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This issue of the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Technical Assistance Center (TAC) Update focuses on PTASP requirements for agencies whose urbanized area (UZA) size may have changed due to the 2020 Census update.

## Featured Resources

**New!** Making the Most of Your Employee Safety Reporting Program (ESRP):

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

**2020 Census: Resources and Information:** Includes resources and webinars related to the 2020 Census urban area delineations and the impacts to FTA grant recipients.

**2020 Census Changes UZA/Population:** Provides a table with decennial urban area data from 2010 to 2020 for urban areas that are “urbanized areas” under 49 U.S.C. § 5302.

**Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Updates to the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Regulation:**

Provides information on the new requirements for agencies that are required to have an Agency Safety Plan (ASP) in place under the PTASP regulation.

**PTASP Checklist for Bus Transit 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).

Access the entire TAC Resource Library by visiting FTA’s [PTASP TAC website](#). The PTASP TAC also offers voluntary ASP reviews. For more information or technical assistance, call 877-827-7243 or email [PTASP-TAC@dot.gov](mailto:PTASP-TAC@dot.gov).

### Need Assistance?

Contact the PTASP TAC at



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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](mailto:FTA-IIJA@dot.gov).*

*See also the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Changes to PTASP Requirements Webinar](#) and [PTASP FAQs for New Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Requirements](#).*

### Upcoming Webinar

#### Identifying Causal Factors in Safety Event Investigations

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

[Register Here](#)



## Q & A Highlights

### Question 1:

Our agency primarily serves a small UZA, but we provide some service to a large UZA. Are we required to establish a Safety Committee?

### FTA Response:

Yes. If a Section 5307 recipient primarily serves a small UZA but also provides service to a large UZA, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law requirements for agencies serving large UZAs apply. This includes the requirement to establish a joint labor-management Safety Committee.

### Question 2:

How can a transit agency document its Safety Committee's approval of the ASP?

### FTA Response:

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law does not establish specific procedures for documenting the Safety Committee's approval of the ASP. Transit agencies may determine the format that best suits their needs. Agencies could document the approval through Safety Committee meeting minutes, a formal letter sent from the Safety Committee to the Accountable Executive or Board of Directors/Equivalent Authority, or another documentation method.

### Question 3:

Can you clarify whether the new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law safety training requirements include training for maintenance employees, and if the de-escalation training requirement applies to rail transit recipients only? Are bus-only transit agencies serving large UZAs also subject to these requirements?

### FTA Response:

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law PTASP safety training requirements apply to recipients of Section 5307 serving a large UZA. This includes both rail and non-rail providers, as applicable. For such agencies, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law adds maintenance personnel as personnel that must participate in the agency's safety training program. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law also requires maintenance personnel, operations personnel, and personnel directly responsible for safety complete de-escalation training. (49 U.S.C. § 5329(d)(1)(H)(ii)).

### 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](mailto:PTASP-TAC@dot.gov).*

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