

FTA Safety Update – Trends, Transit Worker Assaults and Transit Worker Fatigue

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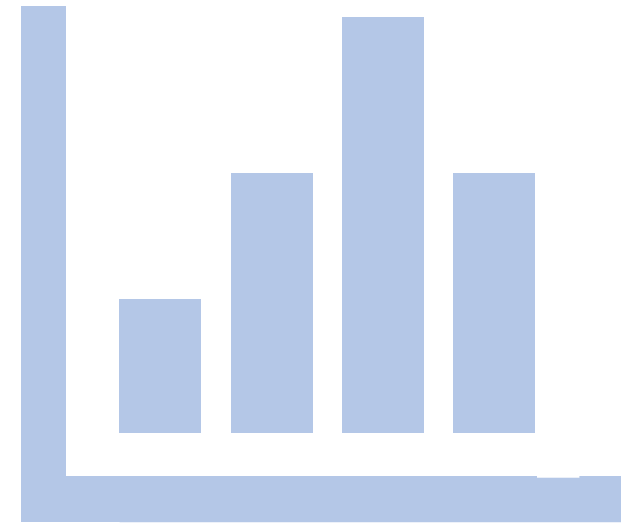
Agenda

- Bus Safety Data Trends
- Transit Worker Assaults
- Transit Worker Fatigue



Safety Outcomes Overview

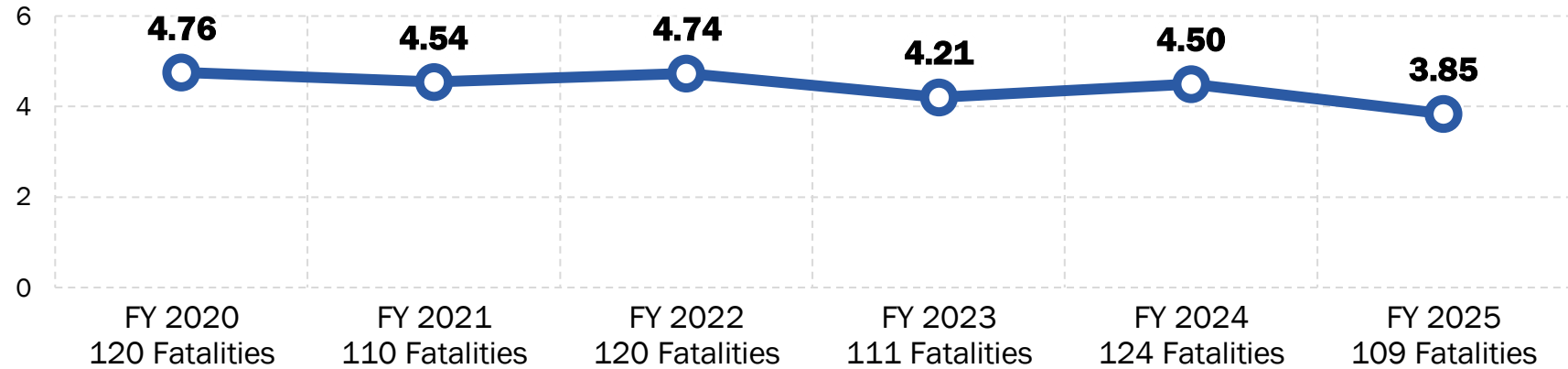
- Injuries and fatalities trended upwards from FY 2021 – FY 2024
- Injuries and fatalities are all down relative to last fiscal year
 - Fatality rate dropped to the lowest level since FY 2021 for transit overall
 - Greatest year-over-year drop in rail transit injury and fatality rates in FY 2025



