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Interim Provisions FTA's Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program (PTSCCTP)

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Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program

- The FTA regulation addressing the Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program is authorized by Federal public transportation law (49 U.S.C. § 5329(c)(1)).
- FTA is required to develop an Interim Provisions training program as per 5329 (c)(2).

Who is the Training Program for?

Required participants:

- Federal and State employees, or other designated personnel, who conduct safety audits and examinations of public transportation systems; and
- Employees of public transportation agencies directly responsible for safety oversight.

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Who is “directly responsible for safety oversight”?

At a minimum, this means:

- The Chief Safety Officer and safety staff who participate in the development, implementation or maintenance of the requirements of the oversight agencies program standard.

Overview of Interim Provisions

- A required training program that includes promoting the adoption of Safety Management System (SMS) components
- A required technical training program component (for Feds and SSOs)
- A voluntary training component

Interim Provisions

- Published on February 27, 2015
- Effective date: May 27, 2015
- Required participants have three (3) years to complete the curriculum starting on the effective date.

Interim Provisions: Required Curriculum

- e-Learning
 - SMS Awareness
- Virtual Classroom
 - SMS Safety Assurance
- Traditional Classroom
 - SMS Principles for Transit
 - SMS Principles for SSO Programs
 - Transit Rail Incident Investigation
 - Effectively Managing Transit Emergencies
 - Transit Rail System Safety
 - Transit System Security



Voluntary Participants

- The following personnel may voluntarily participate in the interim provisions if they are directly responsible for safety oversight :
 - (a) Personnel employed by recipients of Federal transit funds of non-rail transit systems (e.g., passenger ferry, bus, bus rapid transit, and community transportation providers); and
 - (b) Personnel of State DOTs or other State entities that receive Federal transit funds, of non-rail transit systems such as passenger ferry, bus, bus rapid transit, and community transportation providers.

Next Steps

- Until the final rule is promulgated, the interim provisions will be in effect. In the meantime, FTA may periodically revise the interim provisions following an opportunity for public notice and comment.

Expected Outcomes

The interim provisions will have a positive impact as the industry prepares for FTA's final rules by:

- Increasing ability to identify and control hazards before an accident happens;
- Increasing effectiveness of oversight due to higher standards; and
- Continuing to implement a strong SMS program.

Questions and Follow Up

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