



Reminder: Updates to Agency Safety Plans to Comply with Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Requirements

Overview

Most of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law changes to the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) requirements apply to transit agencies based on whether a transit agency receives Federal assistance under the Urbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5307) and the size of the urbanized area (UZA) it serves:

- Small UZA: a population of 50,000 to 199,999
- Large UZA: a population of 200,000 or more

Resources

- [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law web page](#)
- [ASP Review Checklist for Bus Transit](#)
- [ASP Review Checklist for Rail Transit Agencies and State Safety Oversight Agencies](#)

Transit agencies can identify the UZAs they serve through [data reported to the National Transit Database](#). The [2020 Annual Database Federal Funding Allocation](#) file presents the latest available data on UZAs served and their population size.¹

Agency Safety Plan (ASP) Checklist Updates

To assist transit agencies with the new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law requirements for ASPs, FTA has updated the PTASP checklists for [bus transit](#) and [Rail Transit Agencies and State Safety Oversight Agencies](#). The checklists now include items such as cooperation with frontline employee representatives in ASP development (for small UZA agencies), Safety Committee approval of the ASP (for large UZA agencies), and the Risk Reduction Program (for large UZA agencies).

The [PTASP Technical Assistance Center](#) offers voluntary ASP reviews. For more information, call 877-827-7243 or email PTASP-TAC@dot.gov.

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Certification

Applicable recipients are required to certify that they have established a compliant ASP as part of the annual [certifications and assurances](#) for FTA grants and cooperative agreements. FTA monitors these certifications in its Transit Award Management System. FTA will integrate the new requirements at 49 U.S.C. § 5329(d) into the Triennial and [State Management Reviews](#) beginning in Calendar Year 2023.

For details on changes to the PTASP requirements, see also the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Changes to 49 U.S.C. § 5329 \(d\)](#). For additional details on PTASP applicability, see the [PTASP Frequently Asked Questions](#).



PTASP Technical Assistance Available Now

- Access one-on-one Agency Safety Plan support
- Learn and share through the PTASP Community of Practice
- Explore the PTASP Resource Library

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/PTASP-TAC>