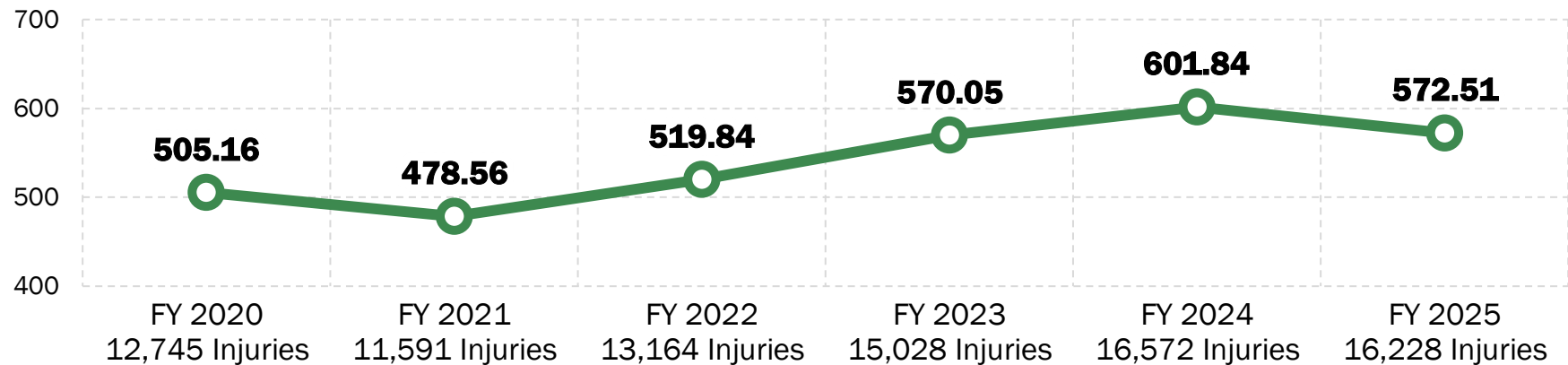
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State of Bus Transit Safety – Annual Trends

