Request for Information on Transit Safety Concerns

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Welcome

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Summary

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is responsible for administering a Public Transportation Safety Program to improve the safety performance of the Nation’s transit systems. FTA adopted the principles and methods of Safety Management Systems (SMS):

• As the foundation of the Safety Program,
• To proactively identify safety risks, and
• To address safety risks at the industry level.

This request for information solicits input from the public regarding FTA's safety concerns. The public is asked to provide information and data that can be used by FTA as a consideration when prioritizing safety concerns in the transit industry for SMS analysis.
Webinar Agenda

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Background

Published Public Transportation Safety Program regulation, 49 CFR Part 670

Published the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan regulation, 49 CFR Part 673

Implemented Safety Risk Management (SRM) process to proactively address safety concerns

Addressing four safety concerns utilizing SRM process and developing SRM Action Plan to prioritize safety concerns for future analyses

FTA seeks information and data from the public on safety concerns the industry believes FTA should consider including in its next SRM Action Plan for potential action at the Federal level.

FTA believes that the transit industry’s input is important in identifying and proactively mitigating safety concerns impacting the transit community.
Questions to the Public (1 of 3)

**Topic: Safety Concerns**

1. What transit safety concerns should FTA consider analyzing through its SRM process for small transit providers? Large transit providers? Rail, bus, and multimodal transit providers? Briefly describe why each identified safety concern should be considered, including any data-based evidence that may be available.

2. Are there any new or emerging safety concerns that may not yet appear in industry data (either through near-misses or not meeting reporting thresholds, for example) that should be analyzed by FTA to proactively mitigate future impacts?
Questions to the Public (2 of 3)

**Topic: Sources of Information and Data**

3. Are there additional sources of information and data, beyond those detailed in this request, that may help inform FTA’s identification of high-priority safety concerns for the SRM process and potential action at the Federal level?

4. Are there additional sources of information and data, beyond those detailed in this request, that FTA should consider in supporting the assessment and mitigation of identified transit safety risks?

5. Should data sources outside of those maintained by transit agencies and FTA, such as geographic or demographic data, be considered to support the identification of safety concerns and assessment and mitigation of safety risk? If so, which data sources and why?
Questions to the Public (3 of 3)

**Topic: Examples**

6. What are examples of safety concerns evaluated by a transit agency that can be shared with FTA?

7. What are examples of high-impact data that supported the identification of safety concerns and hazards and the corresponding safety risk assessment and mitigation that can be shared with FTA?

8. Is there anything else FTA should know regarding the identification of safety concerns for the SRM process?
Dates and Addresses

• Comments are requested by August 16, 2021.
• You may file comments identified by docket number FTA-2021-15078 by any of the following methods:

  Federal eRulemaking Portal
  Go to https://www.regulations.gov
  and follow online instructions for submitting comments

  Mail or Hand Delivery/Courier*
  Docket Management Facility
  U.S. Department of Transportation
  1200 New Jersey Ave, SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140
  Washington, DC 20590-0001

  Fax
  (202) 493-2251

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Privacy Act

- All comments received into the docket will be made public in their entirety excluding exceptions outlined in the Federal Register Notice.
- Comments will be searchable by name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.).
- You should not include information in your comment that you do not want to be made public.

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USDOT Point of Contact

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