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Message from the Associate Administrator

Dear Transit Colleagues:

We continue to prioritize efforts to keep the momentum going and advance safety initiatives that protect transit riders, workers, and communities across the country.

Recently, FTA has welcomed FTA Administrator Marc Molinaro. Administrator Molinaro comes to us with a lifetime of public service, including serving as the U.S. Representative for New York's 19th congressional district and as the Mayor of Tivoli, New York, and the New York Dutchess County Executive. Public transportation has long been a personal passion of his, as it connects Americans to their workplaces, communities, and essential services. His leadership will help us to move FTA's many important initiatives forward.

Lastly, thank you for all your efforts to provide a safer working environment for our transit workers and passengers. I look forward to connecting with you in person at future industry events.

As always, please email FTASafetyStakeholder@dot.gov with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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Now Available: Rail Transit Roadway Worker Protection Resources

On October 31, 2024, FTA [published](#) the Rail Transit Roadway Worker Protection (RWP) regulation, establishing minimum safety standards to prevent safety events, injuries, and fatalities for transit workers who may access the roadway in the performance of work. As a reminder, the RWP regulation (49 CFR part 671) requires Rail Transit Agencies (RTAs) to establish a State Safety Oversight Agency (SSOA)-approved RWP program by **December 2, 2025**.

To assist agencies in implementing RWP programs, FTA published frequently asked questions on [FTA's RWP webpage](#) to address agencies' questions and concerns. The RWP webpage also includes a link to the November 2024 RWP Final Rule Overview webinar recording and a newly published RWP Implementation Checklist, developed to help RTAs meet the requirements of the RWP regulation. For additional assistance, please contact FTASystemSafety@dot.gov or visit FTA's RWP [webpage](#).

Trespass Prevention Safety Campaign

FTA continues to monitor the serious and ongoing safety challenges posed by trespassing incidents on rail transit systems. In August, FTA launched a new [public outreach campaign](#) to raise awareness on rail transit trespassing prevention.

FTA is reminding the public to ***Be Train Safe. Stay off the Tracks.*** While traveling in transit systems, report suspicious or dangerous behavior on or near rail transit tracks.

FTA funds public outreach and education to promote safe behavior around rail transit and prevent dangerous activities, such as trespassing and subway surfing. Operation Lifesaver, Inc. developed [transit safety materials](#) along with a variety of public awareness campaigns that can be used by transit agencies for public outreach to help prevent trespassing incidents. In addition, FTA has compiled [mental health resources](#) to help maintain safe transit systems.

FTA's New Trespass Awareness PSA Video



Oversight Tracking System Fiscal Year 2025 Updates

In April 2025, FTA's Office of Program Oversight launched [Oversight Tracking System](#) (OTrak) recipient trainings for the fiscal year (FY) 2025 review cycle. OTrak is FTA's official system of record for program oversight data for FTA staff, contractors and recipients. All recipients receiving an FY 2025 Triennial Review (TR), State Management Review (SMR), Combined TR/SMR or a Procurement System Review (excluding technical assistance) will use OTrak to view their final reports and respond to corrective actions addressing any identified deficiencies.

