



# Agenda

## 2025 FTA Joint State Safety Oversight and Rail Transit Agency Workshop

**May 6–8, 2025**

Hyatt Regency Crystal City  
2799 Richmond Hwy  
Arlington, VA 22202



## Day 1 – Tuesday, May 6, 2025

### State Safety Oversight Agency (SSOA) Representatives Only

*All times are in the Eastern Daylight Time Zone*

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| <b>7:00 AM</b>              | <b>Check-In and Registration</b><br><b>Location:</b> Regency Landing   |
| <b>8:00 AM</b><br>Session 1 | <b>Opening and Introductions</b><br><b>Location:</b> Regency Ballroom<br><br><b>Dr. Alfonz Ruth, Meeting Facilitator</b><br><i>Director, Office of Talent and Organizational Development<br/>and Chief Learning Officer<br/>Federal Transit Administration</i>   |
| <b>8:20 AM</b><br>Session 2 | <b>Welcome</b><br><b>Location:</b> Regency Ballroom<br><br><b>Dr. Melonie Barrington</b><br><i>Director, Office of Safety Oversight and Compliance<br/>Office of Transit Safety and Oversight<br/>Federal Transit Administration</i>   |
| <b>8:30 AM</b><br>Session 3 | <b>Introduction</b><br><b>Location:</b> Regency Ballroom<br><br><b>Joe DeLorenzo</b><br><i>Associate Administrator &amp; Chief Safety Officer<br/>Office of Transit Safety and Oversight<br/>Federal Transit Administration</i>  |
| <b>9:00 AM</b><br>Session 4 | <b>Effectively Conducting and Reviewing Safety Risk Assessments</b><br><b>Location:</b> Regency Ballroom<br><br><b>Matt Dedonato</b><br><i>Program Analyst<br/>Office of Transit Safety and Oversight<br/>Federal Transit Administration</i><br><br><b>Jeremy Furrer</b><br><i>Chief, Safety Policy and Promotion Division<br/>Office of Transit Safety and Oversight<br/>Federal Transit Administration</i> |

**Robert Hanson**  
*Director of Rail Transit Safety*  
*Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities*

**Eric Stoegbauer**  
*SSO Program Manager*  
*Wisconsin Department of Transportation*

*This session will provide an overview of how to effectively conduct and review a safety risk assessment. Topics will include a look at when risk assessments should be completed, common issues experienced within the process, and resources for improvement.*

**10:00 AM**  
*30 min*

**Break**

**10:30 AM**  
*Session 5*

**State Safety Oversight Final Rule (Part 674) Requirements**  
**Location:** Regency Ballroom

**Tim Braxton**  
*SSO Program Manager*  
*Office of Transit Safety and Oversight*  
*Federal Transit Administration*

**Dan Gardella**  
*SSO Program Manager*  
*Office of Transit Safety and Oversight*  
*Federal Transit Administration*

**Joe Powell**  
*SSO Program Manager*  
*Office of Transit Safety and Oversight*  
*Federal Transit Administration*

**Jahmal Pullen**  
*Interim SSO Program Manager – Engineering Coordination and Safety*  
*Branch Manager*  
*North Carolina Department of Transportation*

*This session will provide an overview of State Safety Oversight Final Rule changes as well as an opportunity for discussion on implementation requirements.*

**11:30 AM**  
*1 hr 30 min*

**Lunch (On your own)**

**1:00 PM**  
Session 6

**Risk-Based Inspection (RBI) Programs in Implementation**  
**Location:** Regency Ballroom

**Cyrell McLemore**  
*Senior Inspection Specialist*  
*Office of Transit Safety and Oversight*  
*Federal Transit Administration*

**Dale Green-Worrell**  
*Rail Safety Program Manager*  
*Maryland Department of Transportation*

**Max Smith**  
*Senior Consultant/Program Manager*  
*Maryland Department of Transportation*

**Jonathan Wolfram**  
*Interim Program Manager*  
*Minnesota Department of Public Safety*

**Andrew Ennis**  
*Transit Rail Safety and Emergency Management Administrator*  
*Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation*

*This session will include an update on the RBI program and engage SSOAs in a discussion and comparison of experiences from implementing key aspects of their programs.*

**3:00 PM**

**Adjourn**

**3:15 PM**

**TSO Office Hours**  
**Location:** Regency Ballroom and Washington A

*Optional, 15-minute per session, one-on-one meetings with FTA scheduled in advance of the workshop for SSOAs and RTAs to address specific concerns.*

## Day 2 – Wednesday, May 7, 2025

### SSOA and RTA Representatives

7:00 AM	<b>Check-in and Registration</b> Location: Regency Landing
8:00 AM Session 8	<b>Day 1 Recap and Announcements for Day 2</b> Location: Regency Ballroom  <b>Dr. Alfonz Ruth, Meeting Facilitator</b> <i>Director, Office of Talent and Organizational Development and Chief Learning Officer Federal Transit Administration</i>
8:15 AM Session 9	<b>FTA Deputy Administrator Remarks</b> Location: Regency Ballroom  <b>Tariq Bokhari</b> <i>Deputy Administrator Federal Transit Administration</i>
8:30 AM Session 11	<b>FTA Office of Transit Safety and Oversight Welcome Remarks</b> Location: Regency Ballroom  <b>Joe DeLorenzo</b> <i>Associate Administrator &amp; Chief Safety Officer Office of Transit Safety and Oversight Federal Transit Administration</i>
9:00 AM Session 12	<b>Safety Data/Data Management</b> Location: Regency Ballroom  <b>Gibran Abifadel</b> <i>Transportation Data Analyst Office of Transit Safety and Oversight Federal Transit Administration</i>  <i>This session will provide an overview of safety data. Attendees will learn how to access and utilize safety data in the National Transit Database to support tracking of safety performance and analyzing trends.</i>
9:30 AM 30 min	<b>Break</b>
10:00 AM Session 13	<b>Rail Transit Roadway Worker Protection (RWP) – Information on RWP Program Development</b>

