

APTA's Risk Management and Mid-Year Safety Seminar

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FTA Safety Updates

Joint Opening Session

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Agenda

1. PTASP and Technical Assistance Update
2. Transit Safety Concerns and Transit Worker Safety RFIs
3. COVID-19 Vaccine Access and Mask Requirement
4. Enhanced Transit Safety and Crime Prevention Initiative
5. Transit Advisory Committee for Safety (TRACS)
6. Bipartisan Infrastructure Law



Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Updates



Congratulations, transit agencies and States!

- 100% of Transit Agencies and States Certified to having a PTASP in place by the July 20, 2021 deadline
- PTASP Technical Assistance Center (TAC) remains available to help with PTASP implementation.
- PTASP Survey
 - Available from October 25 - November 24, 2021
 - 429 responses from transit agencies and States; and
 - 33 responses from SSOAs

Transit Safety Concerns Request for Information

Quick Facts

Date Open: July 15, 2021

Date Closed: September 22, 2021

Audience: Public (industry, transit providers, transit users, researchers, contractors, etc.)

Purpose: Solicit public input on safety concerns FTA should consider including in its next SRM Action Plan

Scope of Questions:

- Safety concerns for SRM analysis
- Emerging safety risks
- Data sources and considerations
- Safety concern identification best practices

Transit Worker Safety Request for Information

Quick Facts

Date Open: September 24, 2021

Date Closed: November 23, 2021

Audience: Public (industry, transit providers, transit users, researchers, contractors, etc.)

Purpose: Solicit public input regarding transit worker safety mitigations related to RWP programs and transit worker assault prevention

Scope of Questions:

Types of redundant protections

- RWP and transit worker assault prevention best practices
- Minimum requirements recommendations
- Information, data, and technology



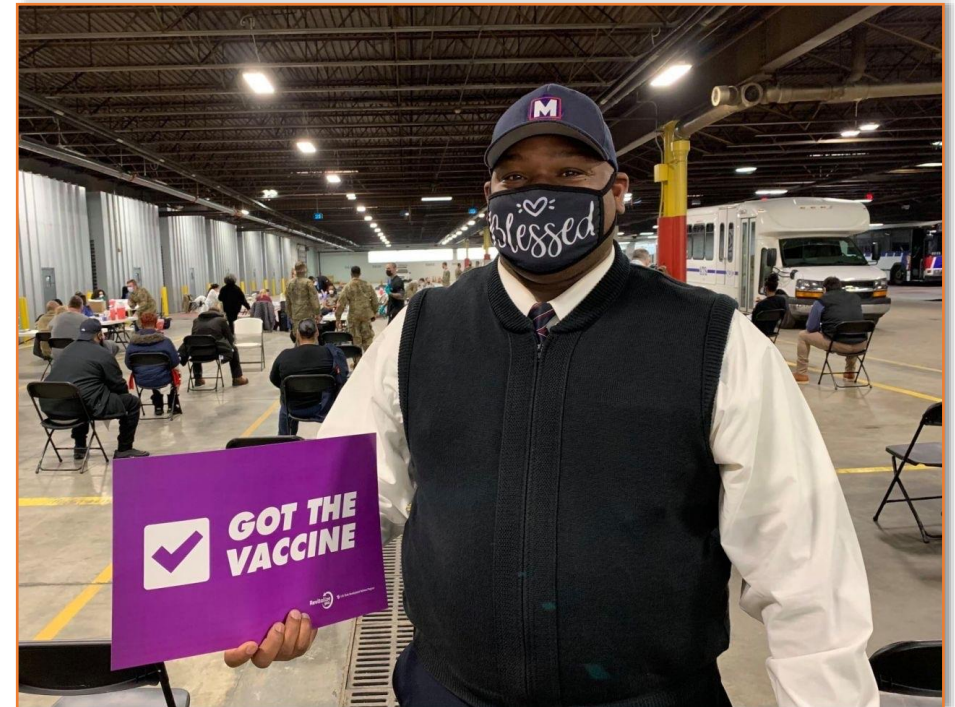
Vaccine Access Outreach

Eligibility of CARES Act, CRRSAA and ARP funds includes vaccine access services, such as:

- Free or reduced-fare rides to COVID-19 vaccinations, and
- Providing use of transit facilities or vehicles for vaccination sites.

Transit agencies incentive examples for employee vaccinations include:

- Paid time off
- Cash Awards
- Gift Cards



FTA COVID-19 Webpage

www.transit.dot.gov/coronavirus

TSA Federal Mask Requirement Updates

- The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has extended the face mask requirement through **March 18, 2022**.
- Range of penalties remains:
 - \$500-\$1,000 for first offenders and
 - \$1,000-\$3,000 for second offenders.
- For more information, visit [TSA's COVID-19 webpage](#) and [FTA's Transit Mask Up webpage](#).



Enhanced Transit Safety and Crime Prevention Initiative

- Safety is a top priority for the Biden-Harris Administration and the U.S. Department of Transportation.
- FTA's Enhanced Transit Safety and Crime Prevention Initiative provides information and resources to help transit agencies prevent and address crime in their systems to protect transit workers and riders.

Enhanced Transit Safety and Crime Prevention Initiative



Overview

Transit worker and rider safety is a top priority for the Biden-Harris Administration and the U.S. Department of Transportation. Public transit is a safe form of transportation. Transit workers should expect a safe workplace and riders should expect a safe trip.



<https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-programs/safety/enhanced-transit-safety-and-crime-prevention-initiative>



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Transit Advisory Committee for Safety (TRACS)

TRACS provides information, advice, and recommendations on transit safety and other issues.

2020 Reports:

- [TRACS Final Report 18-01 Employee Safety Reporting](#)
- [TRACS Final Report 18-02 Roadway Worker Protection](#)
- [TRACS Final Report 18-03 Trespass and Suicide Prevention](#)



<https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/transit-advisory-committee-safety-tracs>



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Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

- ✓ Enhances State Safety Oversight (SSO) programs by strengthening rail inspection practices.
- ✓ Enhances practices related to:
 - the development of transit agency safety plans,
 - improving safety training,
 - reducing assaults on vehicle operators, and
 - instituting measures to reduce vehicular and pedestrian accidents involving buses.
- ✓ Increases the set-aside for SSO grants from 0.5 percent to 0.75 percent, equaling approximately \$251 million over 5 years.
- ✓ Requires additional content be added to the National Public Transportation Safety Plan.
- ✓ Require agency safety plans to be consistent with CDC and State health authority guidelines to minimize exposure to infectious diseases.

BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW

Register to Attend [FTA's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Webinar](#) on January 7, 2022, at 2PM ET.



Questions?



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