

Substance Abuse Program Administrators Association

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Drug and Alcohol Program Update

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Program Overview

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Part 655 Program Components

Omnibus Transportation Testing Act in 1991 authorized the Federal Transit Administration to issue regulations (49 CFR Part 655) to recipients of transit formula funds to establish a program to test safety-sensitive employees for the misuse of alcohol or the use of prohibited drugs.

Grantees receiving funding for:



Section 5339, Bus and Bus Facilities



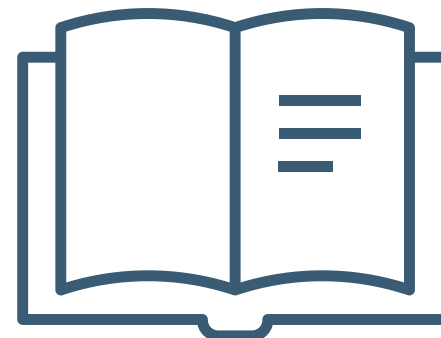
Section 5307, Urbanized Area



Section 5309, Capital Investment



Section 5311, Rural Area Program



Required to test for Cocaine, Marijuana, Opiates, Amphetamines and Phencyclidine (PCP)



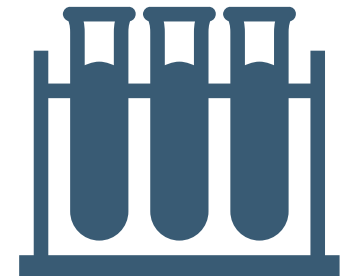
Oral Fluid Testing

Health and Human Service (HHS) – submitted rule to allow “oral fluids” as a “permissible methodology for Federal employee's drug testing”

OTETA (Omnibus) requires DOT to follow HHS

However, **Oral Fluid** drug testing is **not authorized in DOT's current drug testing program**

- DOT must develop its own testing process / regulation
- DOT regulations currently require:
 - Split Specimen
 - Test only for use... not exposure



The FTA Regulated Landscape (2021)

Grantees	Entities	Safety-Sensitive Employees	Random Drug Tests	Random Alcohol Tests	Post-Accident Drug Tests	Post Accident Alcohol Tests
661	3,257	275,432	150,465	63,921	9,767	9,140