**Location:** Regency Ballroom

**Mia Veltri**

*Senior Policy Analyst  
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight  
Federal Transit Administration*

**Jeremy Furrer**

*Chief, Safety Policy and Promotion Division  
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight  
Federal Transit Administration*

*FTA will provide information on the RWP rule published in October 2024. This information session will include insights and lessons learned from industry feedback received over several months. The session will also detail expectations on RWP program development. There will be a dedicated Q&A session to provide additional guidance.*

**11:30 AM**  
*1 hr 30 min*

**Lunch (On your own)**

**1:00 PM**  
Session 14

**Safety Certification**  
**Location:** Regency Ballroom

**Dan Gardella**

*SSO Program Manager  
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight  
Federal Transit Administration*

**Joe Powell**

*SSO Program Manager  
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight  
Federal Transit Administration*

**Andrew Royer**

*Transit Safety Specialist  
Washington State Department of Transportation*

*This session will provide an overview of the SSOA's oversight responsibilities for Safety Certification Verification as well as the RTA's requirements for Safety Certification projects through panel discussion and Q&A.*

**2:00 PM**  
Session 15

**General Directive 24-1: Required Actions Regarding Assaults on Transit Workers**  
**Location:** Regency Ballroom

**Stewart Mader**  
*Senior Program Analyst  
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight  
Federal Transit Administration*

*This session will cover topics related to General Directive 24-1 on Transit Worker Assault, including response analysis, mitigations, best practices, and resources.*

**3:00 PM**  
*30 min*

**Break**

**3:30 PM**  
Session 16

**Managing Safety at Transit Rail Grade Crossings**  
**Location:** Regency Ballroom

**Ivey Glendon**  
*Chief, Safety Assurance and Risk Management  
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight  
Federal Transit Administration*

**Mohammed Yousuf**  
*Director, Office of Infrastructure, Safety and Asset Innovation  
Office of Research, Demonstration and Innovation  
Federal Transit Administration*

**Lisa Staes**  
*Associate Director  
Center for Urban Transportation Research  
University of South Florida*

**Rachel Maleh**  
*Executive Director  
Operation Lifesaver Inc.*

*Are you interested in learning about where the industry is seeing an increase in safety-related rail grade crossing events and where we are improving? This session will provide an overview of the available safety data and share information about new technologies that are being developed and implemented to improve safety at grade crossings.*

**4:30 PM**

**Adjourn**

**4:45 PM**

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## Day 3 – Thursday, May 8, 2025

### SSOA and RTA Representatives

**7:30 AM**            **Check-in and Registration**  
Location: Regency Landing

**8:30 AM**            **Day 2 Recap and Announcements for Day 3**  
Session 17        Location: Regency Ballroom

**Dr. Alfonz Ruth, Meeting Facilitator**  
*Director, Office of Talent and Organizational Development  
and Chief Learning Officer  
Federal Transit Administration*

**8:45 AM**            **Safety Management System (SMS) Roundtable Part I**  
Session 18        Location: Regency Ballroom

**Anna Curtis**  
*Program Analyst, Safety Promotion  
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight  
Federal Transit Administration*

**Andrew Ennis**  
*Transit Rail Safety and Emergency Management Administrator  
Virginia Department of Rail & Public Transportation*

**Susan Lucero**  
*Deputy Director of Safety & Compliance  
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority*

**Molly Raney**  
*Deputy Chief Safety Officer  
Oklahoma City Streetcar – EMBARK*

**Eric Stoegbauer**  
*SSO Program Manager  
Wisconsin Department of Transportation*

*The SMS Roundtable will provide a platform for RTAs and SSOAs to share safety-focused best practices. Selected agencies will present on pre-identified topics, such as SMS or other key safety initiatives, followed by a Q&A discussion.*

**9:45 AM**            **Break**  
15 min

**10:00 AM**  
Session 19

**SMS Roundtable Part II**  
**Location:** Regency Ballroom

**Anna Curtis**  
*Program Analyst, Safety Promotion  
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight  
Federal Transit Administration*

**Jose Cruz Mangual**  
*Safety and Security Manager  
ACI-Herzog Joint Venture*

**Lizbeth Fiejóo**  
*SSO Program Manager  
Puerto Rico Emergency Management Bureau*

**Molly Hughes**  
*Public Transportation Safety Administrator  
Washington Department of Transportation*

**Gena Major**  
*Deputy Chief of Safety & Quality Assurance  
Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority*

**David Moskowitz**  
*General Manager of Safety & Security  
Charlotte Area Transit System*

*Continuation of SMS Part I*

**11:00 AM**

**Wrap-Up**  
**Location:** Regency Ballroom

**Dr. Alfonz Ruth, Meeting Facilitator**  
*Director, Office of Talent and Organizational Development  
and Chief Learning Officer  
Federal Transit Administration*

**Dr. Melonie Barrington**  
*Director, Office of Safety Oversight and Compliance  
Office of Transit Safety and Oversight  
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**11:15 AM**

**Close-out and Adjourn**