



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

Read FTA's Dear Colleague Letter: FTA issued a [Dear Colleague letter](#) regarding the TAM plan update deadline of October 1, 2022. The letter reminds chief executive officers and general managers of their responsibility to ensure TAM plans were developed to comply with the original rule are updated accordingly.

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: The [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#) legislation authorizes up to \$108 billion to support federal public transportation programs, the largest federal investment in public transportation in the nation's history. The legislation will advance public transportation in America's communities through four key priorities: safety, modernization, climate, and equity. This FTA site maintains information and resources on the associated programs.

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

Enroll in an FHWA edX pilot today: FHWA's Transportation Performance Management (TPM) Program sponsored a 2021 pilot that enables public sector transportation practitioners to enroll in courses (one or many!) and earn verified course certificates, professional certificates, or MicroMaster certificates from reputable institutions at no cost. See the [pilot program flier](#) for more details and a link to register.

Upcoming Events

Save the Date for the April 28, 2022, Webinar: FTA will host a [webinar](#) 1:00-2:00 p.m. ET Thursday, April 28, 2022 to review how to use the newest version of TAMPLATE to create a TAM plan. The webinar will feature a tutorial from Tamalynn Kennedy, TAM Program Manager for FTA as well as a peer presentation from Kyle Laird, Mobility and Systems Planner for Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART).

The **Using TAMPLATE to Create a TAM Plan** webinar is part of a larger webinar series that FTA hosts to address important topics relating to TAM. TAM is an essential practice for providing safer, more reliable transit service nationwide while helping lower operating costs.

[Registration](#) for the Using TAMPLATE to Create a TAM Plan webinar is now available. The webinar will be recorded and made available on the [FTA TAM webpage](#).

2022 TAM Roundtable Registration: Register for the [2022 TAM Roundtable](#), which will be held Tuesday, July 19. Please keep an eye on the [TAM website](#) for details.

NTI TAM Lifecycle Management Training: Mark your calendars and sign up for the Spring/Summer sessions of [NTI's Enhancing Your Transit Asset Management Program with Lifecycle Management](#) training. There is still space available in the [May](#) and [June](#) sessions.

New Resources

TAMPLATE User Manual: The [TAMPLATE User Manual](#) is a companion document that walks you through each section of TAMPLATE to generate a TAM plan. In general, personnel who are knowledgeable about your organization's assets and responsible for asset management processes (e.g., procurement, maintenance, compliance, etc.) are best positioned to complete a TAM plan.

Updated Group Plan Sponsor Workbook: The FTA [Group Plan Sponsor Workbook](#) provides a consolidated list of activities, considerations, suggestions, and best practices related to group TAM plans to assist Group Plan sponsors in developing Group Plans. FTA has recently updated the workbook in advance of the October 2022 TAM Plan update.

2022 Using Decision Support Tools for TAM Webinar: View the [recording](#), [presentation slides](#), and [transcript](#) from the February 3, 2022 TAM webinar.

Updated Condition Assessment FAQs: FTA updated the [Condition Assessment FAQ](#) to provide stakeholders with additional support.

TRB's 13th National Conference on Transportation Asset Management Circular: TRB released the [Conference Circular](#) summarizing the conference proceedings in February 2022. The conference featured a variety of topics highlighting best practices in areas such as risk management, life cycle planning, and Transportation Asset Management Plan development.

Sustainability and Urban Design Standards: APTA's [Sustainability and Urban Design Standards](#). These documents apply to all transit modes, stations, and facilities. Topics include best practices for sustainable urban design and issues associated with design, such as complete streets, livability, partnership and more.

24th Edition of the Conditions and Performance Report: The U.S. DOT published the [24th Edition of the Conditions and Performance Report](#), which found that as of 2016, an estimated 21% of buses and 10% of rail transit assets are in marginal or poor condition, with a backlog of \$105.1 billion in deferred maintenance and replacement.

Articles

More electric buses join transit fleets as costs and technology improve: Since 2018, battery-electric transit buses (BEBs) currently on order or operating in the US grew 112

percent. Smart Cities took a [deep dive](#) to evaluate how transit agencies are identifying efficient methods to incorporate more electric buses into their fleets.

\$41 million Napa Valley public transit maintenance facility construction begins: The [North Bay Business Journal](#) highlighted the construction of a \$41 million facility. The new facility will help the Napa Valley Transit agency accommodate an expanded fleet of up to 80 transit vehicles.

Philadelphia to put first automated shuttle into service: This summer, the City of Philadelphia intends to implement an [Autonomous Vehicle \(AV\) shuttle service](#), which will service passengers within the Philadelphia Navy Yard and to a nearby Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) station.

Changing Trends in Public Transit Lead to Innovative Strategies: This article highlights research, which details [declining ridership among mid-size cities](#) and identifies ways in which transit agencies within these cities can apply innovative strategies to increase ridership.

CTA plans for all-electric bus fleet by 2040: The [Chicago Transit Authority \(CTA\)](#) has announced the details of a multi-year analysis for the full electrification of the current CTA bus fleet. The study will serve as the first-ever roadmap for full-electrification of the bus fleet, facilities and supporting infrastructure by the year 2040.

USA's largest ever public autonomous shuttle deployment announced in Jacksonville: [Florida's Jacksonville Transportation Authority \(JTA\)](#) has announced that it has selected the Balfour Beatty Vision 2 Reality (V2R) team and autonomous vehicle (AV) solutions provider **Beep** to deliver its new public AV service.

'A no-brainer': Merrimack Valley RTA makes all buses free to ride for two years: [The drop of fares, announced in December](#), will be effective across all MVRTA local bus lines. Transit authorities hope it will reattract riders lost during the COVID pandemic and open the buses to people struggling to afford rides.