



## TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT

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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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## Upcoming Events

**2021 TAM Virtual Roundtable:** The [2021 TAM Roundtable](#) will be held virtually on Tuesday, June 22! The event will include opening remarks from FTA Deputy Administrator Nuria Fernandez and a transit agency executive panel that will include Julie Timm of the Greater Richmond Transit Company, Leslie Richards of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, Henry Li of the Sacramento Regional Transit District, and Tom McKone of the Chicago Transit Authority. This session is open registration for public agency staff. Please [register here](#) by Wednesday, June 16.

**TRB TAM Conference:** TRB's 13th [National Conference on Transportation Asset Management](#) will be held virtually from August 10-12, 2021. Early bird registration for the event will close on July 10.

## New Resources

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**Making the TAM Connection: Capital Planning and Investment Prioritization webinar:** The [recording](#) and [presentations](#) from the May 25, 2021 TAM webinar are now available on the TAM website. This webinar featured representatives from the San Francisco Municipal

Transportation Agency and the Transit Authority of River City to discuss how they integrate TAM into capital planning efforts and use TAM to inform agency investment prioritization.

**New FAQ:** The [TAM FAQs webpage](#) has been updated to include information on the reporting requirements for transit agencies following the first TAM Plan update.

## Articles

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**Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority launches microgrid for its bus fleet:** Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority [launched a microgrid that uses on-site solar power and battery energy storage](#) to provide sustainable energy for its fleet of electric buses. The system allows the agency to reduce its demand on the grid during peak hours and enables it to charge vehicles overnight without interrupting service. The system will provide long-term energy cost reductions and promote resiliency within the system.

**New York MTA planning track renewal and signal modernization work:** The Metropolitan Transportation Authority will [complete a track renewal project this summer](#) to replace track on the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Line that has reached the end of its useful life. The project will lead to improved reliability and better service along the corridor and will be completed in conjunction with signal modernization to improve the availability of the new signal and to minimize future service disruptions.

**North County Transit District begins transition to zero-emissions bus operations:** The North County Transit District received a grant to [support the agency's transition zero-emissions bus operations](#). The new infrastructure will help move the agency closer to its goal of transitioning its entire fleet to zero-emissions buses by 2042.