



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**Federal Transit
Administration**

Deputy Administrator

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

May 10, 2021

Dear State DOT Secretary:

I am writing to remind your State of its responsibilities under the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) regulation (49 CFR Part 673). Applicable States must certify that they have met the requirements of the PTASP regulation by July 20, 2021 to be eligible for continued Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant assistance. After that date, FTA will be unable to award grants to a recipient unless the PTASP certification is completed in FTA's Transit Award Management System. That date is less than three months away. If your State Department of Transportation (DOT) already has made this certification, no further action is required.

State DOTs are required to draft and certify Agency Safety Plans on behalf of small public transportation providers within their State unless the provider notifies the State that it is voluntarily opting out of the State-drafted plan and will draft its own plan.

In recognition of the extraordinary operational challenges that the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency has presented for transit agencies and States, FTA issued two Notices of Enforcement Discretion, first in April 2020, and again in December 2020. The [second Notice](#) conveyed that FTA had further delayed enforcement of the PTASP regulation until **July 21, 2021**. In essence, FTA will refrain from taking enforcement action against FTA recipients and subrecipients that are unable to certify that they have established a compliant Agency Safety Plan until that date.

FTA's PTASP Technical Assistance Center (TAC), is available to support States and transit agencies with developing Agency Safety Plans. The TAC website, available at <https://www.transit.dot.gov/PTASP-TAC>, includes many helpful resources, such as templates, checklists, fact sheets, past webinar materials, and more. If you have not done so already, I encourage you to contact the TAC to assist with voluntary plan reviews and other technical needs you may have. You can contact the TAC by email, at PTASP-TAC@dot.gov, or phone, at 877-827-7243. Please note, the deadline for requesting a voluntary Agency Safety Plan review is May 28, 2021.

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State DOT Secretary

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If you need information or assistance, please contact Henrika Buchanan, FTA's Chief Safety Officer and Associate Administrator for the Office of Transit Safety and Oversight, at (202) 366-1783 or henrika.buchanan@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nuria I. Fernandez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nuria" and last name "Fernandez" clearly distinguishable.

Nuria I. Fernandez
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