

AASHTO MTAP Steering Committee Meeting

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Presentation Overview

The purpose of this presentation is to provide an overview of FTA's approach to reducing safety risk in the transit industry and updates on ongoing efforts to improve industry safety.

Agenda

- Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Updates
- Transit Worker Safety Initiative
- Entry-Level Driver Training Rule and How It Applies to Transit
- COVID-19 Vaccine Access and Mask Requirement
- COVID-19 Financial Spot Reviews and Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 State Management Review Cycle



Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Updates

Congratulations, transit agencies and States!

- **100%** of Transit Agencies and States are certified with Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans (PTASP) in place by the July 20, 2021 deadline.
- PTASP Technical Assistance Center remains available to help with PTASP implementation.
- PTASP Survey
 - Available from October 25-November 24, 2021
 - **429** responses from transit agencies and States
 - **33** responses from State Safety Oversight Agencies



Transit Worker Safety Initiative

Request for Information Quick Facts

Date Open: September 24, 2021

Date Closed: November 23, 2021

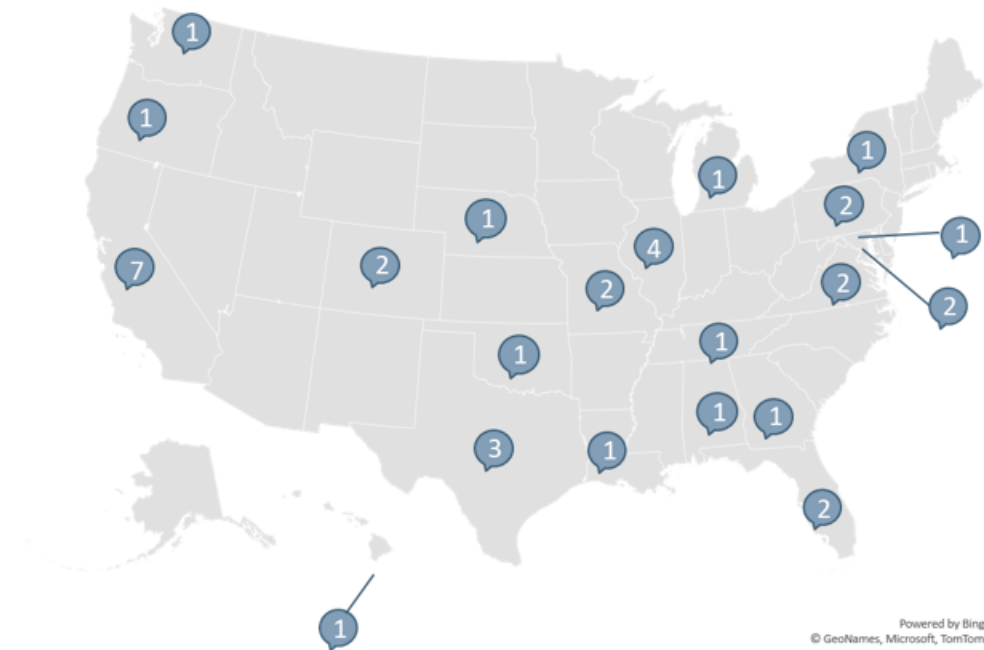
Audience: Public (industry, transit providers, transit users, researchers, contractors, etc.)


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

Scope of Questions:

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

FTA received 47 responses, representing at least 20 States and the District of Columbia



 = indicates the number of responses received from commenters located in that State



Entry-Level Driver Training Final Rule

- The Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) was published in 2016, mandated by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21)
- Set a Federal standard for mandatory training of entry-level drivers
 - Establishes minimum training requirements entry-level drivers and training providers must meet
 - States may have requirements that exceed Federal requirements
- **Compliance Date: February 7, 2022**
- Established the need for the Training Provider Registry (TPR)



Entry-Level Drivers –Who Is Covered?

The ELDT regulations establish new minimum training standards for entry-level drivers. This includes individuals applying for:

A Class A or Class B commercial driver's license (CDL) for the first time

An upgrade of an existing Class B CDL to a Class A CDL

A hazardous materials (H), passenger (P), or school bus (S) endorsement for the first time

The rule does not cover individuals for whom States have waived the CDL skills test under 49 CFR 383.



Where Can I Get Additional Details About the ELDT Final Rule?

To learn more about ELDT and the TPR:



<https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov>



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Office of Safety Programs

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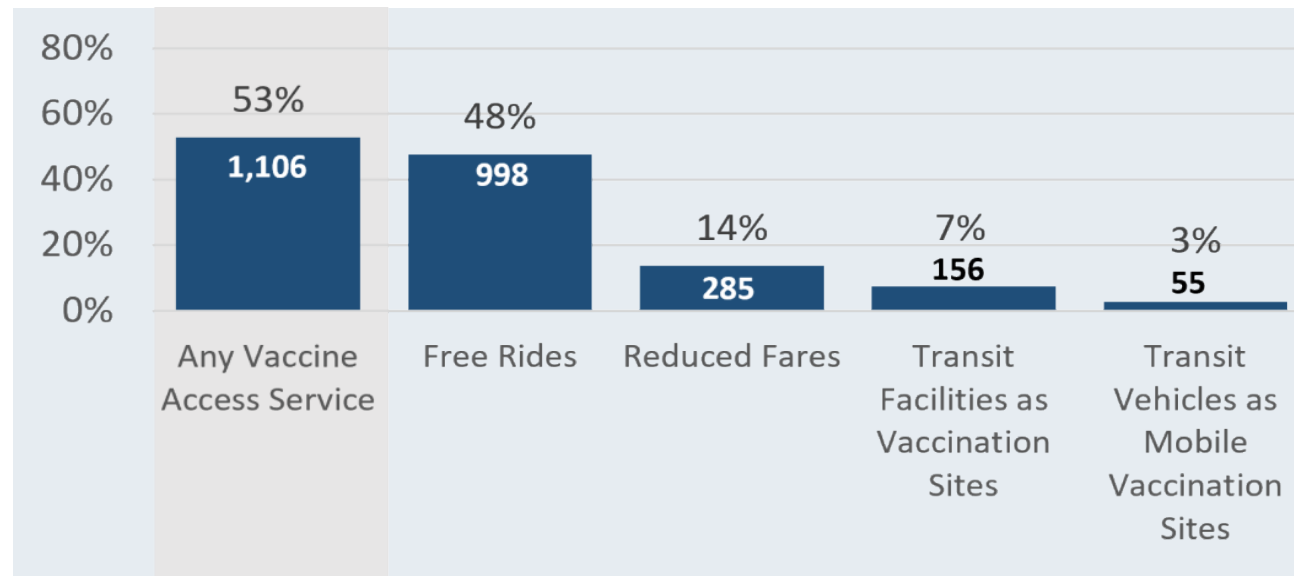


