



TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT

TAMNews

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FTA's Transit Asset Management (TAM) newsletter keeps you up to date on asset management initiatives and creates a forum for the industry to share information and learn from one another.

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Announcements

FTA awards funding through the real-time asset management program: FTA [announced \\$1.37 million in grant awards](#) to the six projects listed below through the real-time asset management program. The projects will deploy innovative technologies that provide real-time condition assessment of transit assets to enhance safety and asset management practices.

- The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will receive funding to partner with four transit agencies to install and demonstrate smart sensing technology.
- The Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration will initiate an electronic inventory of its light-rail system to monitor, detect, and identify track deficiencies.
- The Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County will partner with the University of Nevada to demonstrate real-time transit infrastructure monitoring in the City of Reno.
- The Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority will receive funding to deploy scanning technology to assess the condition of its overhead contact system wires.
- The Dallas Area Rapid Transit will use funding to demonstrate real-time digital technology to monitor rail stations, tracks, bridges, tunnels and highway-rail crossings.
- The Utah Transit Authority will receive funding to develop an optical imaging system to monitor the conditions of its rail system serving the Salt Lake City metropolitan area.

Publication of 2019 NTD Data: FTA recently published its [2019 NTD data products](#), which provide the most recent data on transit ridership, expenses, fares, safety, assets, and other transit system information.

Submit your agency's TAM Plans: TAM Plan examples are now available on the [APTA website](#). Submit your TAM Plan to FTA to be featured on the site.

Upcoming Events

Maintaining Momentum TAM Webinar: The next TAM webinar, which was recently rescheduled, will discuss how agencies can maintain focus and momentum on TAM amid other agency priorities. Keep an eye on the [TAM website](#) for information and registration details!

TRB's State of Good Repair Subcommittee Meeting: TRB's State of Good Repair Subcommittee, AP010(1), meeting will be held virtually on January 7, 2021 at 10am ET. Register for the meeting [here!](#)

TRB's Transit Capital Replacement Subcommittee Meeting: TRB's Transit Capital Replacement Subcommittee, AP010(2) will be held virtually on January 7, 2021 at 12pm ET. Register for the meeting [here!](#)

TRB TAM Conference: TRB's 13th National Conference on Transportation Asset Management has been [rescheduled](#) for August 7-10, 2021 in Boston, MA.

Year-in-Review of TAM Resources

TAM Plan Template (TAMPLATE): FTA's [technical assistance tool](#) assists Tier I and Tier II transit providers, as well as Group TAM Plan Sponsors, in developing their TAM plans. It automatically populates with data that the agency has submitted to the NTD. The recently updated version of the tool offers:

- A clone capability to carry over modified records from year to year,
- Options for download using either Microsoft Excel or Word, and
- Updated functionality and ease of use.

Staying on Track with TAM: FTA Updates, Upcoming Deadlines and Resources

Webinar: The [recording](#) and [presentations](#) from the October 21, 2020 TAM webinar are now available on the TAM website.

TAM Systems Handbook: This [handbook](#) is intended to expand upon and provide general information and guidance on the management of systems and associated assets used in the transit operating environment in support of the FTA TAM rule.

2020 TAM Virtual Roundtable: FTA brought together over 500 practitioners from transit agencies across the country for the 2020 TAM Virtual Roundtable. Check out the presentations and recording from the event on the FTA [TAM website](#).

Self-Assessment Tool: This [technical assistance tool](#) is provided to assist transit operators with reviewing the components within each of the required elements in a TAM Plan, along with establishing a method for assessing the quality of their TAM Plans. This tool is meant for agencies that have met all FTA TAM plan requirements and are looking to go further to determine and enhance its usefulness and effectiveness.

TAM Website Overhaul: FTA completed a major update to the TAM website including the release of an [interactive search table](#) to streamline access to hundreds of resources from FTA, APTA, transit agencies, and more.

Synthesis Reports on Investment Prioritization and Decision Support Tools: FTA published companion synthesis reports on [investment prioritization processes](#) and [decision support tools](#). These reports document the state of the practice and offer insights from interviews with five transit agencies.

Articles

Oklahoma releases state's first public transit plan: Oklahoma released its [first public transit plan](#), which calls for \$4.5 billion in investments over 20 years to improve transit access to jobs and to increase investment in existing rural and tribal transit systems. In addition, the plan highlights investment strategies to ensure the statewide fleet remains in a state of good repair over the entire 20-year period.

Worcester Union Station receives funding for commuter rail improvements: The United States Department of Transportation announced that [Worcester Union Station will receive \\$29.3 million](#) to construct a high-level platform allowing multiple trains to stop at the commuter rail station simultaneously. The improved platform will allow access for individuals with disabilities and expand the station's capacity to encourage safer and more efficient service.