

FTA Updates for Safety Coordinating Council

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5. Training Opportunities



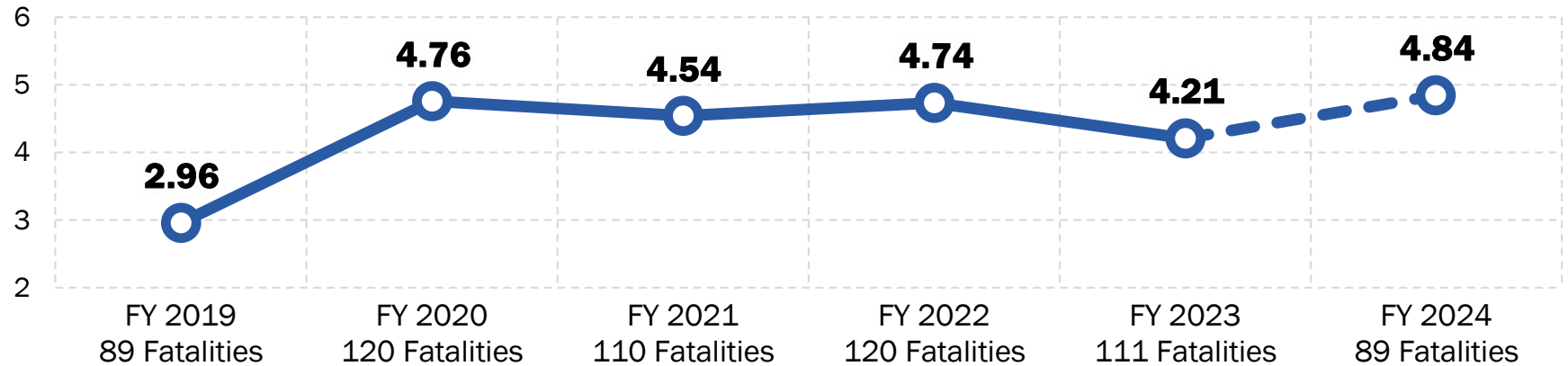
State of Bus and Rail Transit Safety



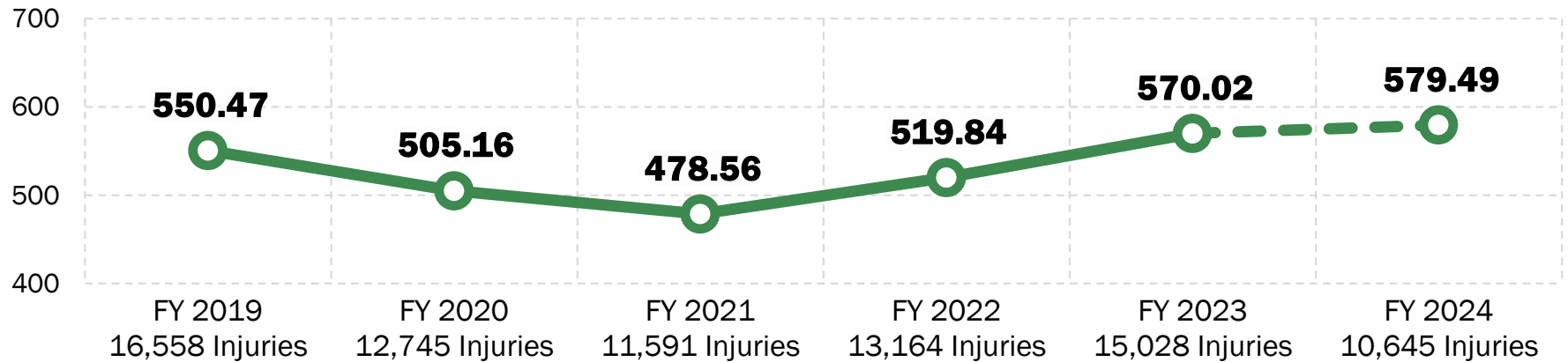
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State of Bus Transit Safety – Annual Trends