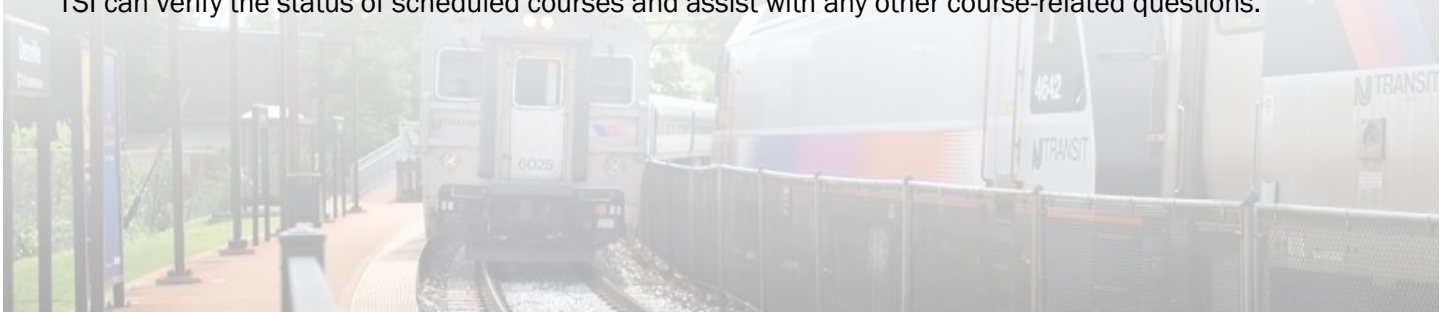
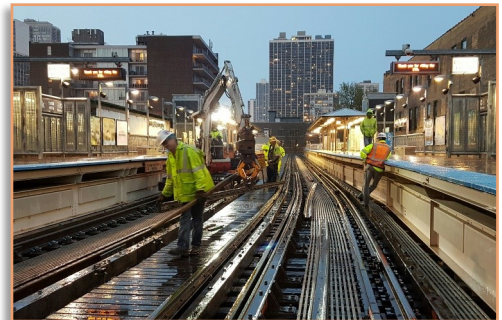
To introduce FTA managers and recipients to the system, FTA hosted the OTrak FY 2025 Kick-Off Webinar on April 22, 2025. FTA also offered a series of OTrak Fundamentals for Recipients Webinars, which provided an overview of the system and information on requesting a due date extension and submitting corrective action documentation. Since May, FTA's Office of Program Oversight continues to hold monthly office hours to provide hands-on support for FTA managers and recipients.

For questions about OTrak and these past or future training opportunities, please contact [Lauren Tuzikow](#) in FTA's Office of Program Oversight. Additionally, be sure to check FTA's OTrak webpage for updates.

FY 2025 Transportation Safety Institute Safety Training Available

Registration is open for the Transportation Safety Institute's (TSI) FY 2025 safety training courses for transit personnel and includes additional in-person training. These courses also support FTA grantees subject to the [Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program \(PTSCTP\) regulation](#) with initial training and recertification training requirements.

- [PTSCTP Recertification Training](#) — For FY 2025, the Advancing Safety Assurance Through Corrective Actions Plans self-paced eLearning course is the FTA recertification training requirement, available on TSI's learning management system. This one-hour course will help participants enhance their skills in managing and developing Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) through a Safety Assurance lens. After completing the course, participants will be equipped to develop SMART CAPs which enhance compliance oversight and drive continuous improvement in transit safety.
- [FTA Safety Training Page](#) — outlines training requirements and available training courses. Contact FTASafetyPromotion@dot.gov for more information about course offerings, Individual Training Plans, credit for non-FTA sponsored coursework and other safety-training related matters.
- [FTA-Sponsored Training Courses](#) — provides information on FTA-sponsored FY 2025 training delivered by TSI.
- [TSI Course Schedule](#) — includes TSI safety training courses for transit personnel to support FTA grantees subject to the PTSCTP regulation with initial training and recertification training requirements. In addition to PTSCTP bus and rail courses, training includes courses for bus, rail, general transit safety and transit crime prevention and emergency management. Contact TSI at TSI@dot.gov or 405-954-3682 for more information. TSI can verify the status of scheduled courses and assist with any other course-related questions.





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Upcoming FTA TSO Office Speaking Engagements

[APTA TRANSform](#)

September 14–17, 2025 | Boston, MA

[AASHTO Council on Public Transportation Winter Meeting](#)

October 14–15, 2025 | Detroit, MI

Save the Dates: State Safety Oversight (SSO) Quarterly Calls

November 19, 2025 | 3:00 – 4:30 PM ET | Virtual

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