**Fatalities per
100 Million Vehicle
Revenue Miles
(VRM)**

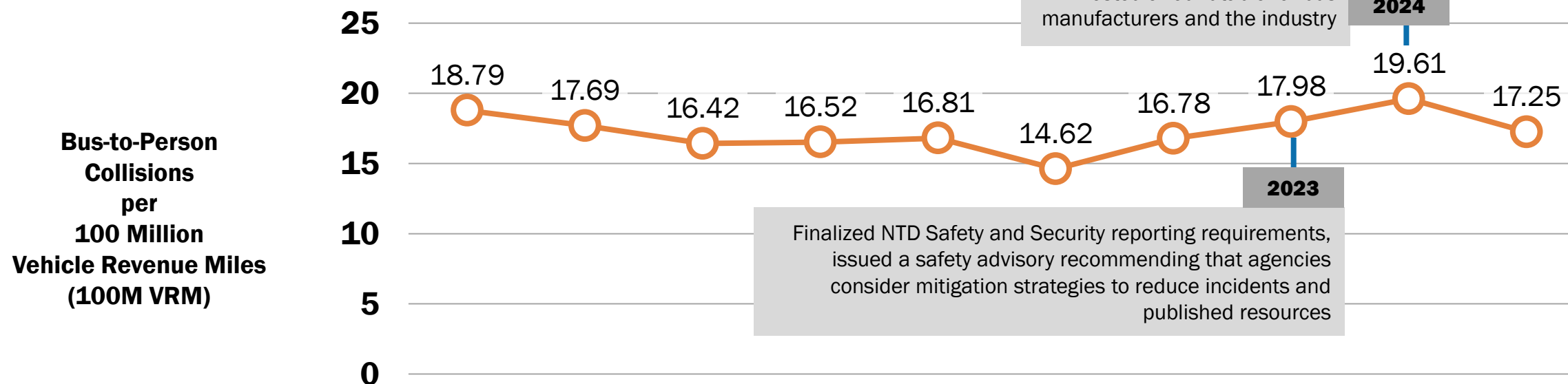


**Injuries per
100 Million VRM**



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Bus-to-Person Collisions

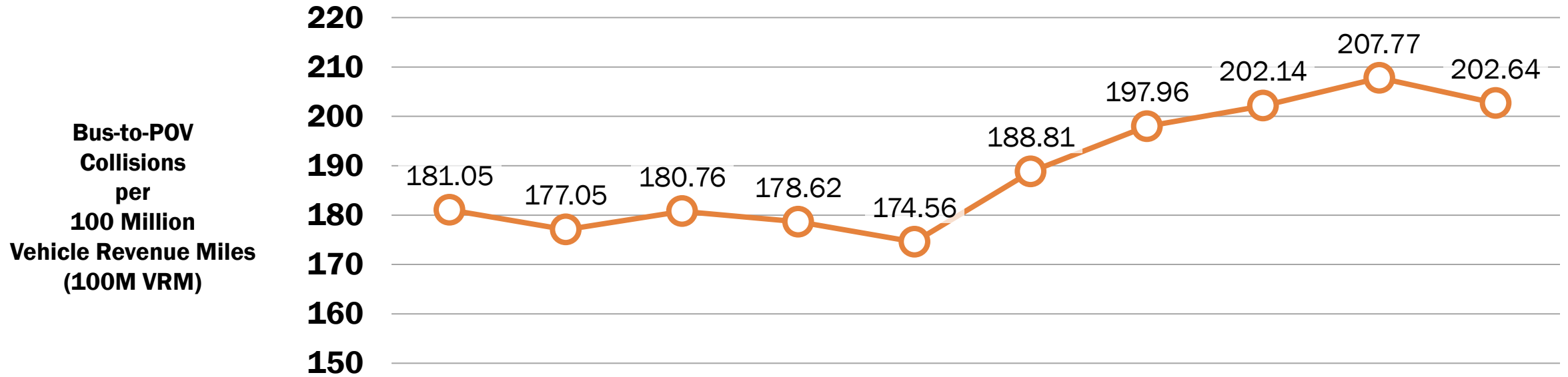


	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Raw Event, Fatality, and Injury Counts										
Bus-to-Person Collisions	555	524	488	497	424	354	425	474	540	489
74 Fatalities	39	33	27	26	54	33	35	27	30	38
Injuries	563	530	502	523	397	339	403	480	549	486

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Bus-to-POV Collisions



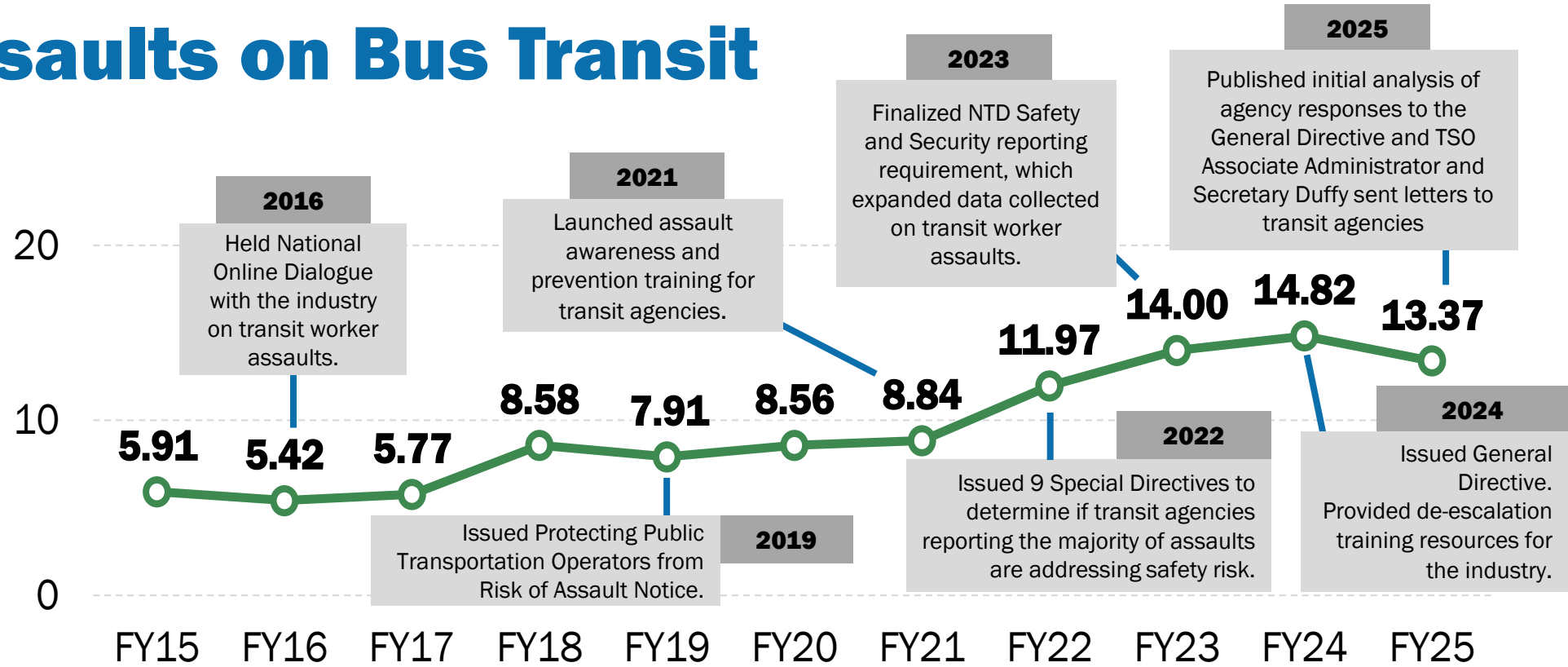
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Bus-to-POV Collisions	5349	5244	5371	5373	4404	4573	5013	5329	5721	5744
Fatalities	41	62	53	46	48	55	65	61	63	47
Injuries	8008	7592	7234	7086	5270	4621	5375	5990	6654	6561

