

APTA Safety Spotlight Webinar

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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 Updates
- Transit Worker Safety Initiative
- Entry-Level Driver Training Rule and How It Applies to Transit
- COVID-19 Vaccine Access and Mask Requirement
- Implementing the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Requirements
- FTA Reestablishes the Transit Advisory Committee for Safety or TRACS



Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Updates

- **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 continues to help with PTASP implementation, reviews and updates.
- PTASP Annual Survey: October 25-November 24, 2021
 - **429** responses from Transit Agencies and States
 - **33** responses from State Safety Oversight Agencies



PTASP Webinar: SMS Techniques for Monitoring Operations and Maintenance Procedures (February 23, 2022 | 2 pm-3 pm ET)

www.transit.dot.gov/PTASP-Webinars



Transit Worker Safety Request for Information

Request for Information Quick Facts

Date Open: September 24, 2021

Date Closed: November 23, 2021

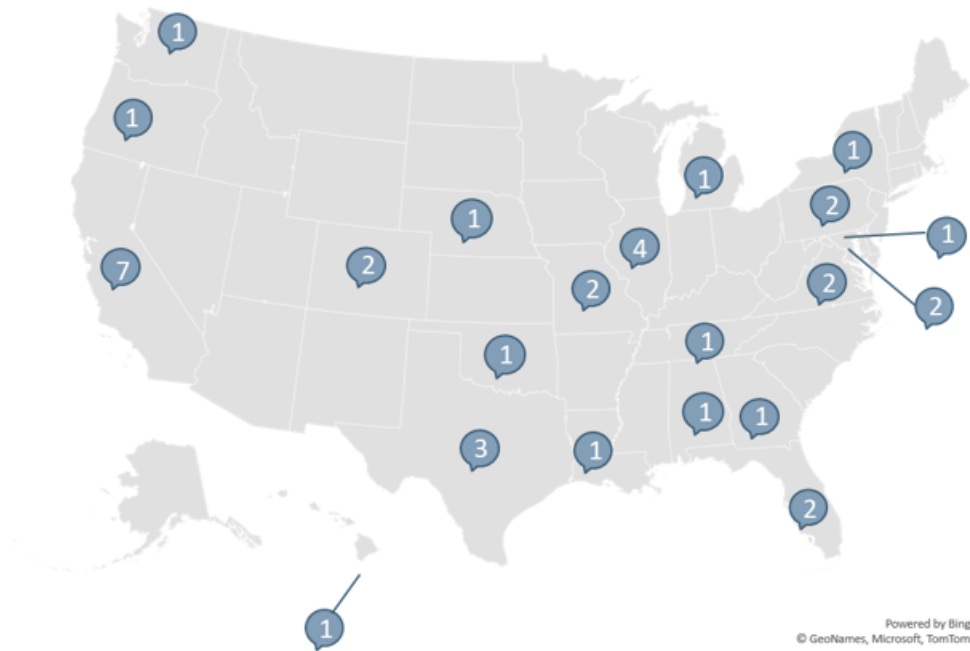
Audience: Public (industry, transit providers, transit users, researchers, contractors, etc.)


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>



Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
Office of Safety Programs
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590
Email: <https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov/#contact>

Access the FMCSA ELDT Rule Requirement Webinar Presentation Slides and Recording: 