COVID-19 Vaccine Access Outreach

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

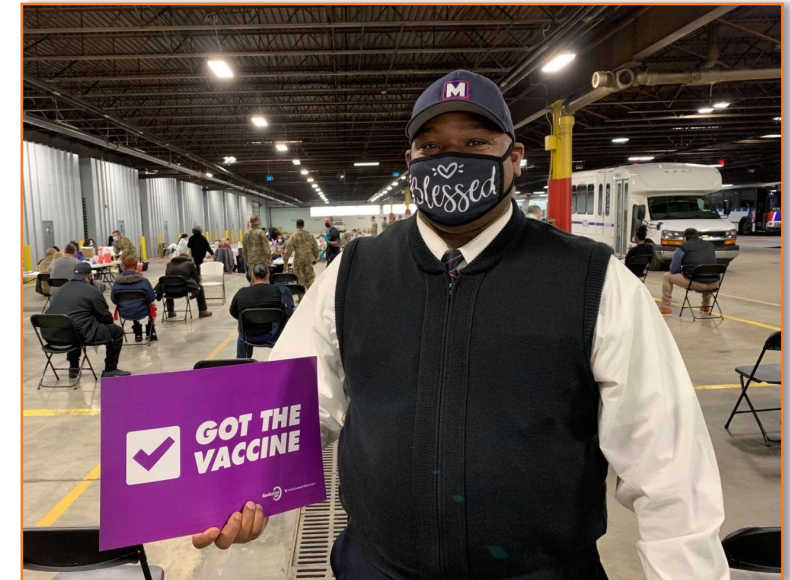
- Free or reduced-fare rides to COVID-19 vaccinations
- Providing use of transit facilities or vehicles for vaccination sites

Percentage of Agencies That Used FTA Funds to Provide Vaccine Access Services—By Service Type



FTA COVID-19 Webpage

www.transit.dot.gov/coronavirus



TSA Federal Mask Requirement Updates

- The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) extended the face mask requirement through **March 18, 2022**.
- Range of Penalties:
 - **\$500-\$1,000** for first offenders
 - **\$1,000-\$3,000** for second offenders
- Resources:
 - [TSA COVID-19 Webpage](#)
 - [FTA Transit Mask Up Webpage](#)



COVID-19 Financial Spot Reviews – 1/3/22

FTA Region	Spot Reviews	Scoping Complete	Review Notification Sent to Recipient	Recipient Documentation Received	*Preliminary Report Sent to Recipient	**Technical Assistance	Final Report Sent to Recipient	Review Closed
1	7	7	7	7	0	0	6	0
2	5	5	5	5	5	0	2	0
3	10	10	10	10	10	2	8	5
4	21	21	21	21	9	9	11	4
5	21	21	21	21	16	6	7	7
6	15	15	15	15	7	1	9	4
7	3	3	3	3	2	1	1	1
8	4	4	4	4	2	1	4	3
9	29	29	28	28	15	12	13	10
10	3	3	3	3	1	0	3	2
Grand Total	119	119	117	117	67	32	64	36

*If no issues, the FTA Regional Office has the discretion to finalize the report and close the review.

**Technical assistance is provided at the request of the recipient if there are issues identified during the review.



Round #2 Update and Criteria

- Using the Financial Management Oversight (FMO) Contractors to conduct the Round #2 Spot Reviews
- Criteria for Round #2 recipient selection includes:
 - **Criteria 1** – Recipients that had a COVID-19 related financial finding(s) from Round #1 of Spot Reviews
 - **Criteria 2** – Recipients that had a COVID-19 related financial finding(s) from their Fiscal Year (FY) 21 Triennial Review (TR), State Management Review (SMR) or FMO
 - **Criteria 3** – Recipients on the 95 percent list of all COVID-19 disbursements (FY21) that do not receive a regular TR/SMR and have not received a spot review yet
 - **Criteria 4** – Recipients requested by an FTA Regional Office



FY22 SMRs

FTA Region	Recipient
TRO-01	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority*
	Vermont Agency of Transportation
TRO-02	The New Jersey Transit Corporation*
	New York Department of Transportation
TRO-04	Georgia Department of Transportation*
	Georgia Department of Human Services
TRO-05	Michigan Department of Transportation
	Ohio Department of Transportation
	Wisconsin Department of Transportation

FTA Region	Recipient
TRO-06	Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development
	New Mexico Department of Transportation
TRO-07	Nebraska Department of Transportation
TRO-08	Colorado Department of Transportation
	Wyoming Department of Transportation
TRO-10	Idaho Department of Transportation
	Oregon Department of Transportation

* Combined TR/SMR



Questions?



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