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Major Assaults on Bus Transit Workers

Major Assault Events against Bus Transit Workers per 100M VRM

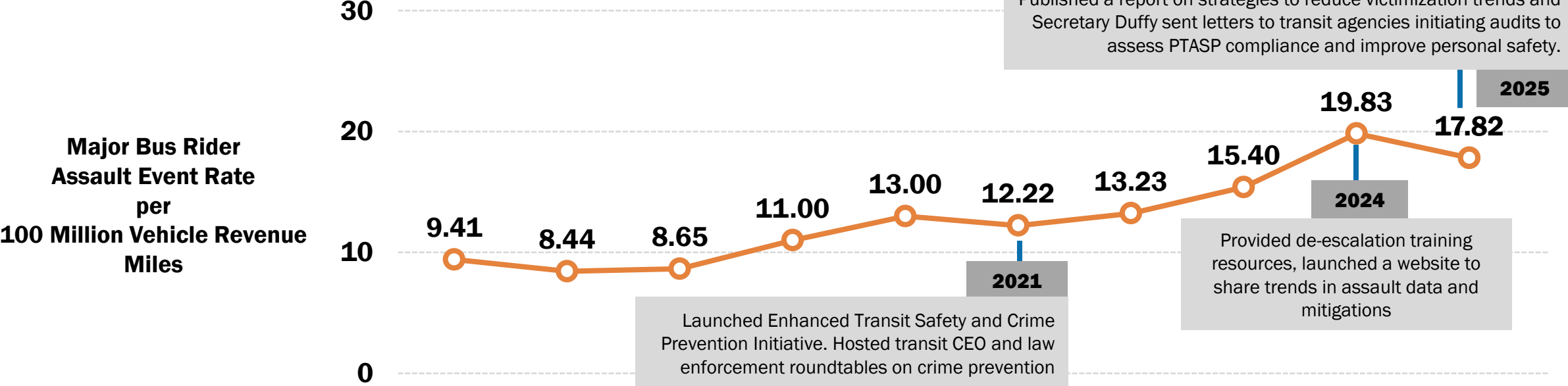


Raw Event, Fatality, and Injury Counts

Major Assaults	172	160	171	255	238	216	214	303	369	408	379
Fatalities	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	4	2
Injuries	173	164	174	255	237	218	216	304	377	414	386

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Major Bus Rider Assaults



FY	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Raw Event, Fatality, and Injury Counts										
Major Assaults	278	250	257	331	328	296	335	406	546	505
Injuries	290	262	270	350	339	302	344	422	557	518
Fatalities	6	8	5	3	7	9	9	9	15	12

Source: National Transit Database (NTD), public release; Data release version April 2026; Analysis includes data through December 30, 2025.
Notes: FY 2026 data is preliminary; VRM data does not include FRA regulated modes/agencies; All non-DOT personnel are considered a Rider.