Fatalities per 100 Million Vehicle Revenue Miles (VRM)



Injuries per 100 Million VRM



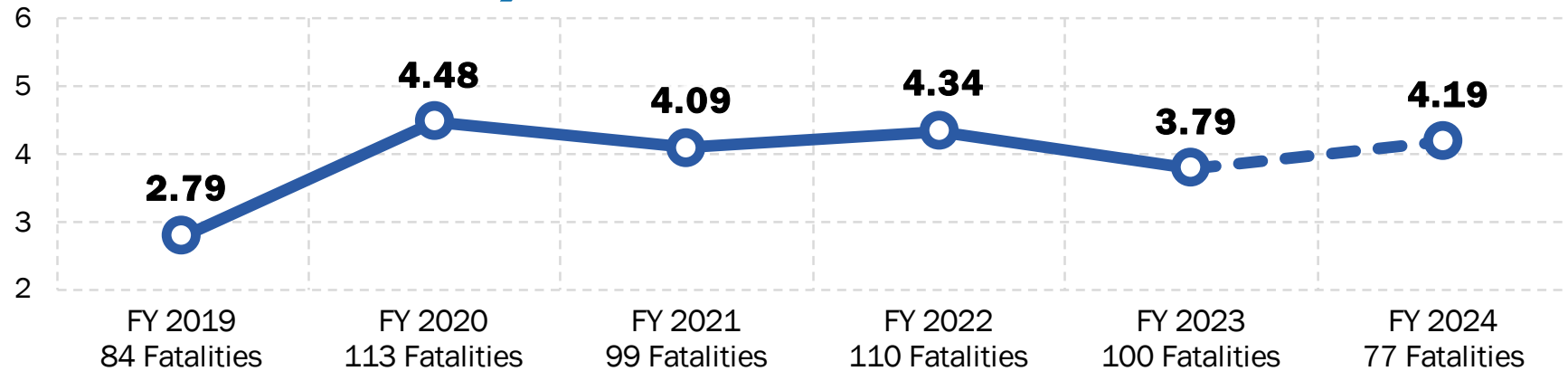
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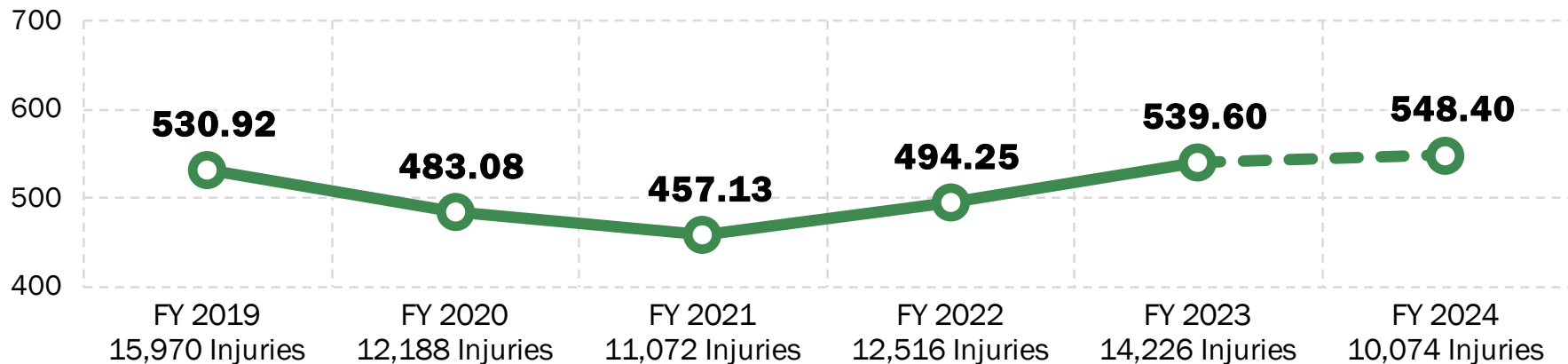
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State of Bus Transit Safety (excluding Homicide and Assault) – Annual Trends

