

APTA TRANSform: FTA Updates for the Safety Coordinating Council

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Agenda

1. State of Bus and Rail Transit Safety and Assaults on Transit Workers
2. Rail Transit Roadway Worker Protection
3. Trespass and Suicide Prevention



State of Bus and Rail Transit Safety and Assaults on Transit Workers



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Transit Safety Performance: Good News

FTA's public transit safety program is demonstrating positive results.

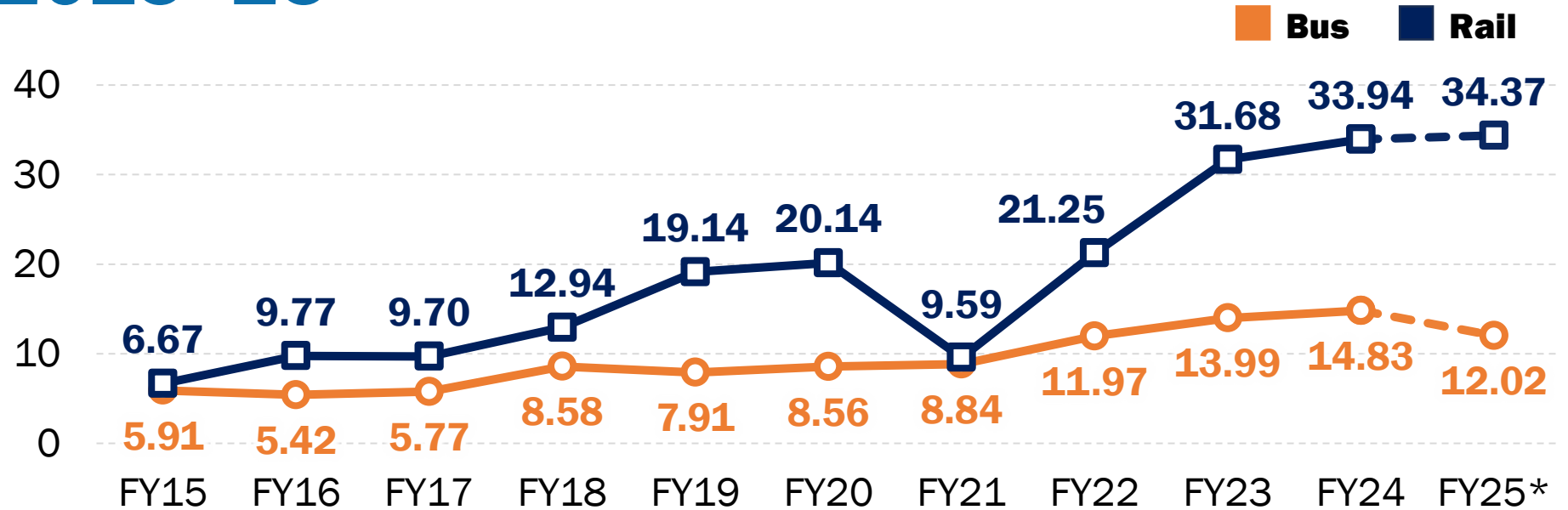
Comparing FY2025 to FY2024:

- Total transit-related fatalities have decreased 17%
- The rate of bus collisions with people decreased 16%
- Rate of bus collisions with automobiles decreased 5%
- Rate of assaults on transit workers resulting in injury or fatality decreased 7%
- Rate of assaults on riders resulting in injury or fatality decreased 14%

Source: National Transit Database (NTD). FY2024–25 data are preliminary and contain partial year data (Oct 2024–June 2025).

Major Assaults on Transit Workers (Bus and Rail): FY 2015–25

**Major Assault Events
against Transit Workers
per 100 Million Vehicle
Revenue Miles
(100M VRM)**



**Raw Event,
Fatality, and
Injury Counts**

Major Assaults	224	237	249	359	395	364	284	459	615	675	360
Fatalities	1	0	0	0	1	0	12	1	3	5	2
Injuries	225	243	254	360	399	368	290	469	656	723	388

Source: National Transit Database (NTD). FY 2024–25 data are preliminary. *FY 2025 only includes data from Oct 2024–Apr 2025.
This graphic is intended to display Major Assaults on Transit Workers data for bus and rail transit. Not intended for comparative purposes as NTD event reporting requirements differ between bus and rail modes.