General Directive 24-01

In September 2024, FTA issued a General Directive requiring over 700 transit agencies subject to PTASP regulation (49 CFR part 673) to take action to mitigate the significant safety risk of assaults on transit workers.

1

Conduct a safety risk assessment related to assaults on transit workers using the Safety Management System (SMS) processes documented in their Agency Safety Plan (ASP).

2

Identify safety risk mitigations or strategies necessary as a result of the safety risk assessment.

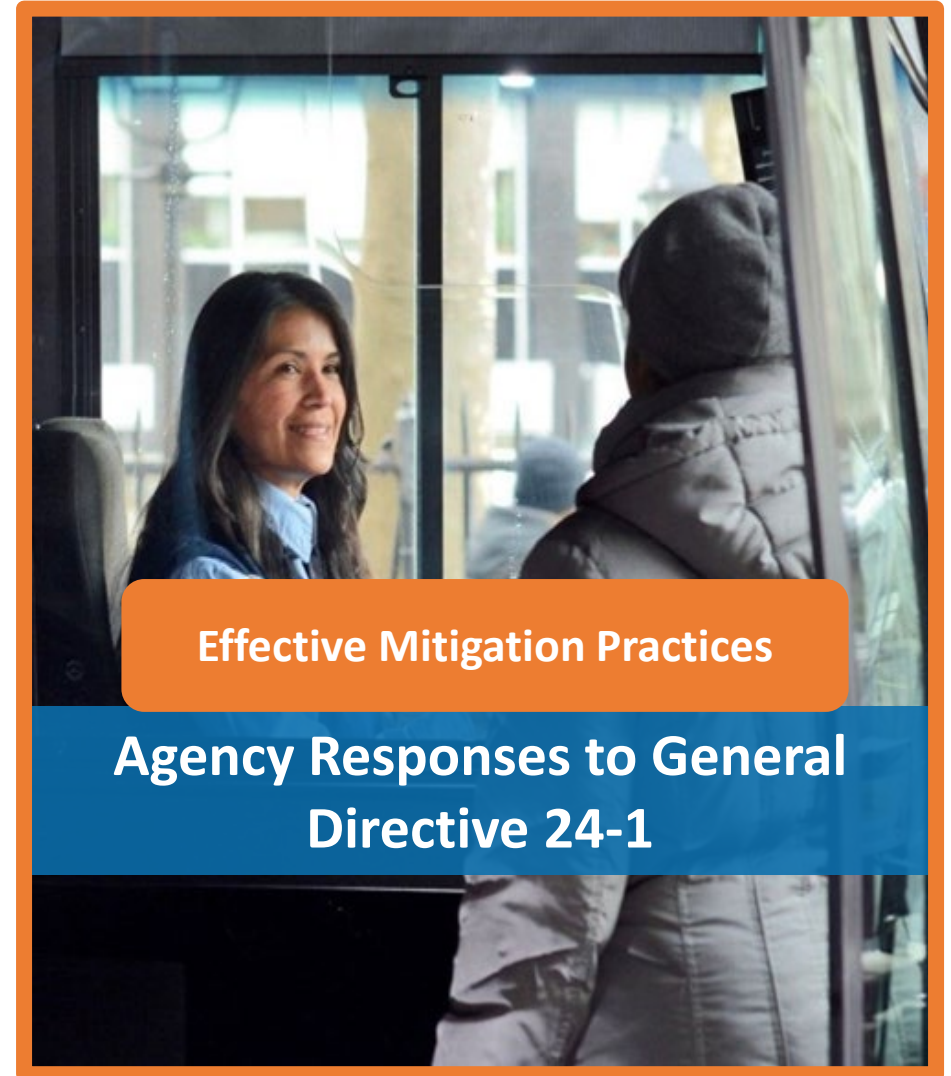
3

Submit information to FTA on how they are assessing, mitigating, and monitoring the safety risk associated with assaults on transit workers. FTA analyzed these submissions and published [Responses to General Directive 24-1](#) in January 2025.