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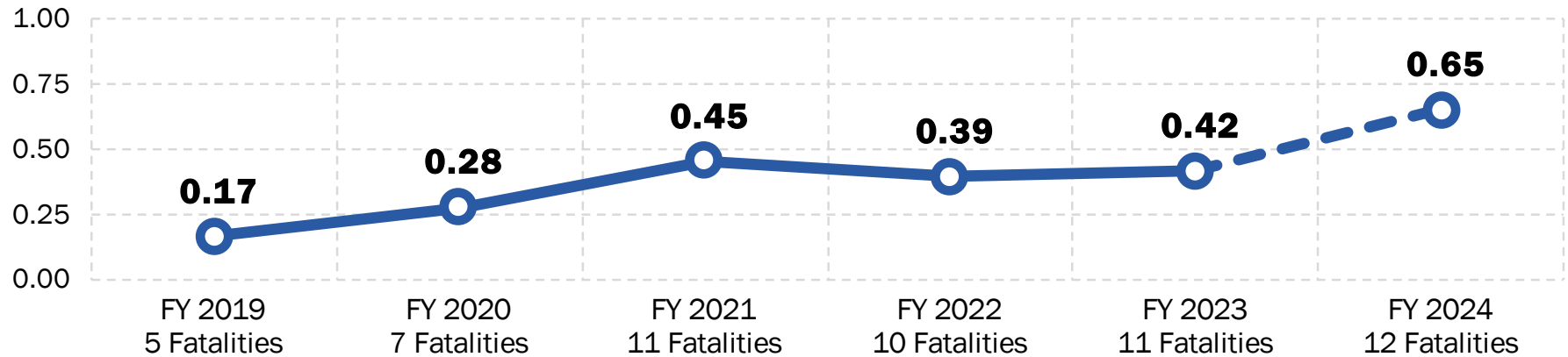
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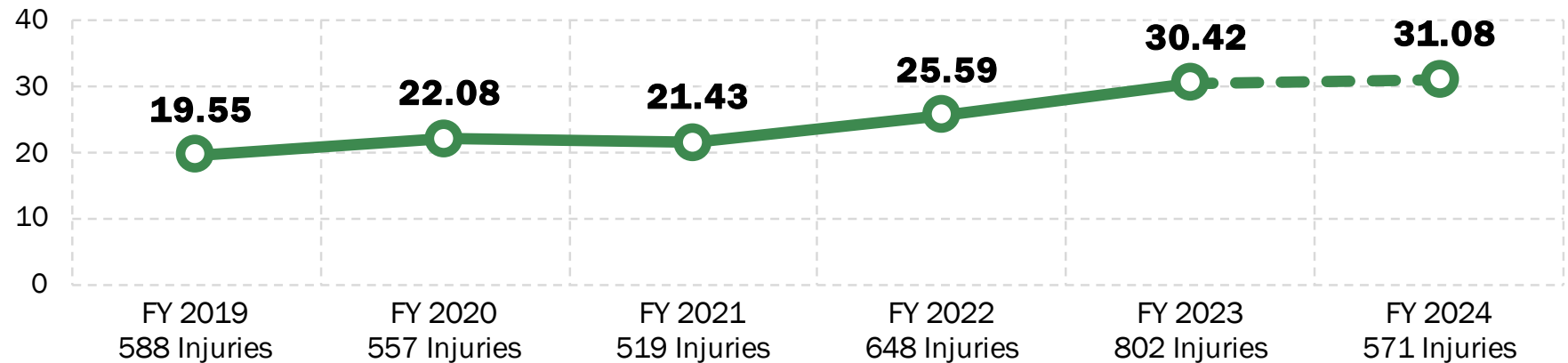
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Bus Homicides and Assaults – Annual Trends