Line Overruns

Denver RTD (March 2023)



Utah Transit Authority (May 2025)



Source: UTA

SEPTA (May 2025)



Source: AP

Source: SEPTA

DART (August 2025)



Source: FTA

Other Safety Events

DART M-Line Trolley (February 2025)



Source: Instagram

DART Evacuation onto ROW (July 2025)



Source: KDFW News

Sun Link (August 2025)



Source: KOLD News

Rail Transit Roadway Worker Protection



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Data Trends – Rail Transit Roadway Workers

Worker fatalities are low:
There were **two** transit roadway
worker **fatalities** from January 2023-
May 2025.

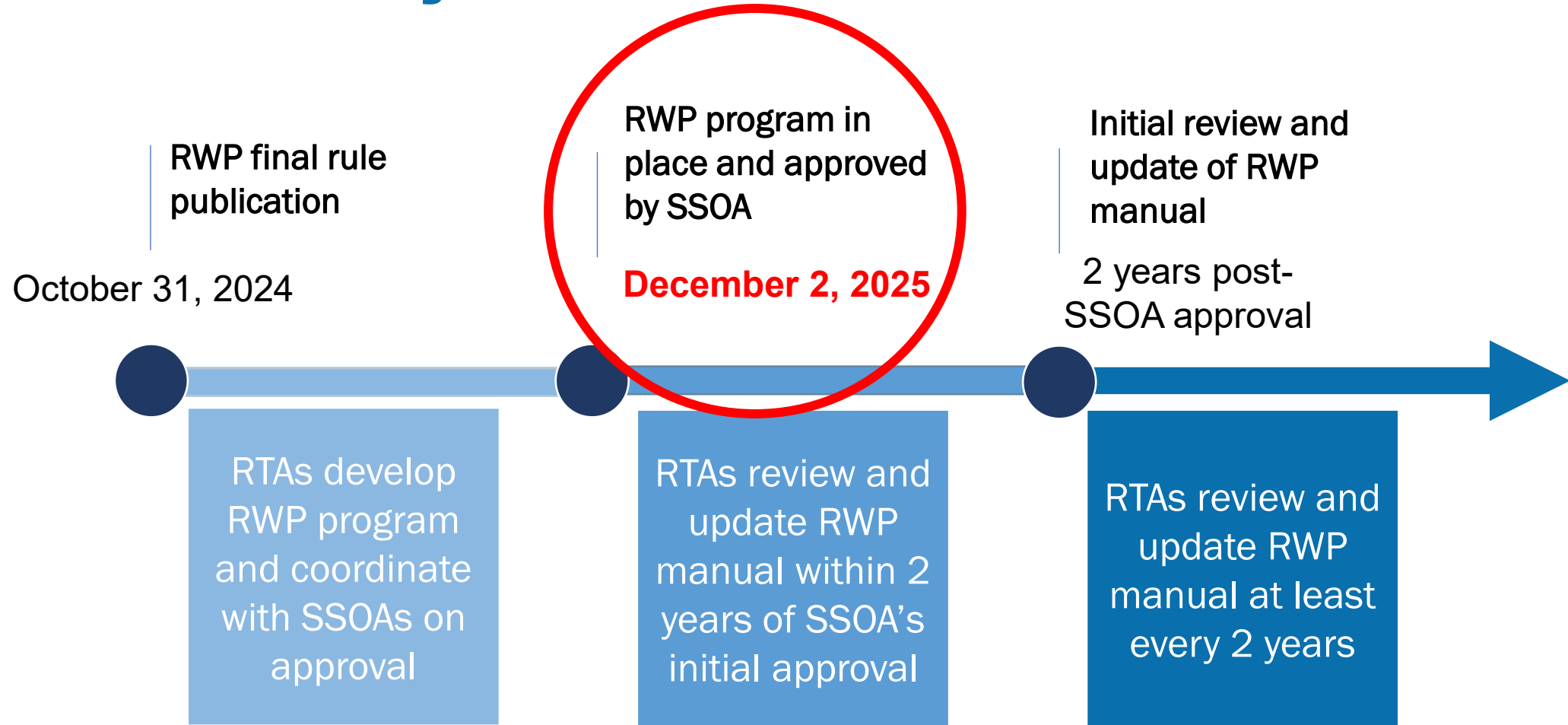


Worker injuries are increasing:
Between January 2023-May 2025,
there have been **35** worker **injuries**.



