

# FTA

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

## **The Office of Transit Safety and Oversight (TSO) Safety Updates**

**APTA TRANSform Conference  
Safety Coordinating Council**

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# Overview

- Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Regulation
- PTASP Technical Assistance Center (TAC)
- Transit Advisory Committee for Safety (TRACS)
- Human Trafficking Awareness and Public Safety Initiative
- Resources
- Questions

# PTASP Regulation at 49 C.F.R. Part 673

- Innovative approach to improving transit safety:
  - Based on Safety Management System (SMS) principles and methods
  - Risk and performance-based
  - Flexible and scalable
- Compliance deadline: July 20, 2020

# Applicability

Applies to:	Does NOT Apply to:
<p>Operators of transit systems that are recipients or subrecipients of FTA funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> Section 5307</li><li> Section 5310 &amp; 5311 (applicability deferred)</li><li> All rail transit operators, regardless of FTA funding source</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> FTA recipients that do not operate transit systems</li><li> Commuter rail service regulated by Federal Railroad Administration</li><li> Passenger ferry service regulated by U.S. Coast Guard</li></ul>

## Impacted Agencies



65 Rail Transit Agencies



128 Large 5307 Bus Agencies



737 Small 5307 Bus Agencies



Multi-modal Transit Agencies

# Safety Management System (SMS) Components



# PTASP Technical Assistance Center



- Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Technical Assistance Center (TAC) will launch at 9am on October 14<sup>th</sup>
- Will provide comprehensive technical assistance to help the transit industry meet PTASP regulation requirements by July 20, 2020, by supporting:
  - Bus and rail transit providers, large and small
  - State Departments of Transportation
  - State Safety Oversight Agencies

# PTASP Technical Assistance Center Components

## Community of Practice



- Online discussion forums to ask questions, share ideas and documents, and engage with posts
- Hosted on DOT's UserVoice system
- Will be moderated during business hours

## Resource Library



- Voluntary technical assistance materials organized by agency type
- Hosted on FTA's website
- Updated with new materials, based on industry needs

## One-on-One Technical Assistance



- Agency Safety Plan reviews
- Help desk to answer questions and schedule assistance
- Staffed 9am-8pm ET, M-F, with a dedicated phone number, email and mailing address

## Onsite Technical Assistance



- Conduct onsite trainings and provide assistance to help agencies meet PTASP regulation requirements

# TRACS

*Review emerging technologies and recommend public transportation innovations in safety that FTA can implement in support of the public transportation sector*

## TRACS Tasks

1. Trespass and Suicide Prevention
2. Right of Way Worker Protections
3. Employee Safety Reporting

## Next Steps

- TRACS meeting in February 2020
- Final recommendations due September 2020



# FTA Human Trafficking Awareness and Public Safety Initiative

- Supports DOT's Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking Initiative
- Supports FTA's operator assault and crime prevention efforts
- Focus Areas:
  - Education
  - Public awareness and outreach
  - Research and technical assistance

Visit: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/human-trafficking-awareness-and-public-safety-initiative>

The screenshot shows the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) website page for the Human Trafficking Awareness and Public Safety Initiative. The page features a navigation menu on the left with options like Home, Transit Safety & Oversight, Safety Rulemaking, and more. The main content area includes a title, a video player for a seven-minute educational video, and a 'Learn More' section with a download link. A sidebar on the right contains related links and documents, including 'Crime Prevention and Public Safety Awareness Notice of Funding' and 'FTA Announces \$4 Million Initiative to Support Human Trafficking Awareness and Public Safety'. The footer includes contact information for the Office of Transit Safety and Oversight.

Video can be found at: <https://youtu.be/DBRAWz7yAXc>

# PTASP Resources

## Preparing for July 20, 2020

### Read, watch, and participate

- Review the [PTASP FAQs](#)
- Visit the [PTASP Resources](#) page to view previous webinars and documents
- Participate in webinars explaining PTASP-regulations and guidance
- Read our newsletter, [TSO Spotlight](#) for PTASP-related articles



### Attend a webinar

PTASP Technical Assistance Center (TAC)  
Thursday, October 24  
2:00 PM ET

[Register](#)

PTASP Refresher  
Tuesday, October 29  
2:00 PM ET

[Register](#)

### Sign up to receive updates

Sign up for GovDelivery:

A screenshot of the GovDelivery sign-up form for the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration. The form is titled 'Email Updates' and includes the text 'To sign up for updates or to access your subscriber preferences, please enter your contact information below'. There is a text input field for 'Email Address' with a red asterisk indicating it is required. Below the input field are two buttons: 'SUBMIT' and 'CANCEL'.

- FTA announcements and new PTASP documents
- <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOTFTA/subscriber/new>