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This issue of the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Technical Assistance Center (TAC) Update focuses on safety training programs.

Featured Resources

New! Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs): Provides FAQs on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and current PTASP regulation requirements.

Safety Training Resources for Bus Transit Agencies: Includes training programs offered directly by the FTA and other Federal agencies, FTA-sponsored agencies, and public transportation industry associations.

Understanding PTASP Safety Training and Communication Requirements: Explains current PTASP regulation requirements for safety promotion, including establishing and implementing a comprehensive safety training program.

Fact Sheet: Public Transportation Safety Program: Provides information on Bipartisan Infrastructure Law requirements.

Safety Training: Provides information on FTA's Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program, the Enhanced Transit Safety and Crime Prevention Initiative, and other safety resources.

FTA-Sponsored Training Courses: Includes the Fiscal Year 2023 course schedule of FTA-sponsored trainings delivered by the Transportation Safety Institute as well as National Transit Institute course information.

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

Need Assistance?

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Contact the TAC for **one-on-one technical sessions** for ASP development and implementation support and voluntary Agency Safety Plan (ASP) reviews.

PTASP Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)

On Wednesday, April 26, 2023, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) published an [NPRM in the Federal Register proposing new requirements for the PTASP regulation](#), including revised requirements for ASPs, safety committees, and cooperation with frontline transit worker representatives, among other requirements.

Provide feedback by June 26, 2023, to the rulemaking docket (FTA-2023-0007) at [Regulations.gov](#).

For further information on the proposed changes, please visit [FTA's web page](#).

See also the Public Transportation Safety Program Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)

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Q & A Highlights

Please note: These Q&As pertain to the PTASP Final Rule that is currently in effect as of July 19, 2019, and statutory requirements in [49 U.S.C. 5329\(d\)](#). They do not pertain to the [PTASP NPRM](#) published on April 26, 2023, in the *Federal Register*. Any comments regarding the proposals in the NPRM should be submitted to the rulemaking docket on [Regulations.gov](#). FTA looks forward to receiving comments on the NPRM by June 26, 2023.

Question 1:

Does the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law define maintenance personnel for purposes of the PTASP safety training program requirements?

Our agency has mechanics, facility workers, utility service workers, stop and station workers, administration, and road-call mechanics in the maintenance department.

FTA Response:

No, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law does not define “maintenance personnel.” For agencies that receive funds under 49 U.S.C. § 5307 and serve a large urbanized area (UZA) (a UZA with a population of 200,000 or more), the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law adds maintenance personnel as personnel that must participate in the agency’s safety training program. It also requires the maintenance personnel, operations personnel, and personnel directly responsible for safety complete de-escalation training.

Question 2:

Do we need to include our de-escalation training materials in our ASP, or can we incorporate them by reference?

FTA Response:

You may choose to incorporate documents by reference in your ASP to demonstrate that you are meeting a Part 673 or Bipartisan Infrastructure Law requirement instead of including the documents directly in the ASP. Also note the ASP documentation and recordkeeping requirements at § [673.31](#).

Upcoming Webinar Tools for Implementing a Comprehensive Safety Training Plan

When: May 31, 2023

2:00 p.m. EST

[Register Here](#)

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