

SAFETY

Public Transit



Performance Management

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OVERVIEW

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) rule established transit safety performance management requirements for certain providers of public transportation that receive federal financial assistance. This fact sheet describes these requirements and the role of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) under this rule.*

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AGENCY SAFETY PLANS (PTASP)

Federal Rule Applicability

Recipients and Sub-recipients of FTA 5307 funds

The rule applies to recipients and sub-recipients of FTA 5307 funds that operate a public transportation system and to operators of rail transit systems subject to FTA's State Safety Oversight Program.

The PTASP regulations do not apply to certain modes of transit service that are subject to the safety jurisdiction of another Federal agency, including passenger ferry operations regulated by the U.S. Coast Guard, and commuter rail operations that are regulated by the Federal Railroad Administration.

Small public transportation providers without rail and with fewer than 101 revenue vehicles in operation during peak service may complete their own plan or have their plan drafted or certified by their state DOT.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES

FATALITIES	<i>Total number of reportable fatalities and rate per total vehicle revenue miles by mode.</i>
INJURIES	<i>Total number of reportable injuries and rate per total vehicle revenue miles by mode.</i>
SAFETY EVENTS	<i>Total number of reportable events and rate per total vehicle revenue miles by mode.</i>
SYSTEM RELIABILITY	<i>Mean distance between major mechanical failures by mode.</i>

TIMEFRAME

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

- Update safety targets annually

MPOs

- Update MPO safety targets with every LRTP update
- Reflect MPO targets and public transportation provider(s) current safety targets in each updated TIP

* Please refer to the [fact sheet](#) addressing *MPO Requirements* for information about MPO targets and planning processes.

RELATIONSHIP OF PTASP TO FLORIDA REQUIREMENTS

Florida requires each Section 5307 and/or 5311 public transportation provider to have an adopted System Safety Program Plan (SSPP) (Chapter 14-90, Florida Administrative Code). Because Section 5307 public transportation providers in Florida must already have a SSPP, FDOT recommends that public transportation providers revise their existing SSPPs to be compliant with the FTA PTASP requirements.

FDOT has issued guidance to public transportation providers to assist them with revising existing SSPPs to be compliant with the FTA PTASP requirements.

While the PTASP rule requires public transportation providers to establish safety performance targets, the SSPP does not.

REQUIREMENTS

TRANSIT SAFETY TARGET COORDINATION BETWEEN FDOT, MPOS, AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

- » Public transportation providers that annually draft and certify a PTASP and transit safety targets must make the PTASP and underlying safety performance data available to FDOT and the MPOs to aid in the planning process.
- » MPOs are not required to establish transit safety targets annually each time the public transportation provider(s) establishes targets. Instead, MPO transit targets must be established when the MPO updates the LRTP. MPOs will reflect current public transportation provider(s) PTASP targets in the updated TIP.
- » Public transportation providers will coordinate with FDOT and affected MPOs in the selection of transit safety performance targets.
- » Public transportation providers will give written notice to the MPO(s) and FDOT when the public transportation provider establishes transit safety targets.
- » When establishing transit safety targets, the MPO can either agree to program projects that will support the public transportation provider targets, or establish its own separate targets for the MPO planning area.
- » MPOs that establish their own transit safety targets will coordinate with the public transportation provider(s) and FDOT in the selection of transit safety performance targets, and will give written notice to the public transportation provider(s) and FDOT when the MPO establishes its own transit safety targets.
- » MPOs that agree to support the public transportation provider(s) safety targets will provide FDOT and the public transportation providers documentation that the MPO agrees to do so.
- » If two or more public transportation providers operate in an MPO planning area and establish different safety targets for a measure, the MPO may establish a single target for the MPO planning area or establish a set of targets that reflect the differing public transportation provider targets.

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