

Fact Sheet: Public Transportation Safety Program Final Rule

Overview

The Public Transportation Safety Program Rule establishes substantive and procedural rules for FTA's administration of the Public Transportation Safety Program authorized at 49 U.S.C. § 5329.

Effective Date

The final rule becomes effective on September 12, 2015.

What does the Public Transportation Safety Program Final Rule do?

- Establishes FTA's Safety Management Systems (SMS) approach to the development and implementation of the Safety Program
- Sets rules of practice for FTA's enforcement authority
- Describes contents of a National Public Transportation Safety Plan

Safety Management Systems (SMS) Policy

Consistent with the methods and principles of SMS, FTA will give priority in rulemaking, enforcement, oversight, and resources towards those issues that pose the highest risk to the safety of public transportation systems.

National Public Transportation Safety Plan

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

FTA Authorities

-  Conduct inspections, investigations, audits, examinations, and testing of equipment, facilities, rolling stock, and operations
-  Withhold or direct use of federal funds
-  Issue Safety Advisories and Safety Directives
-  Require more frequent oversight by a SSOA or more frequent reporting
-  Require corrective action plans
-  Issue restrictions and prohibitions of operations, facilities, and rolling stock

Questions

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