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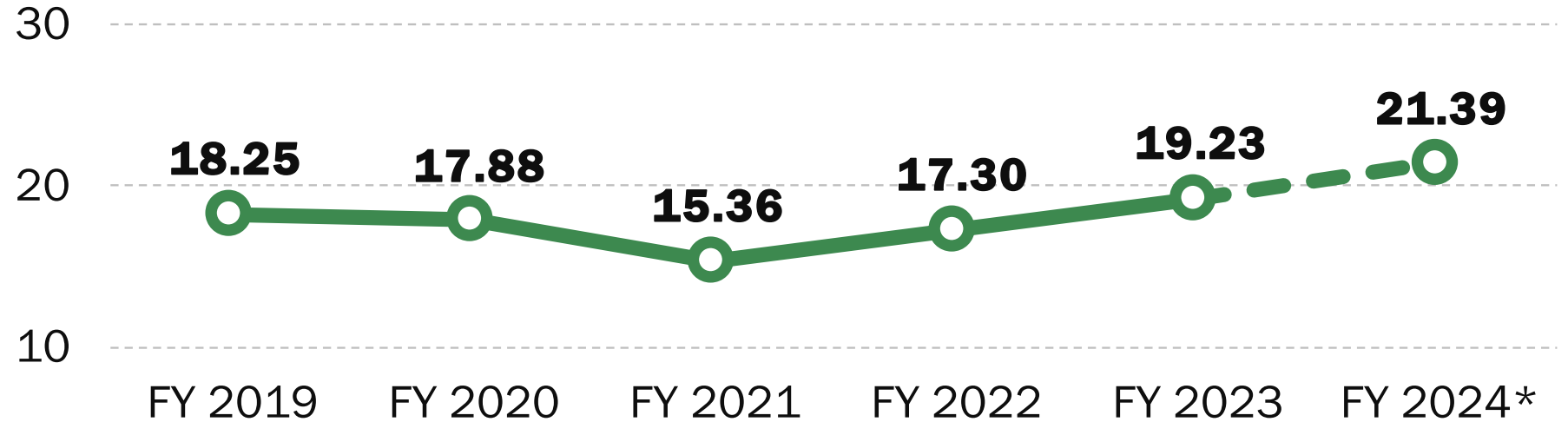
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Collisions Between Buses and People – Annual Trends

**CY 2019–24
Combined
Fatality and
Injury Rate**



**Raw Event,
Fatality, and
Injury Counts**

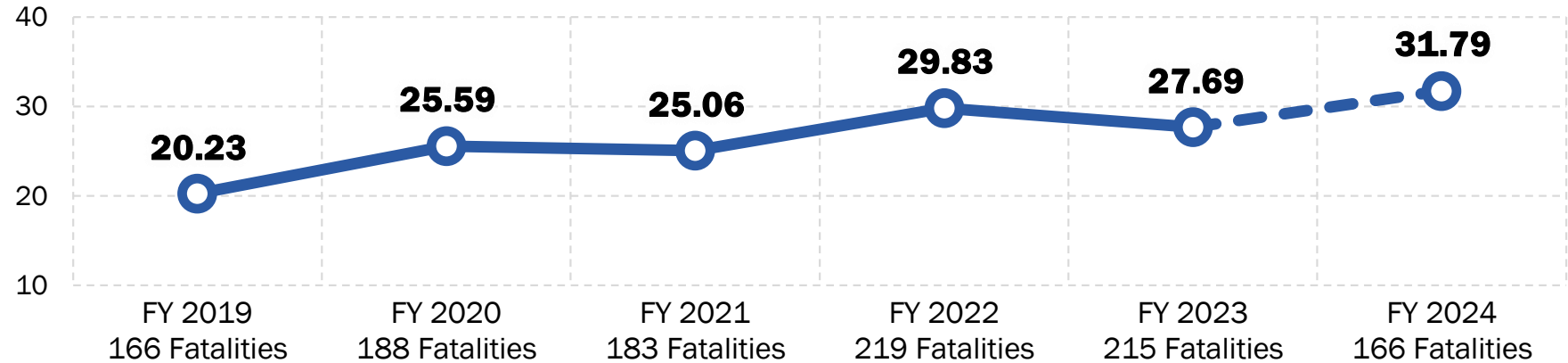
Events	497	424	354	425	474	364
Fatalities	26	54	33	35	27	23
Injuries	523	397	339	403	480	370

