FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Implementation

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Overview

- The transit industry continues to make great progress towards compliance with the PTASP regulation
- FTA is continuing its outreach and technical assistance to help transit agencies and States implement PTASP regulation requirements



PTASP Notice of Enforcement Discretion

- The Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) regulation (49 CFR 973) established the July 20, 2020 deadline to fulfill and certify to PTASP requirements
- In April 2020, in light of the extraordinary operational challenges presented by the COVID-19 public health emergency, FTA published a Notice of Enforcement Discretion delaying FTA enforcement action until after December 31, 2020
- In December 2020, FTA published a second Notice of Enforcement Discretion delaying FTA enforcement action until July 21, 2021

PTASP Compliance to Date

Key Metrics	National Total
Applicable Transit Providers	705
Applicable State Departments of Transportation (DOTs)	50
Number of Agency Safety Plans (ASPs) certified in FTA's Transit Asset Management System (TrAMS)	620 (88%)

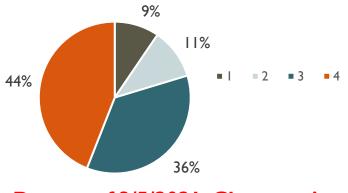
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ASP Certification Status

By ASP Developer Agency Type

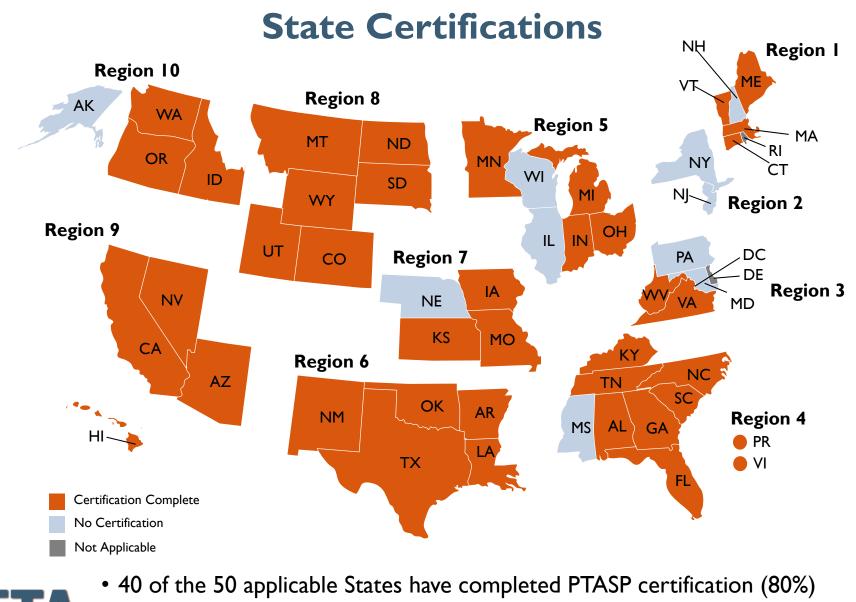
ASP Preparer	ASP s	Certified ASPs
Rail/Multi-Modal	63	59 (94%)
Large Bus	73	67 (92%)
Small Bus*	251	221 (88%)
State DOT**	318	273 (86%)
Total	705	620 (88%)

Certified ASPs by ASP Preparer



* Small Bus includes agencies that have opted to develop their own ASP.
** State DOT includes Small Bus agencies that have not opted out.

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PTASP Implementation Activity

- PTASP Technical Assistance Center (TAC) launched in October 2019
- 44 webinars conducted with over 7,200 attendees
- 21 workshops provided with over 1,200 attendees
- 63 guidance documents published
- **28** PTASP TAC Updates published
- 373 voluntary ASP reviews completed
- Over **1,400** inquiries addressed by the TAC



Upcoming PTASP Implementation Activity

Planned activities through July 2021

- Conduct monthly industry webinars:
 - March 31: PTASP Documentation and Recordkeeping
 - April: Planning and Carrying Out the Annual ASP Review
 - May: Implementing SMS Authorities, Accountabilities and Responsibilities
 - June: Implementing Safety Risk Assessment Approaches
 - July: Safety Event Investigation in an SMS
- Host virtual PTASP workshops focused on ASP implementation (late April-June)
- Survey the industry to identify resource needs for ASP implementation
- Conduct voluntary ASP reviews (deadline to submit is May 28, 2021)
- Publish technical assistance resources and updates on the PTASPTAC website
- Provide ongoing technical assistance sessions with agencies who contact the TAC with specific needs



Poll Question #I

What PTASP technical assistance resource have you found the most helpful?

- Webinars
- Workshops
- PTASP Technical Assistance Center Help Desk
- Sample Agency Safety Plan
- Voluntary Agency Safety Plan Review



Poll Question #2

As you implement your plan, what PTASP requirements would you like more technical assistance on?

- Employee Safety Reporting Programs
- Safety Risk Management
- Safety Performance Monitoring and Measurement
- Continuous Improvement
- Management of Change
- Comprehensive Safety Training Programs
- Communicating Safety and Safety Performance Throughout the Agency

PTASP TAC Links and Contact Information



Technical Assistance Center

- <u>www.transit.dot.gov/PTASP-TAC</u>
- **PTASP Community of Practice**
 - <u>www.transit.dot.gov/PTASP-COP</u>

Frequently Asked Questions

www.transit.dot.gov/PTASP-FAQs