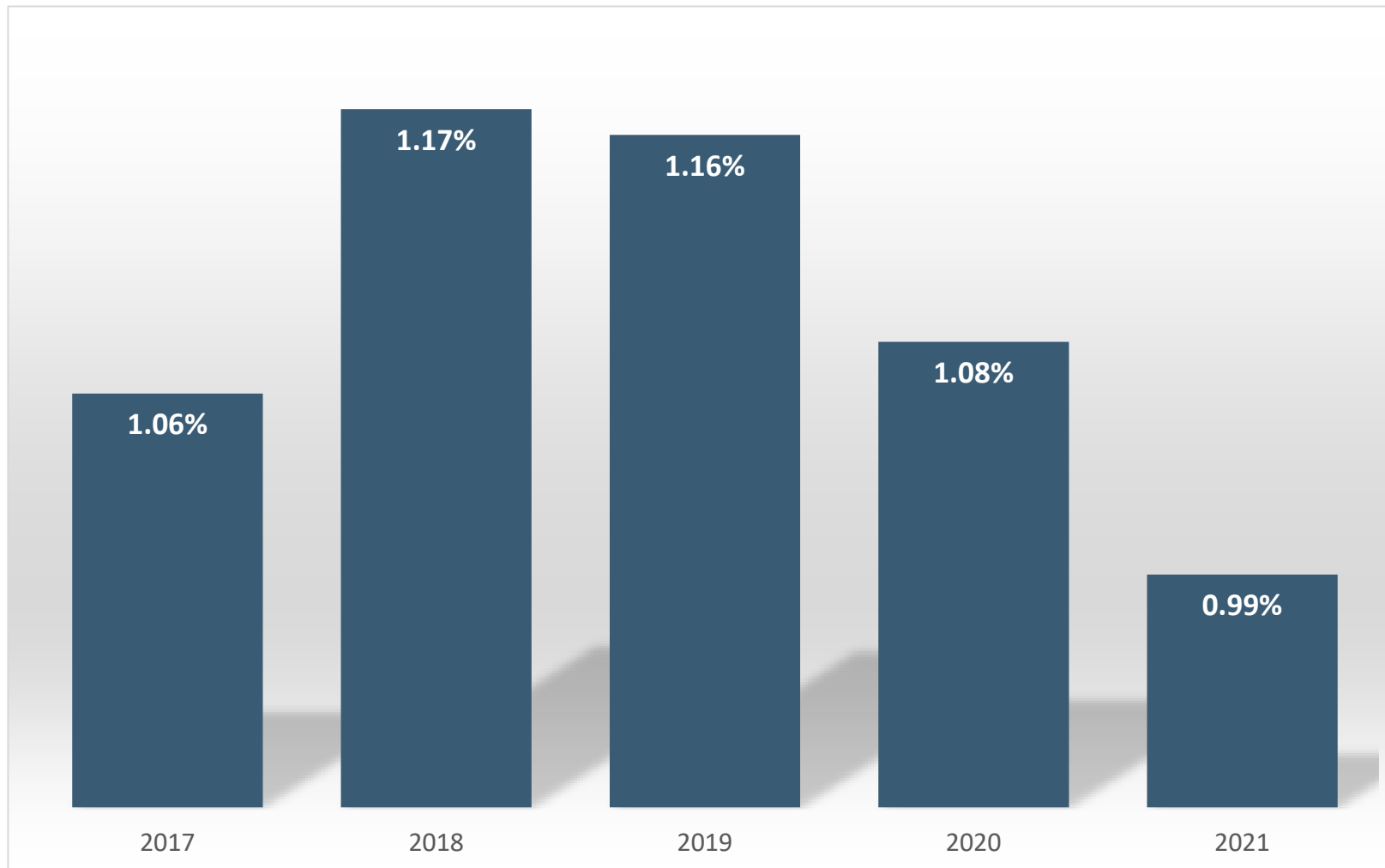
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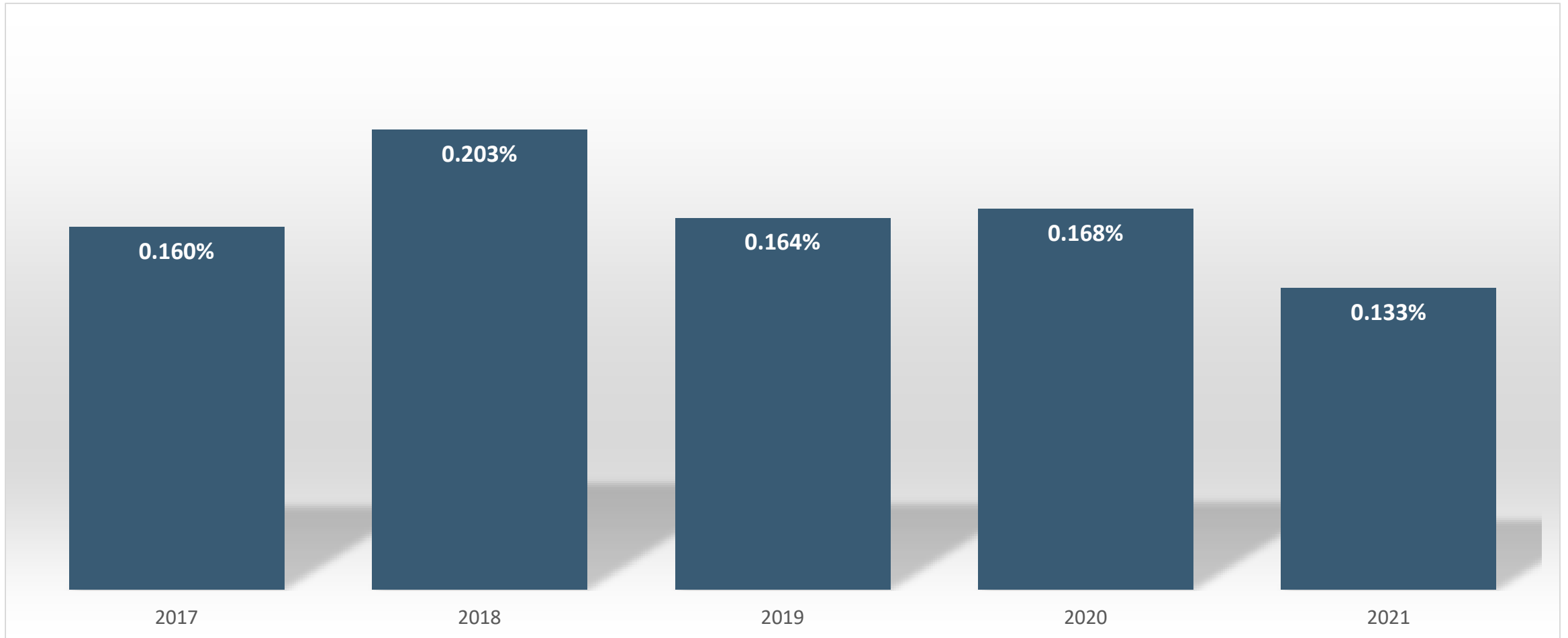