Source: National Transit Database (NTD). on September 2, 2025. 2024 and 2025 data are subject to NTD reporter revision. June–September 2025 event data is not yet available for publication.

RWP Rule: Key Deadlines



Ongoing: SSOAs review and approve RWP program elements, monitor implementation and conduct annual audits

RWP Resources

Office Hours

SSOA RWP Office Hours

In August, FTA began hosting one-hour, individual virtual meetings to answer questions regarding the RWP Final Rule.

Online Resources

View RWP Frequently Asked Questions, Checklist, and Webinar Materials



New FAQ on Training Timeline: RWP regulation requires RTAs to establish RWP programs by December 2, 2025. The regulation requires transit workers to complete the relevant RWP training before being assigned to perform duties of a roadway worker.

Specific Requirements



The creation of an RWP manual and track access guide



Requirements for on-track safety and supervision



Job safety briefings



Good-faith safety challenges and reporting unsafe acts and conditions and near-misses



Development and implementation of risk-based redundant protections for workers



Establishment of RWP training and qualification and RWP compliance monitoring activities

Key Notes on Flexibility

Agencies can build RWP programs based on their own safety risk assessment. This means:

- 1 RWP programs fit the size and complexity of the agency**
- 2 Agencies may use existing RWP programs if they meet the requirements of the final rule**
- 3 Flexibility in developing RWP programs based on operating characteristics and environments**
- 4 FTA encourages collaboration between SSOAs and RTAs early and often**

Trespass and Suicide Prevention



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Data Trends – Rail Suicide and Trespassing Safety Events

From 2016-2024

**Events
increased
71%**

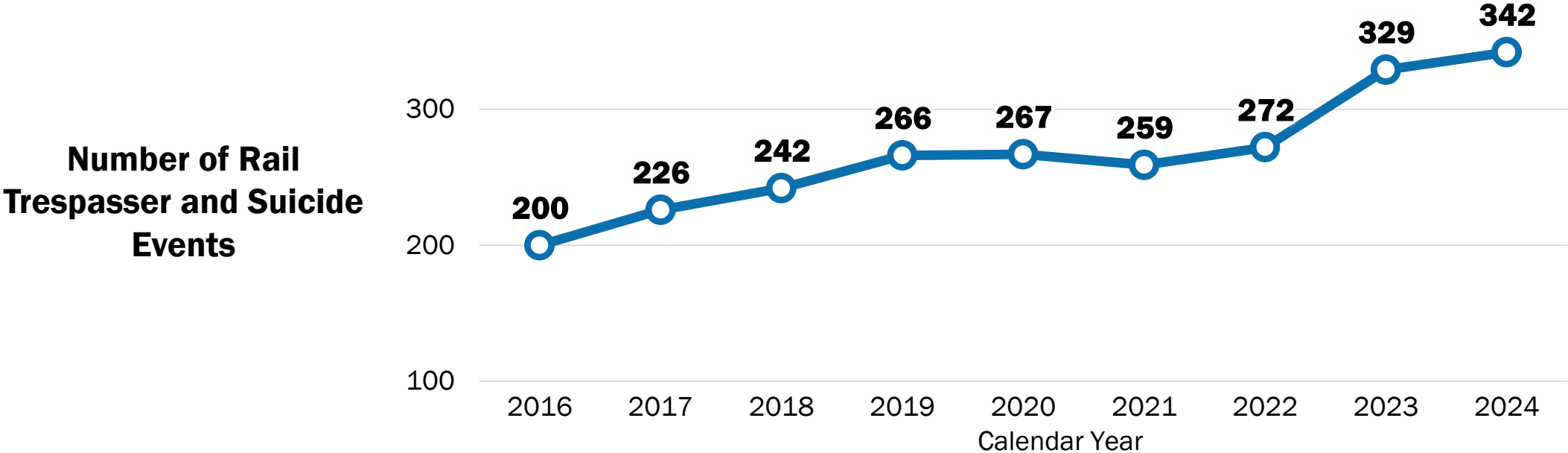
**Fatalities
increased
69%**

**Injuries
increased
65%**

*Data based on raw counts.

Rail Trespasser and Suicide Events: Calendar Year 2016–2024

Between 2016 and 2024, Rail Trespasser and Suicide Events have increased.



