



TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT

TAMNews

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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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Announcements

New TAM Program Manager: FTA welcomes Tamalynn Kennedy as the new Transit Asset Management program manager and new point of contact for TAM-related inquiries. Tamalynn joins us from the Regional Transportation District (RTD) in Denver, Colorado, where she worked from 2017 to 2021 to produce, populate, maintain, and disseminate RTD's Transit Asset Management Asset Inventory. Prior to working in transit, Tamalynn worked in the field of library science and was the archivist for The Hershey Company (Hershey's Chocolate) for over 10 years. She can be reached via email at tamalynn.kennedy@dot.gov or by phone at (202) 366-7573.

Prepare to update your TAM plan: Updated TAM plans must be completed by October 2022! This newsletter highlights recently released resources and upcoming events to provide agencies with technical assistance to complete their TAM plan update.

TRB TAM Conference: TRB's 13th National Conference on Transportation Asset Management was held virtually from August 10-12. The conference featured presentations on strategic planning, supporting TAM operations, and preparing for the future of asset management. A recap and recordings of the event are available [here](#).

Share your agency's TAM Plans with APTA: TAM Plan examples are available on the [APTA website](#). Submit your TAM Plan to APTA to be featured on the site.

Upcoming Events

TAM Webinar: The next TAM webinar will be held on Wednesday, October 27 at 2:30pm ET and will feature FTA representatives discussing strategies for preparing the 2022 TAM plan update. Please click [here](#) to register!

New Resources

2021 TAM Virtual Roundtable: The [recording](#), [summary report](#), and [presentations](#) from the 2021 TAM Roundtable are now available. The event included opening remarks from FTA Deputy Administrator Nuria Fernandez and a transit agency executive panel that included 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.

TAM Webpage Refresh: FTA recently updated the [TAM Plans webpage](#) to provide guidance on TAM plan updates.

New FAQs: FTA added some FAQs to the [TAM FAQs webpage](#) to include information on condition assessment reporting requirements and determining whether your agency remains Tier I or Tier II. Take a look at the list of FAQs for additional support with your TAM plan update.

Articles

WMATA's regional capital investment has delivered safety and more reliable service:

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority published the [Progress Report to Stakeholders](#) as it reaches the halfway point of its six-year capital program. The report highlights a 50-percent reduction in emergency track repairs since FY2018, significant progress on its platform improvement project, and how the agency has focused on a better customer experience, including cellular coverage and free Wi-Fi in all 91 stations.

Construction begins on integrated microgrid and electric bus charging infrastructure project: Montgomery County, Maryland [began work on the Brookville Smart Energy Bus](#)

[Depot](#), which will be built and operational by mid-2022 providing charging to 44 electric buses within the County's public transit fleet, RideOn. The project is aligned with the County's priorities to reduce emissions from public transit and advance sustainability and climate resilience goals.

Changing climate presents increased risks for transit agencies: Transit agencies around the world have been forced to [respond to disruptive flooding incidents throughout the summer months](#). Legacy transit systems built during the 20th century are adapting to increased flooding driven by the warming climate through efforts to waterproof stations, protect vulnerable tracks, and increase the capacity of underground pump stations. Integrating climate resilience strategies into asset management and capital investment plans will be critical as increased flash flooding is expected to continue.

TRB releases research on state of good repair in era of budget constraints: The Transportation Research Board's Transit Cooperative Research Program published a [report addressing the legal ramifications](#) to transportation agencies that have to decide whether to repair, improve, or rebuild assets that are in poor repair. The report includes a detailed discussion of an agency's requirements related to its assessment of its risks and provides a compendium of relevant laws and practices related to achieving a state of good repair.

MBTA completes accelerated infrastructure improvements: The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority [successfully completed accelerated work on the Green Line E Branch](#). The improvements included renewing 4,600 feet of track, improving 10 pedestrian crossings, and upgrading an intersection. The project was a part of the Green Line Transportation program, which is a five-year capital investment plan to fully modernize and transform the Green Line.

BART utilizes reduced service hours to accelerate infrastructure projects: Bay Area Rapid Transit [accelerated work on its extensive rebuilding program](#) due to reduced service hours as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The rebuilding program which includes replacing track, modernizing stations, safety enhancements, and more is now 25 percent complete and ahead of schedule.