



Agenda

2020 Joint State Safety Oversight (SSO) and Rail Transit Agency (RTA) Virtual Workshop

October 6-8, 2020

Supporting State Safety Oversight Agencies and Rail Transit Agencies for today's transit challenges through education, best practices and peer exchange to achieve effective rail transit system safety, and oversight capabilities.

Conference Presentations

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Hosted by:

Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Tuesday, October 6

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11:00 AM Welcome and SSO/RTA Introductions

*Dr. Alfonz Ruth, Director and Chief Learning Officer
Office of Administration
Federal Transit Administration*

11:30 AM FTA Office of Transit Safety and Oversight Welcome Remarks

*Henrika Buchanan, Associate Administrator and Chief Safety Officer
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration*

11:45 AM FTA Deputy Administrator Remarks

*K. Jane Williams, Deputy Administrator
Federal Transit Administration*

12:00 PM Break

12:15 PM Operating in a Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Environment

Session description: In an effort for peer exchange for best and effective practice, during the COVID-19 public health emergency, State Safety Oversight Agencies and Rail Transit Agencies will share their altered or innovative practices to ensure continued oversight, safety posture, capital projects, communications, and implementation of COVID-19 protocols to keep employees and passengers safe and healthy.

*Kimberly Burtch, Director, Office of Safety Review
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration*

*Gena Major, Assistant General Manager
Safety & Quality Assurance
Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA)*

*M. Scott Kreher, Chief of Police
Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA)*

*Leslie Hubble, Manager
Environmental Health and Safety
Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA)*

*Lt. Gregory Gamble, Emergency Preparedness Unit Commander
Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA)*

*Kimbrali Davis, Principal Engineer
New Jersey Department of Transportation*

*David Fullerton, Chief Safety Officer
Port Authority Transit Corporation (PATCO)*

*Brian Brinkley, SSO Program Manager
Multimodal Planning Division
Arizona Department of Transportation*

*Brian Mason, Manager
Construction and Utilities
Valley Metro*

*Adrian Ruiz, Director
Safety, Security and Quality Assurance
Valley Metro*

1:45 PM **Building Confidence in Transit during COVID-19**

Session description: This session will highlight steps the transit industry is taking to rebuild public confidence and dispel the notion that transit is a primary vector for COVID-19. The speaker will highlight a growing body of research that transit remains one of America's safest travel options.

*Paulina Orchard, Division Chief, Office of System Safety
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration*

*Brian Alberts, Director of Safety
American Public Transportation Association*

*Shima Hamidi, Bloomberg Assistant Professor of American Health
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health*

2:45 PM **Break**

3:00 PM **Transit Advisory Committee for Safety (TRACS) Recommendations for Innovations in Transit**

Session description: TRACS provides information, advice, and recommendations on transit safety and other issues as determined by the Secretary of Transportation and the FTA Administrator. TRACS is composed of a diverse panel of professionals representing a variety of transit

stakeholders and interests to cooperatively address transit safety and other issues by recommending solutions based on agreed upon facts.

Under the 2018-2020 Charter, TRACS was tasked to provide advice and recommendations on transit safety innovations. This effort aligns with U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao's strategic goals for safety and innovation.

During this session, TRACS members will present and discuss the recommendations contained in their report to FTA on innovations in 1) Trespass and Suicide Prevention; 2) Railway Worker Protections; and 3) Employee Safety Reporting.

*Bridget Zamperini, Safety and Security Specialist, Office of System Safety
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration*

*Pamela Fischhaber, Ph.D., P.E., WSO-CSS, Deputy Director - Public Safety
Section Chief - Rail and Transit Safety
Colorado Public Utilities Commission*

*Joyce Rose, Principal Consultant
Transit and Rail Safety
WSP-Parsons Brinckerhoff*

*Eric Muntan, Chief
Office of Safety and Security
Miami-Dade Transit*

4:00 PM **SSO Staffing and Qualifications – State Safety Oversight Agencies only**

Session description: This session will provide methods to help State Safety Oversight Agencies determine their appropriate staffing level commensurate with the number, size, and complexity of the rail fixed guideway public transportation systems in their State.

*Ruth Lyons, Senior Program Manager, Office of Safety Review
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration*

*Laynie Weaver, Senior Consultant
Boyd Caton Group*

4:45 PM **Virtual Networking Opportunity**

Wednesday, October 7

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11:00 AM **PTASP Implementation: Integrating Lessons Learned**

Session description: In light of the extraordinary operational challenges presented by the COVID-19 public health emergency, FTA issued a Notice of Enforcement Discretion, effectively extending the PTASP compliance deadline from July 20, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

This session will include an update on PTASP implementation and include a discussion of lessons learned on requirements for employee safety reporting programs (ESRP) and safety hazard identification from the PTASP Technical Assistance Center (TAC) voluntary Agency Safety Plan reviews. The ESRP and safety hazard identification discussion will incorporate new examples based on the current COVID-19 public health emergency.