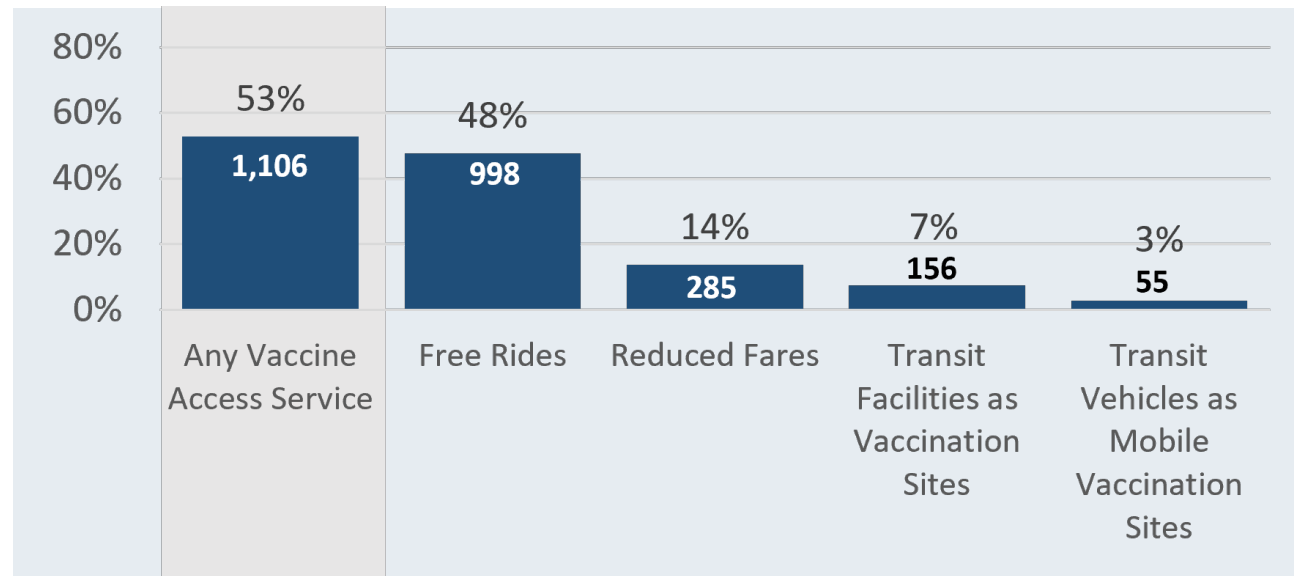
- www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/safety-rulemaking
- www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/fta-sponsored-training-courses



COVID-19 Vaccine Access Outreach

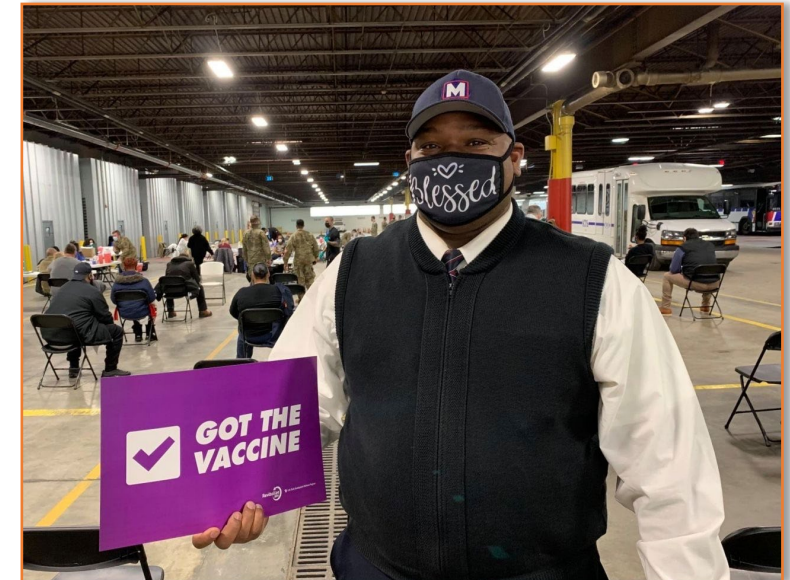
- We saw a 30.8% increase in the number of transit worker positive cases (20,660 new cases in December 2021).
- The transit worker vaccination rate rose to 74% (among agencies reporting this data point); this percentage now exceeds the national adult vaccination rate.

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](#)



Implementing the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Requirements

- FTA is working diligently to implement the changes required by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to enhance transit safety.
- These changes include enhancing the State Safety Oversight Program by strengthening rail inspection practices, provisions to address assaults on transit operators, and helping ensure safe and equitable access to transit.
- FTA will provide information regarding the implementation of these new provisions as quickly as possible.

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FTA Reestablishes the Transit Advisory Committee for Safety

- On January 18, 2022, FTA announced its intent to reestablish the Transit Advisory Committee for Safety (TRACS).
- TRACS has provided FTA with valuable recommendations for over 10 years on transit safety and other issues as determined by the Secretary of Transportation and the FTA Administrator.
- A Federal Register Notice soliciting membership nomination will be published in the coming weeks.



Questions?



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