

# AASHTO MTAP Steering Committee Meeting

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# PTASP Safety Committee Compliance Date

- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law changes to Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) requirements specify that certain transit agencies establish a Safety Committee by **July 31, 2022**.
- Safety Committee Roles/Responsibilities include:
  - Approving Agency Safety Plans and updates
  - Identifying and recommending risk-based mitigations or strategies
  - Identifying mitigations or strategies that may be ineffective
  - Identifying safety deficiencies

## Bipartisan Infrastructure Law



Updates and resources:  
[www.transit.dot.gov/BIL](http://www.transit.dot.gov/BIL)



FAQs:  
<https://bit.ly/3RjxOqN>



Questions? Email:  
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# Safety Committee Timeline

## Management tool for examining grantee performance and adherence to FTA requirements and policies

Reviews starting in January 2023 will confirm that agencies have the following elements in place:



By July 31, 2022, FTA expects that agencies who receive Section 5307 funding and who serve a large UZA will have established a Safety Committee.



By December 31, 2022, FTA expects that agencies will have compliant Agency Safety Plans approved by the Safety Committee (for agencies required to have Safety Committees) or developed in consultation with frontline employee representatives (for agencies serving small UZAs).



# Spring 2022 Safety Regulatory Agenda Overview

## Rail Transit Roadway Worker Protection

- Establishes minimum baseline standards and risk-based redundant protection requirements

## State Safety Oversight

- Introduces changes to clarify State Safety Oversight Agencies' (SSOA) oversight responsibilities and authority to conduct inspections

## Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program

- Amends training curriculum to reflect new requirements and training course information

## Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans

- Incorporates new requirements established through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law



<https://www.reginfo.gov/public/>



# The Rulemaking Process

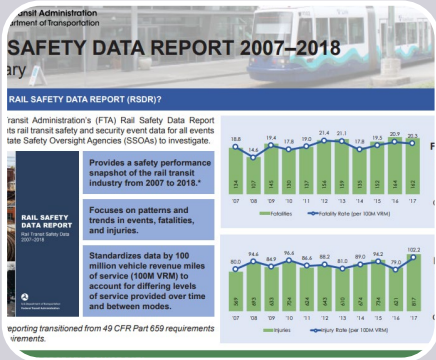
Statute Authorizes Rulemaking



Source: Congressional Resource Service



# Rail Transit Grade Crossing Safety



## FTA Rail Safety Data Report

- <https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/rail-and-bus-safety-data-reports>



## FTA Safety Bulletin 19-03

- [www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/fta-safety-bulletins](https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/fta-safety-bulletins)



## Multi-Modal Highway-Rail Crossing Safety Action Team



## Operation Lifesaver, Inc.

- [www.oli.org](http://www.oli.org)



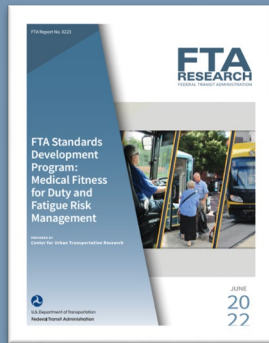
## Stop. Trains Can't Campaign

- [www.transportation.gov/stop-trains-cant](https://www.transportation.gov/stop-trains-cant)





# Recently Published FTA Safety Research Reports



## Medical Fitness for Duty and Fatigue Risk Management | July 2022

Assesses current standards and identifies gaps in practices for hours of service for transit workers, route and personnel scheduling, medical examination certifications, training, and more.



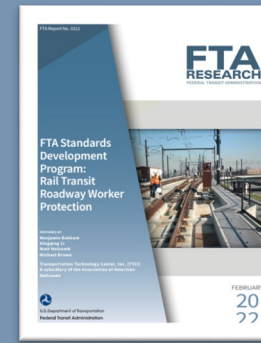
## Over-the-Counter and Prescription Drug Use in the Public Transit Industry | June 2022

Identifies gaps that exist in current standards, recommended practices, and guidance documents for prescription and over-the-counter medication.



## Rail Transit Roadway/Pedestrian Grade Crossing, Exploratory Report | May 2022

Includes an industry survey, case studies on four transit agencies and existing national standards, guidelines and regulations.



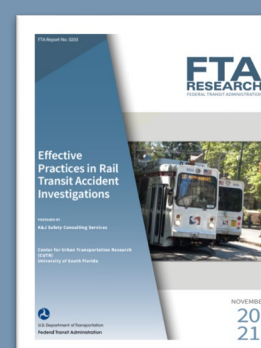
## Rail Transit Roadway Worker Protection | February 2022

Contains research reviewing existing standards and best practices. Presents use cases and high-level concepts of operations for roadway worker protection.



## Effective Practices in Bus Transit Accident Investigations and Background Research | November 2021

Documents practices that were developed to provide bus transit agencies leading transit industry practices for performing investigations.



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# Questions

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