

# Next Steps for Developing Public Transportation

## Agency Safety Plans



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### Overview

The [Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan \(PTASP\) final rule](#) (49 C.F.R. Part 673) requires certain operators of public transportation systems that are recipients or subrecipients of FTA grant funds to develop safety plans that include the processes and procedures necessary for implementing Safety Management Systems (SMS). Each transit operator is required to have an approved safety plan meeting the requirements of the rule by **July 20, 2020**. The PTASP final rule does **not**

require agencies to have a fully mature SMS by the July 20, 2020 compliance deadline. However, the rule requires that safety plans include the processes and procedures for implementing SMS. FTA offers several courses that transit agency executives and other high-level managers may take to become knowledgeable about SMS (including FTA requirements outlined in the PTASP final rule) and identify roles and responsibilities for SMS implementation. Please visit [FTA's Safety Training page](#) for more information on course offerings and registration.



### Next Steps

- Designate a **Chief Safety Officer/SMS Executive**
- Identify **key stakeholder groups** to include in the SMS design and implementation
- Identify SMS implementation **roles and responsibilities** for key staff
- Identify **key staff** to support SMS implementation
- Ensure key staff receive **SMS training**
- Develop and communicate a **plan for SMS implementation**
- Brief stakeholders** on SMS and the Agency Safety Plan
- Discuss the plan** for SMS implementation with the State Safety Oversight Agency, if applicable

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