



FTA Publishes Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans

PTASP NPRM

On Wednesday, April 26, 2023, FTA published a [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking \(NPRM\)](#) in the *Federal Register* proposing new requirements for the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans (PTASP) regulation at [49 CFR Part 673](#). These updates include revisions to incorporate statutory changes from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. FTA is also proposing revisions to the PTASP regulation based on coordination and alignment with other FTA programs and safety rulemakings.¹

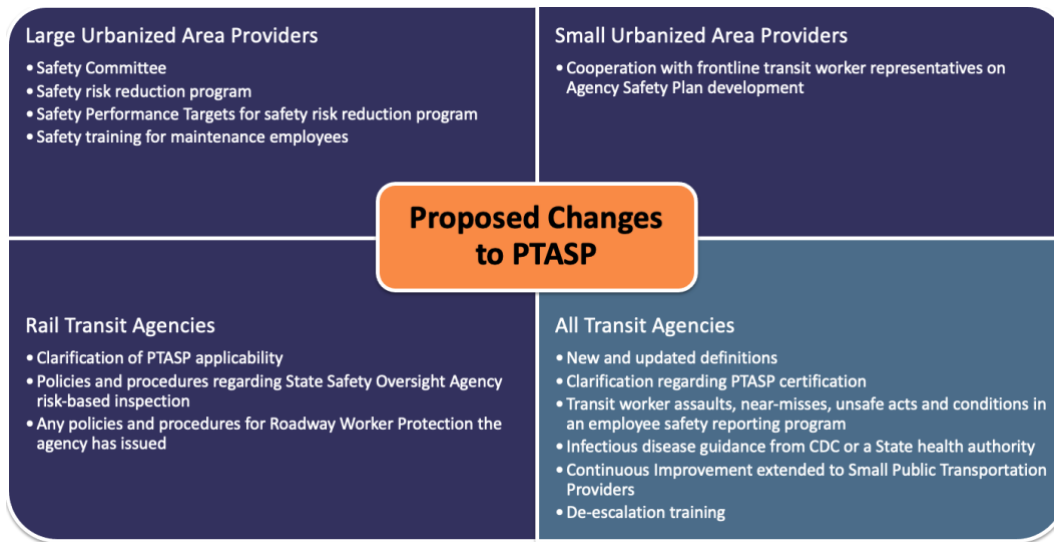
FTA invites the public to submit comments on the [PTASP NRPM](#) by June 26, 2023.

The PTASP NPRM Overview webinar [presentation](#) and [recording](#) are available online.

For further information, please visit the [PTASP webpage](#).

Summary of the Updates to the PTASP Regulation

The graphic below provides a quick reference to proposed changes as they apply to Section 5307 recipients that serve an Urbanized Area of 200,000 or more (large urbanized area providers), recipients that serve an Urbanized Area of fewer than 200,000 (small urbanized area providers), rail transit agencies, and all transit agencies. Requirements from one or more sections may apply to a transit agency depending on the modes of service they operate and the size(s) of the Urbanized Area(s) they serve.



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For a detailed explanation of each change, see the [PTASP NPRM](#). FTA has also published [a markup of proposed changes in the rulemaking docket](#).

Public Comments

The public may send comments, identified by the docket number FTA-2023-0007 or Regulatory Information Number 2132-AB44, by any of the following methods:

- Use the “[Submit a Formal Comment](#)” button on the top of the PTASP [NPRM](#) page.
- [Submit a comment at Regulations.gov](#). (See also [Regulations.gov Tips for Submitting Effective Comments](#) for a guide to writing an effective comment.)
- Fax: (202) 493-2251
- Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, D.C., 20590-0001.
- Hand Delivery/Courier: West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E., Washington, D.C., between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FTA is also interested in hearing from the transit industry and other interested stakeholders about experiences establishing confidential close-call/near-miss reporting methods for transit workers. Please see the specific [questions asked in the PTASP NPRM](#) and submit any comments through one of the commenting options listed above.



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