commitment to the highest professional and ethical standards |
| *Innovation* | Foster new ideas, concepts, and solutions for improved outcomes |
| *Sustainability* | Optimize decisions, resources, and systems to make long-term positive impacts on the environment, infrastructure, and safety |
| *Equity* | Remove barriers for systemically underserved communities to access all aspects of economic, social, and civic life |

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# Thank you!

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