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Improvements to O	Improvements to Operator Performance Management								
FTA-24-3-004-01	Prepare a list of current mitigations that SEPTA has implemented to address potential safety risks associated with lack of regular performance evaluations for Transit Operators while longer-term corrective actions are still in progress.	System Safety Division	List of Mitigations	2 months after FTA approval of the Action Plan	Action Items Approved To verify implementation, FTA will, at a minimum: • Meet with System Safety Division to review list of mitigations with SEPTA's System Safety Division • Observe implementation of mitigations during onsite visits				
FTA-24-3-004-02	Explore options for digital platform to track and capture results for performance evaluations, i.e. Learning Management	Operations Administration	Validation of inclusion in LMS or alternative action for delivery	May 31, 2025	Action Items Approved To verify implementation, FTA may, at a minimum: Request documentation demonstrating LMS integration planning				

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	System (LMS)				Interview IT and Operations staff regarding system capabilities and status of LMS modification
					Review screenshots or access LMS test environment to confirm evaluation fields are defined
FTA-24-3-004-03	Supervisory Workforce Assessment, Phase 3, Workforce Recommendations (assessment also described in FTA-24-3- 002-04)	System Safety & Operations	Supervisory Workforce Recommendations Report	16 months after FTA approval of the Action Plan for FTA-24-3- 002	Action Items Approved To verify implementation, FTA may, at a minimum: Review the submitted Supervisory Workforce Recommendations Report for completion and relevance Confirm findings address time/staffing needs to support expanded operator evaluations

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					Interview HR, Operations, and Safety managers regarding alignment of report findings with implementation planning
					Evaluate how the report recommendations were integrated into broader staffing or supervision strategy
FTA-24-3-004-04	Develop an Operator Performance Management Program Plan.	System Safety & Operations	Operator Performance Management Implementation Plan	19 months after FTA approval of the Action Plan for FTA-24-3- 002.	Action Items Approved To verify implementation, FTA may, at a minimum: Review the Program Plan for inclusion of timelines, evaluation frequency, forms/templates, and responsibilities Validate alignment of the Plan with the workforce recommendations from Action Item 2

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					Confirm rollout plan and training curriculum for supervisors conducting evaluations		
					Conduct interviews with stakeholders (Operations, HR, Safety) about plan integration and implementation readiness		
Operator Coaching and Mentoring							
FTA-24-3-005-2-01	Prepare a list of current mitigations that SEPTA has implemented to address potential safety risks associated with lack of support to help new Transit Operators manage SEPTA's operating environment and perform duties safely while longer-term	System Safety Division	List of Mitigations	2 months after FTA approval of the	Action Items Approved To verify implementation, FTA will, at a minimum: • Meet with System Safety Division to review list of mitigations • Observe implementation of mitigations during onsite visits		

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FTA-24-3-005-2-02	SEPTA Labor submitted eligibility criteria for peer mentor program to Local 234 and seek union feedback	Labor Relations	SEPTA Management criteria for peer mentor eligibility	Completed (8/7/2024)	Action Items Approved, Implementation Verification in Progress To verify implementation, FTA may, at a minimum: Confirm date of submission through email records or meeting notes Review the actual submitted document and ensure it matches the referenced eligibility criteria Interview Labor Relations staff on negotiation approach and feedback received Confirm reference to criteria in Local 234 communications or responses

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FTA-24-3-005-2-03	TWU Local 234 submitted eligibility criteria for peer mentor program to SEPTA	Labor Relations	Local 234 criteria for peer mentor eligibility	Completed (9/3/2024)	Action Items Approved, Implementation Verification in Progress To verify implementation, FTA, may, at a minimum:
	Labor				Review documentation submitted by Local 234
					Confirm receipt by SEPTA Labor Relations and log any feedback or revision suggestions
					Review criteria for alignment with safety performance standards and qualifications
					Validate presence of union criteria in eventual Letter of Agreement
FTA-24-3-005-2-04	Finalize negotiations with TWU Local 234 to adopt mutually agreeable peer mentor	Labor Relations	Signed/Executed Letter of Agreement	November 30, 2025	Action Items Approved To verify implementation, FTA, may, at a minimum:

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	eligibility criteria				Review and validate signed Letter of Agreement
					Confirm agreement terms match prior drafts and are understood by both parties
					Interview union and management representatives to confirm consensus and implementation readiness
FTA-24-3-005-2-05	Expansion of Training Department support for Follow-Up Rides	Training Department	Follow-Up Ride guidance	March 31, 2025	Action Items Approved To verify implementation, FTA, may, at a minimum:
					Review Follow-Up Ride guidance documents (e.g., SOPs, assignment criteria)
					Interview instructors and Transportation Managers about implementation
					Observe or request examples of follow-up ride documentation (e.g., reports, forms).

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					Confirm operators are being selected and supported for follow-up rides based on evaluation feedback
FTA-24-3-005-2-06	Peer mentor training classes will be conducted at least annually and additional trainings as needed to ensure continuity of the program via building a more robust pipeline of peer mentors (following selection of peer mentors connected to new union agreement)	Training Department	Annual Training materials	November 30, 2025	Action Items Approved To verify implementation, FTA, may, at a minimum: Review annual training calendar and attendance logs for Peer Mentor training Confirm training materials include guidance on safety coaching, observation, and feedback Interview training instructors and peer mentors about content and effectiveness Review participant feedback from training sessions, if available

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FTA-24-3-005-2-07	Develop annual survey to provide operators an opportunity to	Transportation Management/ Training/	Survey Report (point-in-time results)	December 31, 2025	Action Items Approved To verify implementation, FTA, may, at a minimum:
	provide feedback on their experience with training instructors and	Human Resources			Review draft and final versions of the operator survey tool
	peer mentors				Confirm deployment date and method (via LMS, email, or paper)
					Review point-in-time survey results or raw feedback data
					Interview HRIS and Training Department on how results are analyzed and acted upon
FTA-24-3-005-2-08	Develop a comprehensive Peer Mentor Program Plan to include program governance, evaluation, documentation, and	Training/ Operations	Program Plan	December 31, 2025	Action Items Approved To verify implementation, FTA, may, at a minimum: Review the finalized Program Plan for sections on governance, roles, documentation, SOPs, and evaluation

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	standard guidance (including any SOPs and forms)				 Validate consistency with negotiated union agreement and earlier eligibility criteria Confirm integration into SEPTA training materials and LMS Interview PMs, Training Department, and supervisors to confirm rollout and adoption
FTA-24-3-005-2-09	Assess feasibility of expansion and/or replication of Victory	Training/ Operations	Feasibility Assessment	December 31, 2025	Action Items Approved To verify implementation, FTA, may, at a minimum:
new operator mentorship program				Review feasibility study or assessment report	
					Confirm involvement of Labor Relations and Local 234 in the analysis
					Interview Victory District staff and program participants on program strengths and transferability

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