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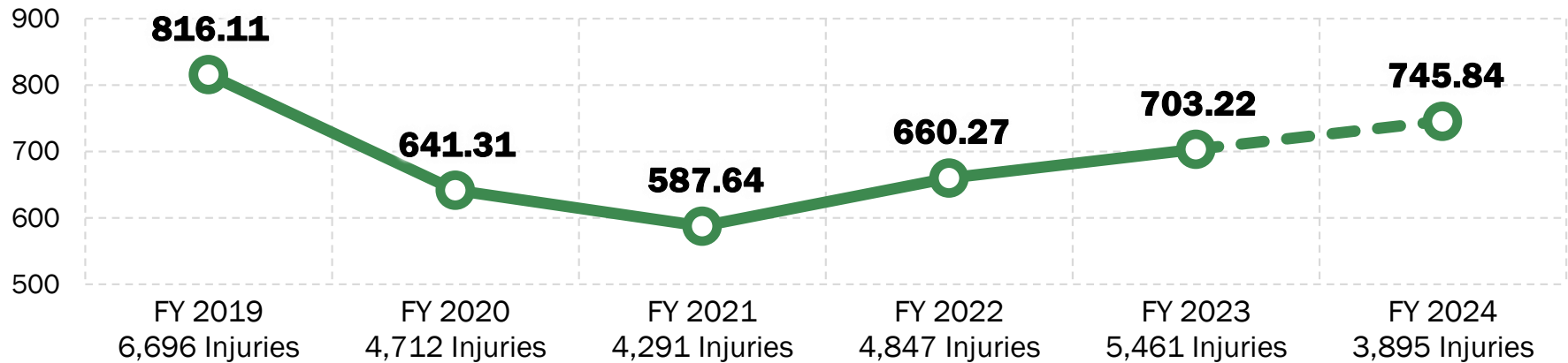
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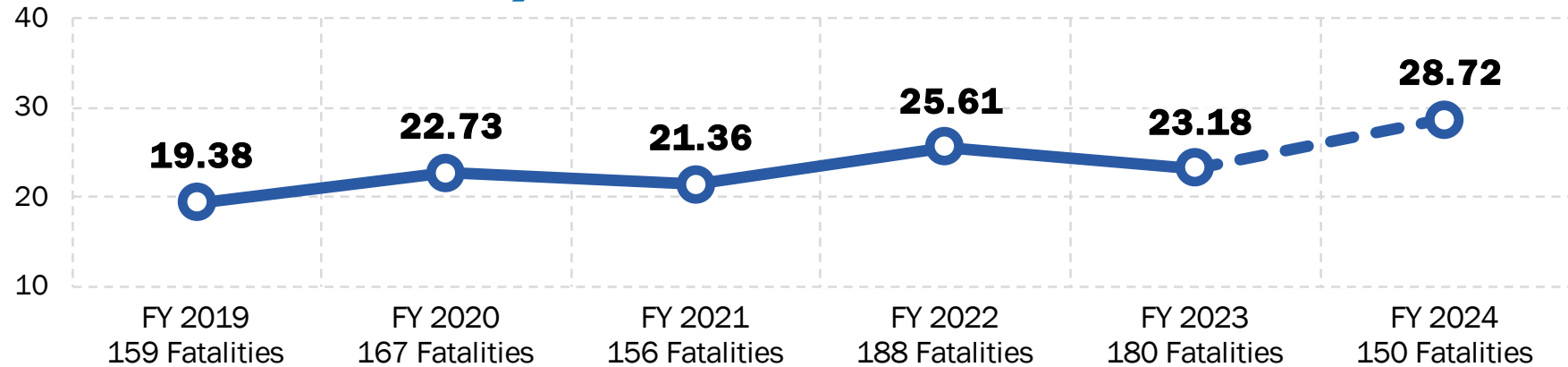
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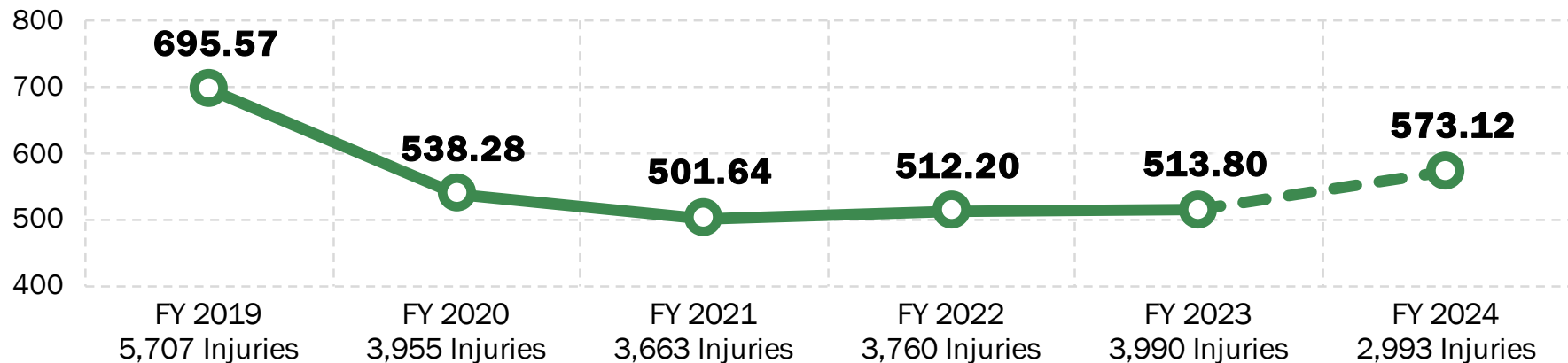
