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This issue of the PTASP TAC Update focuses on updating Safety Performance Targets (SPTs) for an Agency Safety Plan (ASP) based on the requirements of the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) regulation (49 CFR Part 673).

Featured Resources

New! The <u>Sample ASPs Fact Sheet</u> gives suggestions on how to use the sample plans FTA published to help agencies developing ASPs.

New! <u>First-Time Bus Applicants of Section 5307</u> <u>Funding Fact Sheet</u> reviews resources to help new applicants get started on their ASPs.

Updated! The <u>Applicability Infographic</u> has been updated to help newly applicable agencies determine whether they must develop an ASP to meet the requirements of the PTASP regulation.

Version 2 of the <u>SPTs Guide</u> includes clarifications on the seven required SPTs, additional information about modal categories and Reduced Reporters, and new examples.

The <u>SPTs Fact Sheet</u> contains guidance on how to determine SPTs.

FTA's National Public Transportation Safety Plan (NSP) provides the performance measures agencies use to develop SPTs.

Need Assistance?

Contact the PTASP **Technical Assistance Center (TAC)** to speak with a specialist today!



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9 a.m. to 8 p.m. EST, M-F



Contact the TAC for oneon-one technical sessions for ASP support.

ASP Implementation Workshop Recorded Version

The <u>recorded version</u> of the workshop and its accompanying <u>Participant Workbook</u> are available in the TAC Resource Library.

Revisit Past Webinars

Looking for past webinars? Check out the PTASP webinars page.

The <u>Introduction to Safety Performance Indicators and Targets</u> helps agencies develop safety performance indicators and SPTs as part of their ongoing safety performance monitoring and measurement activities for Safety Assurance.

PTASP Safety Performance Targets Webinar (Tuesday, February 4, 2020): Webinar Presentation | Webinar Recording

Access the entire TAC Resource Library by visiting FTA's <u>PTASP Technical Assistance Center website</u>.





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Q & A Highlights

Question 1:

We just finished updating our annual SPTs. We are going to be sharing these performance targets with our planning partners. Do we need our local Board of Directors to formally approve or adopt the SPTs?

FTA Response:

The Board of Directors must formally approve a revised ASP, which may include revised SPTs. This would occur during an agency's annual ASP review and update (§ 673.11(a)(1)). However, if you need to change any ASP content, such as SPTs, before your annual review activities, you are not automatically required to update the ASP and have it reapproved by the Board. PTASP documentation requirements (§ 673.31) allow an agency to make such changes through, for example, an addendum. When you later carry out the annual ASP review, you can change the ASP at that time. The updated ASP will then require the signature of the Accountable Executive and Board approval. Please note that a State Safety Oversight Agency (SSOA) has the authority to establish more specific annual review time frame requirements for the rail transit agencies in its State. We encourage rail transit agencies to coordinate with their SSOAs regarding any such requirements.

Question 2:

Our agency's service is predominately in one Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) jurisdiction, where our primary base of operations and maintenance facility are located. However, we do operate terminal facilities in two other MPO jurisdictions. Additionally, the executive management of our agency is physically located in a fourth MPO's jurisdiction, where we do not operate service at all.

For SPTs, is our agency required to coordinate with all four MPOs or just the primary MPO whose jurisdiction in which we are based?

FTA Response:

If your transit services are programmed in an MPO's Transportation Improvement Program, you must share your SPTs with that MPO.

Question 3:

Should our agency's SPTs also include the services that we contract out?

FTA Response:

The ASP must address all transit services provided by the transit agency, whether directly operated or contracted (purchased transportation). This means the agency must include SPTs in its ASP for its contracted transit service.

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