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This issue of the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Technical Assistance Center (TAC) Update focuses on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and changes to Agency Safety Plan (ASP) requirements.

Featured Resources

New! [Monitoring Operations and Maintenance Procedures Guide](#): Provides examples of how transit agencies may monitor compliance with operations and maintenance procedures and ensure their sufficiency.

Webinar: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Changes to PTASP Requirements

[Presentation](#) | [Recording](#)

[Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Updates to the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Regulation:](#)

Describes the new requirements in 49 U.S.C. § 5329(d).

Access the entire TAC Resource Library by visiting FTA's [PTASP TAC website](#).

Q & A Highlights

Question 1:

Our transit agency serves an urbanized area with a population of fewer than 200,000 (small urbanized area), and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law states the agency must develop its ASP in cooperation with frontline employee representatives. If our current ASP was developed with frontline employee representatives, how do we go about documenting this?

FTA Response:

If your transit agency has already developed or updated its ASP in cooperation with frontline employee representatives, it has met the requirement for ASP development in cooperation with frontline employee representatives.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law does not establish specific documentation requirements for

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Contact the TAC for **one-on-one technical sessions** for ASP development and implementation support.

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Resources

[FTA Bipartisan Infrastructure Law web page](#)

[Dear Colleague Letter: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Changes to PTASP Requirements](#)

[Bipartisan Infrastructure Law changes to PTASP requirements at 49 U.S.C. 5329\(d\)](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\): Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Changes to PTASP Requirements](#)

Have questions about the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law?

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this activity. However, transit agencies should document cooperation with frontline employee representatives in a way that is consistent with the PTASP documentation requirements at [49 CFR § 673.31](#), maintaining the documentation for a minimum of three years after it is created.

Question 2:

To meet the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law requirements, by December 31, 2022, do the Safety Committee and the Board of Directors (or Equivalent Authority) need to approve our ASP update, and does the Accountable Executive need to sign the ASP?

FTA Response:

As noted in FTA's [Dear Colleague Letter](#), a transit agency that receives Section 5307 funding and serves an urbanized area with a population of 200,000 or more (large urbanized area) must establish a Safety Committee by July 31, 2022. If the transit agency is not yet compliant with the new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law PTASP requirements, this committee must approve an update to the agency's ASP by December 31, 2022. This approval must occur before the transit agency's Board of Directors (or Equivalent Authority) approves the update. The Board of Directors (or Equivalent Authority) approval of and Accountable Executive signature on the ASP are not required to occur by December 31, 2022.

Question 3:

Our agency receives Section 5307 funds; however, we do NOT serve an urbanized area with a population of 200,000 or more. Is our agency still required to form a Safety Committee?

FTA Response:

No, your agency is not required to have a Safety Committee if it does not serve an urbanized area with a population of 200,000 or more (large urbanized area). The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law only requires Section 5307 recipients that serve a large urbanized area to establish a Safety Committee. To identify the urbanized area(s) your agency serves, refer to slide 6 of FTA's [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Changes to PTASP Requirements](#) webinar, which gives instructions for referring to data reported to the National Transit Database.

ASP Directory

FTA has added an [Agency Safety Plan Directory](#) to the TAC Resource Library. Transit agencies can use these publicly available ASPs as a resource to help with their own ASP.

FTA has not assessed whether any of the plans meet applicable statutory or regulatory requirements. This directory is provided for technical assistance only.

If you would like to add your ASP to the ASP directory, please contact PTASP-TAC@dot.gov.

Upcoming Webinar

Leadership, Tools, and Practices for a Robust SMS (Roundtable)

When: Wednesday, September 28
2:00 p.m. EDT

Registration coming soon