*Candace Key, Director, Office of System Safety
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration*

*Rhoderick Ramsey, Program Analyst, Office of System Safety
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration*

*Andrew Lofton, Senior Consultant
Boyd Caton Group*

1:30 PM **Break**

2:15 PM **Safety Risk Management Process**

Session description: This training session will outline the process rail transit agencies use to implement their safety risk management process and the SSOA criteria for compliance. The Safety Risk Management activities to be covered include:

1. Safety hazard identification;
2. safety risk assessment; and
3. safety risk mitigation.

*Joseph W. Powell, Program Manager, Office of Safety Review
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration*

*Annabelle Boyd, Senior Consultant
Boyd Caton Group*

3:00 PM **Accident Notification and Investigations**

Session description: This session will cover rail transit agencies accident notification based on the two-hour notification requirement, that must include time limits for notification, methods of notification, and the nature of the information provided. The session will transition into the phase after notification and outline if that notification may require an investigation and how to ensure the sufficiency and thoroughness of the investigation for formal adoption and possible corrective actions, based on causation.

*George Good, Senior Accident Investigator, Office of Safety Review
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration*

*Dain Pankratz, Senior Consultant
Boyd Caton Group*

3:45 PM **Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) Management**

Session description: This training session will outline the Corrective Action Process for development, review, approval, and verification of proposed CAPs, based on established requirements. The session will also cover the practice for tracking an SSOA's verification of a rail transit agency's compliance with CAPs.

*Lauren Tuzikow, Program Manager, Office of Safety Review
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration*

*Rachael Wenger, Senior Consultant
Boyd Caton Group*

4:30 PM **Adjourn**

Thursday, October 8

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11:00 AM **Morning Report and Recap**

*Dr. Alfonz Ruth, Director and Chief Learning Officer
Office of Administration
Federal Transit Administration*

11:15 AM **What is State Safety Oversight**

Session description: This session will outline roles and responsibilities of the State Safety Oversight Program and requirements of State Safety Oversight Agencies and the impact on rail transit agencies.

*Patrick D. Nemons, Division Chief, Office of Safety Review
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration*

12:00 PM **Break**

12:15 PM **SSO Audit Updates**

Session description: This session will provide a summary of observations from FTA's initial audits conducted under the new Part 674 rule. The session will also discuss plans for the upcoming audit cycle.

*Maria Wright, Senior Program Manager, Office of Safety Review
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration*

*Timothy Braxton, Program Manager, Office of Safety Review
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration*

12:45 PM **SSO Annual Report Validation**

Session description: This session is a refresher on the purpose and use of the State Safety Oversight Reporting (SSOR) Tool for input of oversight data and the submission of SSOA Annual Reports. The session will also cover FTA's process to validate Annual Report submissions.

*Cyrell McLemore, Regional Safety Officer, Office of Safety Review
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration*

*Myesha Stephney, Program Analyst, Office of Safety Review
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration*

1:15 PM **Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program (PTSCTP)
Compliance During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency**

Session description: FTA has increased the availability of virtual training options to support the transit industry's training needs during the COVID-19 public health emergency. During this session, FTA will review the PTSCTP regulation and requirements, and discuss how agencies can continue to participate in the PTSCTP during the COVID-19 the public health emergency.

*Dakisha Spratling, Senior Program Analyst, Office of System Safety
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration*

1:45 PM **Break**

2:00 PM **Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and Federal Railroad
Administration (FRA) Safety and Security Update**

Session description: The TSA and FRA will provide updates to their programs as they relate to rail transit safety and security.

*Joanne Waszczak, Division Chief, Office of Safety Review
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration*

*John J. Mardente, Program Manager
Office of Safety Assurance and Compliance
Federal Railroad Administration*

*Scott C. Gorton, Executive Director, Surface Division
Policy, Plans, and Engagement
Transportation Security Administration*

*Sonya T. Proctor, Assistant Administrator
Surface Operations
Transportation Security Administration*

3:00 PM **Closing**
Angela Dluger, Deputy Associate Administrator
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight
Federal Transit Administration

3:15 PM **Virtual Networking Opportunity**