Raw Event, Fatality, and Injury Counts	Calendar Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
	Fatalities	101	98	130	127	133	141	140	163	171
	Injuries	119	146	138	181	157	145	161	190	196

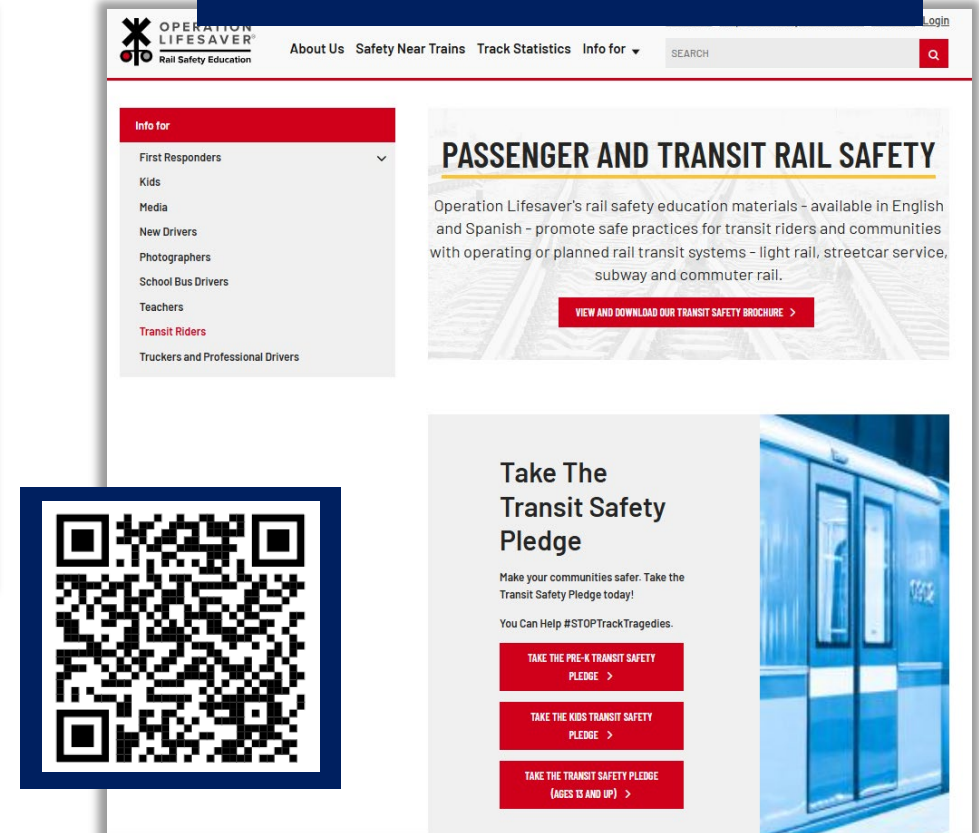
Source: National Transit Database (NTD). 2024 data are preliminary.

Trespassing Prevention Safety Campaign



A graphic for the 'Be Train Safe Video' campaign. It features a QR code in the top left corner. The central illustration shows three children at a train station platform: a boy in a blue shirt sitting on a bench, a girl in a pink dress standing with her arms outstretched, and a boy in a yellow shirt and green cap walking. In the background, there are signs that read 'DANGER OFF TRACKS' and 'NO TRESPASSING KEEP OUT'. At the bottom, there are logos for the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration and Federal Railroad Administration, followed by the text 'Be Train Safe. Stay off the Tracks.'

Operation Lifesaver Resources



A screenshot of the Operation Lifesaver website. The header includes the 'OPERATION LIFESAVER Rail Safety Education' logo, navigation links (About Us, Safety Near Trains, Track Statistics, Info for), a search bar, and a login link. The main content area is titled 'PASSENGER AND TRANSIT RAIL SAFETY' and describes the organization's mission to promote safe practices for transit riders. A red button labeled 'VIEW AND DOWNLOAD OUR TRANSIT SAFETY BROCHURE >' is visible. Below this, there is a section titled 'Take The Transit Safety Pledge' with three red buttons: 'TAKE THE PRE-K TRANSIT SAFETY PLEDGE >', 'TAKE THE KIDS TRANSIT SAFETY PLEDGE >', and 'TAKE THE TRANSIT SAFETY PLEDGE (AGES 13 AND UP) >'. A QR code is located to the left of the pledge section, and a photo of a train car is on the right.

FTA is raising awareness of the dangers of trespassing and sharing resources to support transit agencies and educate the public on remaining safe around rail transit.

Thank you! Questions?

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