Effective Mitigation Practices

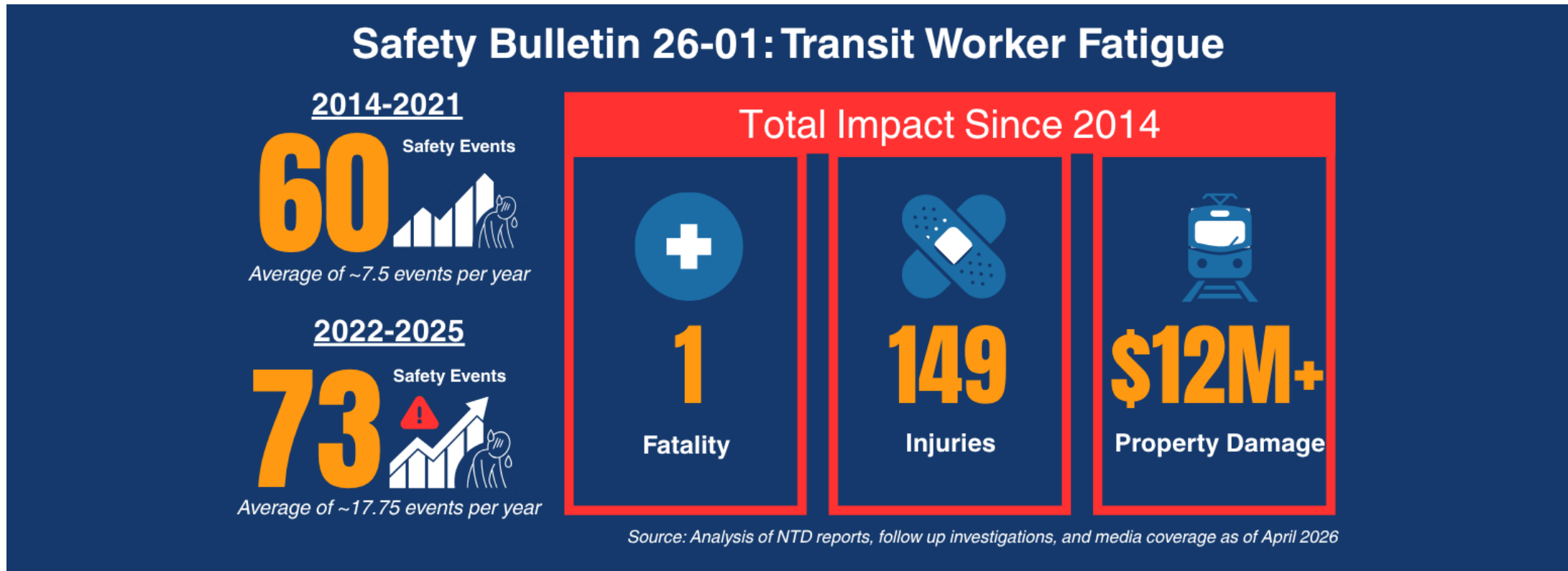
The four most prevalent mitigation strategies include:

-  Operator Barriers
-  De-Escalation Training
-  Patrol Strategies
-  Policy and Procedures



Fatigue Data

Through analysis of NTD reports, follow-up investigations, and media coverage, FTA has identified 133 safety events since 2014 where transit worker fatigue was a factor.



Managing Fatigue

FTA recommends that transit agencies subject to the PTASP regulation consider integrating practices to improve transit worker and public safety, such as:

- Developing or enhancing comprehensive **Fatigue Risk Management Programs**;
- Using scheduling practices that **ensure adequate rest** between shifts;
- Providing specialized **fatigue awareness training** for schedulers, workers, and supervisors; and
- Establishing **Fatigue Reporting Programs** that are confidential/non-reprisal.



Source: Oregon Daily News



Thank you!

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