



FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

# Fact Sheet: Proposed National Public Transportation Safety Plan

## Overview

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 5329(b), the Public Transportation Safety Program must include a National Public Transportation Safety Plan (National Safety Plan) to improve the safety of all public transportation systems that receive Federal financial assistance under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53. On February 5, 2016, FTA published the Proposed National Safety Plan for public comment.

## What is the Proposed National Safety Plan?

**It is not a rule.**

**It is...**

- FTA's strategic plan for improving transit safety performance
- A policy document
- A communication tool
- A repository of standards, guidance, best practices, tools, technical assistance, and other resources.

## What is the Purpose of the Proposed National Safety Plan?

- To meet the statutory requirement to develop and implement a plan to improve the safety of public transportation systems that receive Federal financial assistance under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53
- To communicate FTA's Safety Management Systems (SMS) approach to improving the transit industry's safety performance.

## Who would the Proposed National Safety Plan Apply To?

The National Safety Plan would apply to all recipients of Federal financial assistance under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53.

## What is the Relationship Between the Proposed National Safety Plan and the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Notice of Proposed Rulemaking?

A transit agency would be required to set safety **performance targets** in its PTASP based on the following proposed performance measures from the National Safety Plan:

- Fatalities
- Injuries
- Safety Events
- System Reliability (State of Good Repair)

## What is the SMS Framework?

A guidance document for the transit industry:

- Provides a brief overview of key SMS concepts.
- Describes attributes of an effective SMS.
- Presents FTA's adopted SMS components and sub-components.
- Presents SMS development phases and sample tasks.

## Additional Information:

- The public comment period closes on April 5, 2016.
- Submit electronic comments to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=FTA-2015-0017>.



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