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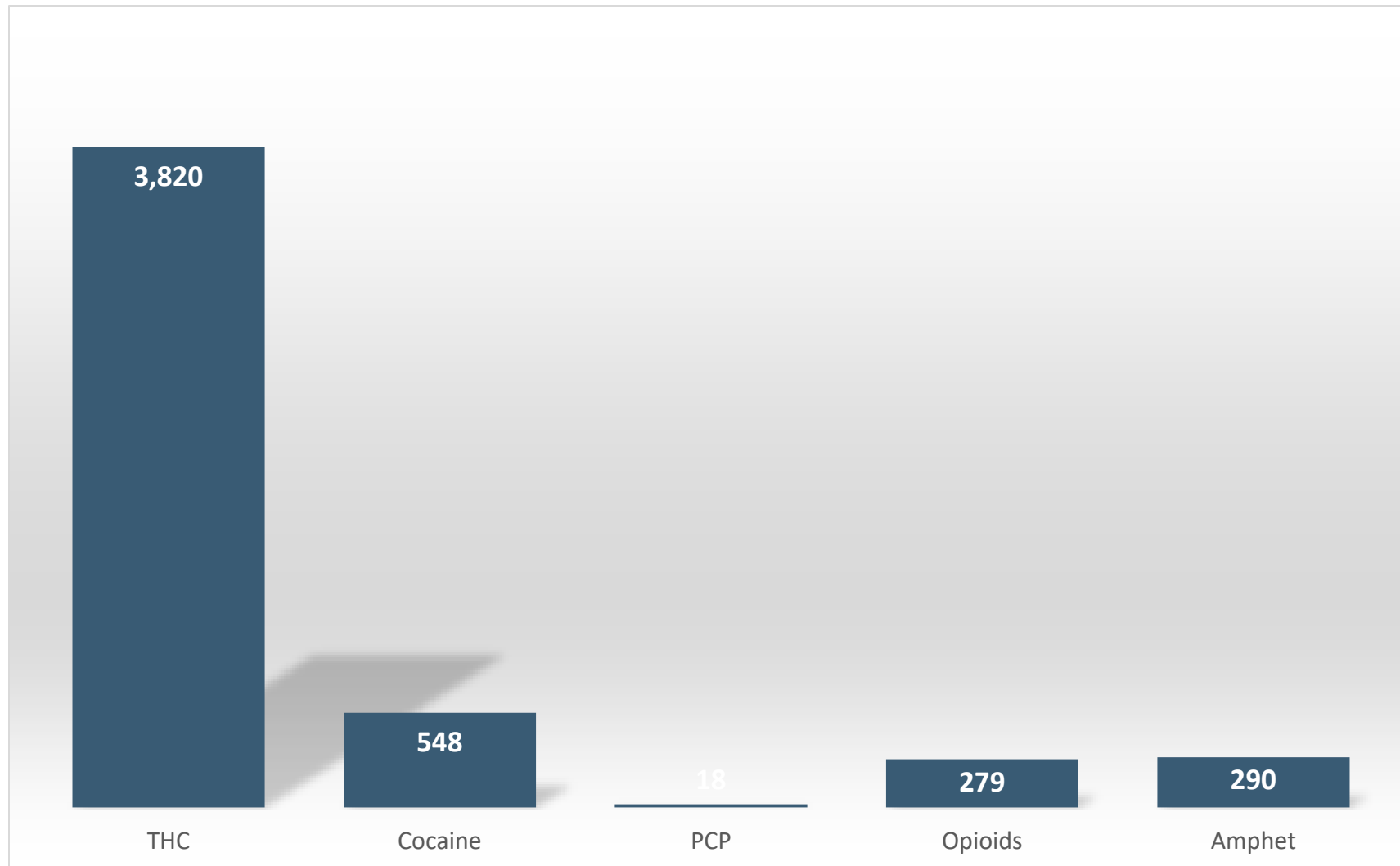
FTA Random Drug Testing Positive Rate (2017 - 2021)



