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

## Featured Resources

**New! De-escalation Training Resource Directory:** Provides information on FTA's new directory that illustrates ways agencies throughout the transit industry are implementing de-escalation training. FTA has not assessed whether any of the training meets applicable statutory or regulatory requirements. This directory is provided for technical assistance only.

**PTASP Applicability Webinar:** Provides information to help States and transit providers determine whether the PTASP regulation applies to their organization and, if so, which requirements apply.

**Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Updates to Requirements for Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans:** Includes information on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law requirements, including the requirements related to establishing a Safety Committee.

**ASP Directory:** Contains seven new ASPs and six updated ASPs. This directory contains publicly available transit agency ASPs as a resource. FTA has not assessed whether any of the plans meet applicable statutory or regulatory requirements. This directory is provided for technical assistance only.

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

### Need Assistance?

Contact the PTASP TAC at



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

### Safety Management System in Practice Workshop: Advancing Safety Risk Management and Safety Assurance

April 17-18, 2024 – Denver, CO

May 15-16, 2024 – Atlanta, GA

June 5-6, 2024 – Virtual (Zoom)

This workshop is for transit agency safety department personnel, rail and bus transit operations and maintenance managers who oversee agency safety performance, and State Safety Oversight Agency managers and staff. All participants should regularly engage in safety management activities prior to this workshop.

Register



**Please note:** The Q&A Highlights below, as well as the [PTASP Frequently Asked Questions](#), pertain to the [PTASP Final Rule](#) in effect as of July 19, 2019, and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law [statutory requirements in 49 U.S.C. 5329\(d\)](#). They do not pertain to the PTASP [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) published April 26, 2023 in the *Federal Register*.

## Q & A Highlights

### Question:

The Commuter Rail division I support falls under the safety jurisdiction of another Federal agency (Federal Railroad Administration). Do PTASP requirements also apply?

### FTA Response:

Per [§ 673.11\(f\)](#) of the PTASP regulation, “Agencies that operate passenger ferries regulated by the United States Coast Guard or rail fixed guideway public transportation service regulated by the FRA are not required to develop agency safety plans for those modes of service.” Commuter Rail agencies are subject to the safety jurisdiction of the FRA, not FTA. Thus, generally, the FTA Safety Program components do **not** apply to Commuter Rail. Currently, these components include the PTASP regulation ([49 CFR part 673](#)), the State Safety Oversight (SSO) Regulation ([49 CFR part 674](#)), and the Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program ([49 CFR part 672](#)).

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