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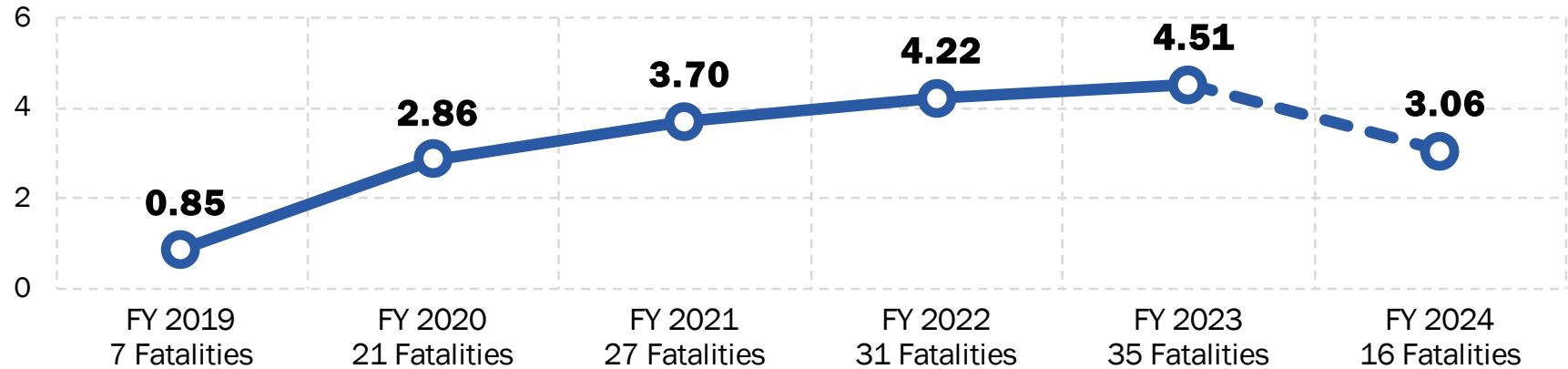
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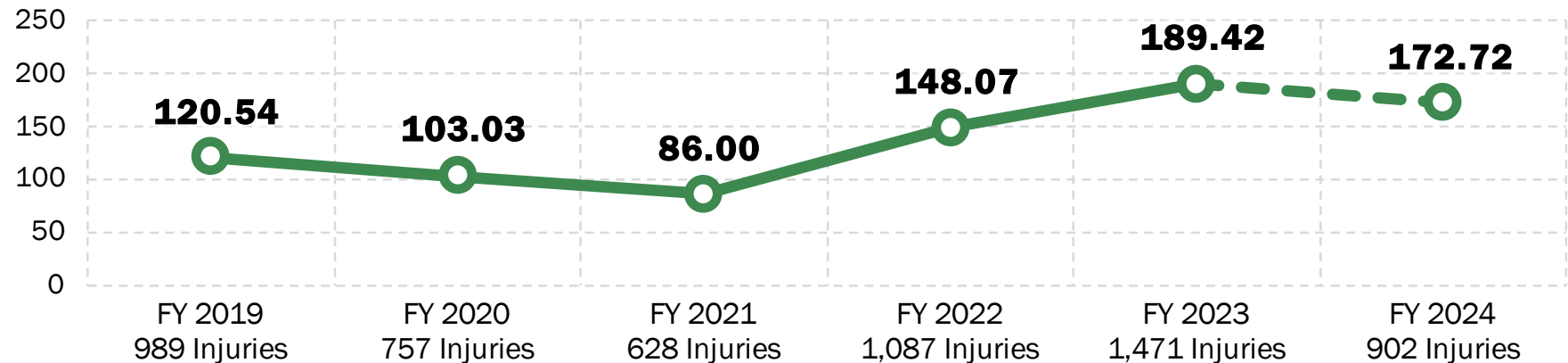
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Recent Safety Regulatory Updates

Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans (PTASP) Final Rule Highlights



Labor-Management Safety Committees

Joint labor-management Safety Committees at transit agencies serving large urbanized areas



Safety Performance Targets

Agencies and Safety Committees are required to set performance targets under the new rule



Frontline Workers

De-escalation training must be provided by agencies to frontline transit workers, and agencies must minimize exposure to infectious diseases



Check out the PTASP
webpage for
additional resources

PTASP Implements BIL Safety Requirements



Setting performance targets for safety risk reduction programs



Advancing systems to protect transit riders and workers



Expanding de-escalation training



Protecting transit workers from assault and people from collisions with transit vehicles

National Safety Plan Highlights

The National Safety Plan is FTA's primary guidance document for improving transit safety performance. It provides best practices, tools, technical assistance, voluntary standards and other resources, including incorporation of updated BIL requirements:



Safety Performance Measures

Updates incorporate Bipartisan Infrastructure Law requirements for PTASP safety performance measures and identify a performance-based approach to reduce injuries and fatalities on transit systems under FTA's safety jurisdiction.



Best Practices, Tools, Technical Assistance, Voluntary Standards

The updated National Safety Plan also includes best practices, tools, technical assistance and voluntary standards for transit agencies to improve their safety performance related to major events, collisions, and injuries.



Check out the NSP webpage for additional resources

General Directive: Required Actions Regarding Assaults on Transit Workers

Addresses the significant and continuing national-level safety risk related to assaults on transit workers. Requires transit agencies subject to PTASP to:



Conduct Safety Risk Assessment (SRA) for assaults on transit workers

- All PTASP-applicable transit agencies
- Within 60 days of issuance of GD, unless agency has conducted within past 12 months



Identify safety risk mitigations

- Each transit agency serving a large, urbanized area must involve the joint labor-management Safety Committee when identifying safety risk mitigations



Submit information to FTA

- Each transit agency must submit information on how they are assessing, mitigating, and monitoring the safety risk associated with assaults on transit workers

Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program (PTSCTP) Final Rule

- New and revised definitions that did not create new requirements
- Requirement for SSOAs and RTAs to ensure designated personnel and contractors are enrolled within 30 days of designation
- Addition of a recertification training element defined by FTA as part of recertification training requirements
- Clarification of FTA's classification of voluntary participation and what voluntary participation entails
- New administrative requirements for SSOAs and RTAs:
 - Establish a point of contact
 - Report semiannually to FTA