FTA Random Alcohol Testing Violation Rate (2017 - 2021)



Number of Verified Positives – Drug Type (2021)



Resources



Part 655 Program Components

FTA Drug and Alcohol Regulation *Updates* Newsletter

[Drug and Alcohol Newsletter](#)

60 Minute Training Video

Meets the requirements of section 655.14(b)

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FTA Policy Builder

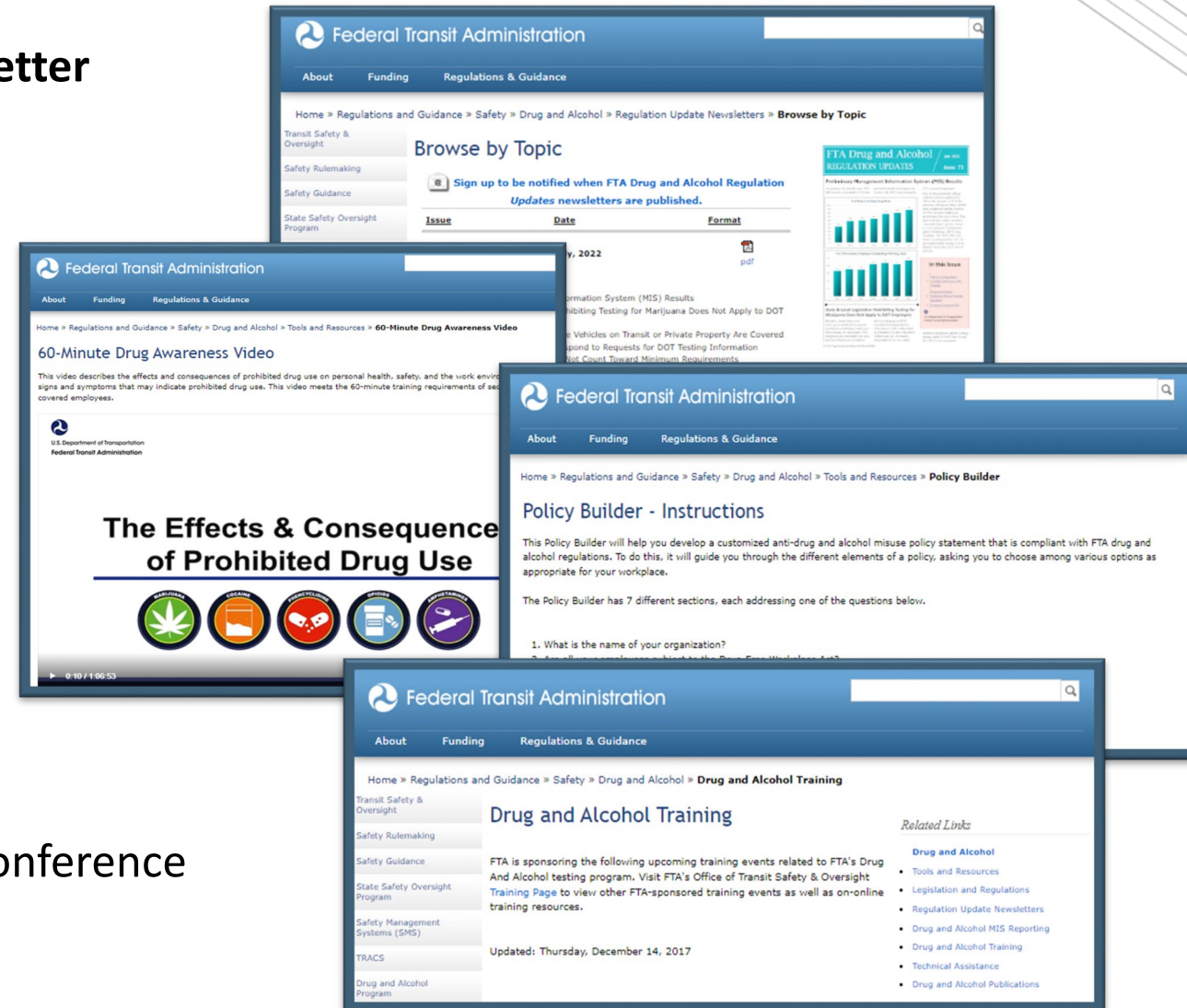
Reflects Recent Part 40 Revisions

[FTA Policy Builder](#)

Trainings and Conferences

Annual FTA Drug and Alcohol Program National Conference

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