

Roadway Worker Protection

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Agenda

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- Implementation
- Questions
- What's Next/Available Resources



Background

The Rail Transit Roadway Worker Protection (RWP) Final Rule establishes minimum safety standards for rail transit RWP to:

- Ensure the safe operation of public transportation systems
- Prevent safety events, fatalities and injuries to transit workers who access the roadway in performance of work



Rule applies to:



Rail transit agencies (RTAs) that receive Federal financial assistance authorized under 49 U.S.C. chapter 53



State Safety Oversight agencies (SSOAs) that oversee the safety of rail fixed guideway public transportation systems



Transit workers who access any rail fixed guideway public transportation system in the performance of work

Ongoing Responsibilities



RTAs

- Maintain and update the RWP Manual at least every two years
- Coordinate with SSOAs on all RWP updates and approvals
- Ensure RWP elements reflect current operational practices



SSOAs

- Review and approve RWP program elements
- Monitor implementation and conduct annual audits
- Track corrective actions and verify completion

Elements to Ensure Consistent Monitoring and Updates



RTA review and update of RWP manual at least every two years



SSOA annual audit



RTA review of RWP training program at least every two years



RTA adoption of a compliance monitoring program



RTA quarterly report to SSOA documenting compliance with RWP program and annual briefing to accountable executive/board

Role of Safety Management System in RWP Programs

Activities conducted to carry out RWP safety standards must be part of the RTA's Safety Management System (SMS).

Examples: Transit agency use of SMS with regards to training, virtual job briefings

- National Transit Safety Board recommendation on job safety briefings
- Using SMS to determine if virtual vs. in person safety briefings are appropriate

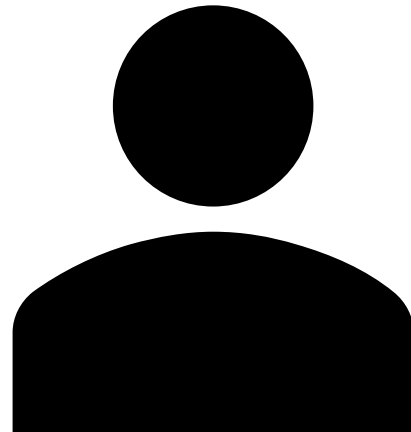


Recent Questions

Training



Q: Were all workers required to be trained by December 2?

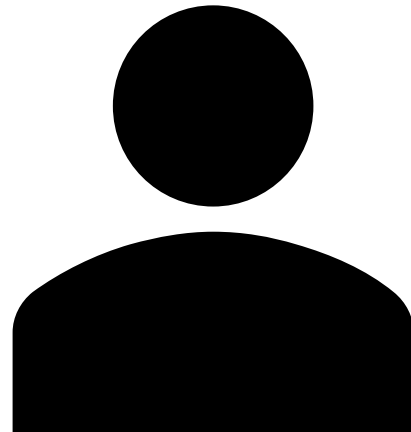


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Training continued...



**Q: Is online training
acceptable?**

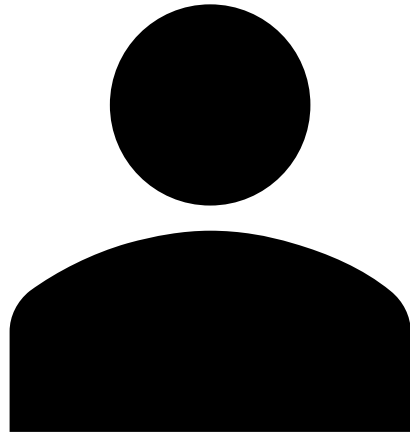


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Q: What is a “representative field setting”?

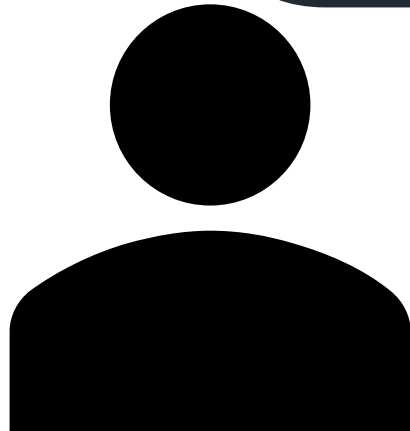


Recent Questions

Street-Running Rail



Q: How does the 4-foot foul guidance apply when there are parked vehicles less than 4 feet away?

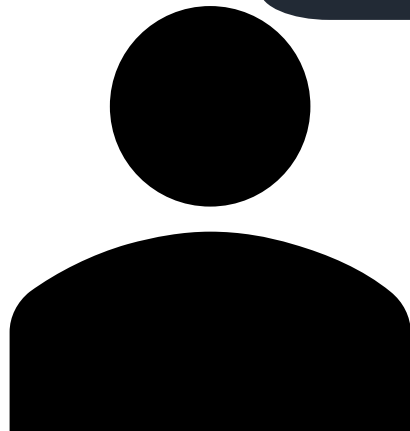


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Street-Running Rail



Q: How does the rule apply to individuals who occasionally or temporarily access the track (e.g., an operator removing debris)?



What's Next



SSOAs will submit to FTA their RWP plan and Track Access Guide



Compliance monitoring:

- FTA will monitor safety performance through NTD data
- SSOAs will conduct an annual audit of the RTA's compliance with its RWP program



SSOAs and RTAs continue to work collaboratively

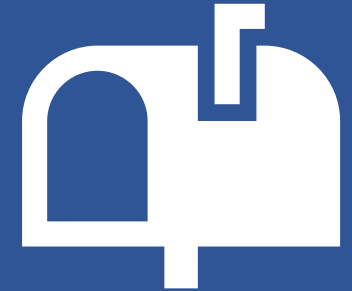
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