View in the Federal Register



Transit Worker Hours of Service and Fatigue Risk Management Request for Information

Background

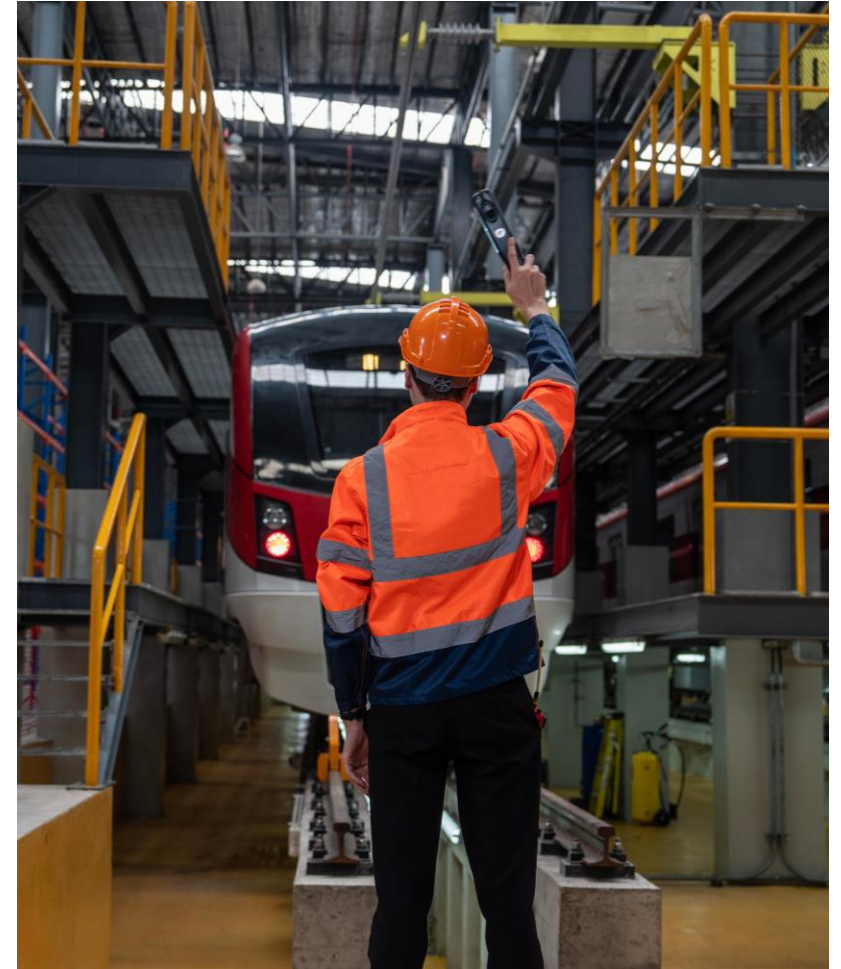
- FTA is seeking additional information on state and transit agency policies regarding hours of service and fatigue following the Transit Worker Hours of Service and Fatigue Risk Management Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) issued in October 2023
- On September 5, FTA issued a Request for Information (RFI) to transit agencies on Transit Worker Hours of Service and Fatigue Risk Management

Next Steps

- Agencies have until December 4, 2024 to complete and return the RFI form

Risk-Based Inspection (RBI) Programs

- SSOAs have started implementing their RBI programs.
- Expect a learning curve as new programs are put into action.
- FTA is supporting SSOAs by offering forums to share lessons learned to advance RBI programs.
- Within a year of program approval, SSOAs must submit to FTA documentation demonstrating at least 6 months of RBI program implementation.



Upcoming Workshops and Training



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New Safety Management System in Practice Workshops

- FTA will host an additional three virtual workshops focused on Advancing Safety Risk Management and Safety Assurance components of Safety Management System.
- The workshops explore common challenges identified during FTA technical assistance center inquiries, audits, and Agency Safety Plan reviews.
- Upcoming Sessions
 - October 23-24, 2024
 - November 21-22, 2024
 - January 14-15, 2025

[Register for a Session Here](#)



Thank you!

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