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This issue of the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Technical Assistance Center (TAC) Update focuses on recent agency questions to the TAC.

Featured Resources

New! [Employee Safety Reporting Program \(Part 3\): Encouraging Worker Participation](#): Looks at how an agency might address organizational, working environment, or individual barriers that could deter workers from reporting.

[Accessing and Using National Transit Database \(NTD\) Safety and Security Event Data Guide](#): Reviews how to access NTD Safety and Security data to support a transit agency's safety performance measurement activities and benchmarking efforts.

Using the NTD to Support Safety Analysis in a Safety Management System:

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

[Safety Performance Targets \(SPT\) Guide](#): Provides information to help transit agencies develop SPTs based on the Safety Performance Measures in FTA's existing National Public Transportation Safety Plan.¹

[Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Fact Sheet: Public Transportation Safety Program](#): Includes information on the new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law PTASP requirements, including requirements for certain transit agencies to develop and add risk reduction programs to their Agency Safety Plan (ASP).

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

Need Assistance?

Contact the PTASP TAC at



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1 (877) 827-7243



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

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Have questions about the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law? Email FTA-IIJA@dot.gov.

See also the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Changes to PTASP Requirements Webinar](#).

The [PTASP Checklist for Bus Transit Agencies](#) and [PTASP Checklist for Rail Transit Agencies and State Safety Oversight Agencies](#) include the current Bipartisan Infrastructure Law PTASP requirements at 49 U.S.C § 5329(d).

¹ Performance targets for a risk reduction program are not required to be in place until FTA has updated the National Public Transportation Safety Plan to include these performance measures required by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.



Q & A Highlights

Question 1:

Does FTA have a definition for “injury” as it relates to setting SPTs?

FTA Response:

For the “injuries” safety performance measure, FTA uses the NTD definition of “injury.” This includes all injuries reported to the NTD resulting from a major safety event (Safety & Security [S&S] 40 Form) for NTD Full Reporters. This excludes injuries resulting from security events, but transit agencies may opt to include security-related injuries in their safety performance measurement activities and SPTs. Transit agencies may also choose to include injuries resulting from non-major safety events (S&S-50 Form), but FTA does not require this.

Question 2:

Can a transit agency incorporate de-escalation training into its risk reduction program?

FTA Response:

Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law PTASP requirements, Section 5307 recipients that serve a large urbanized area (200,000 or more) are required to include de-escalation training within their safety training programs.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law also requires such agencies serving large urbanized areas to establish a risk reduction program for transit operations to improve safety by reducing the number and rates of accidents, injuries, and assaults on transit workers based on data submitted to the NTD. One of the elements of the risk reduction program is the mitigation of the safety risk related to assaults on transit workers. Accordingly, a transit agency may choose to incorporate de-escalation training into its risk reduction program.

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Upcoming Webinar

Identifying Causal Factors in Safety Event Investigations

When: March 29, 2023
2:00 p.m. EST

Registration Coming Soon

ASP Directory

The [Agency Safety Plan Directory](#) is available in the TAC Resource Library. Transit agencies can use these publicly available ASPs as a resource to help with their own ASPs.

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

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