

**FTA Acting Administrator’s Tasking to TRACS 16-02**

**Transit Advisory Committee for Safety Task Statement**: The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (Pub. L. 112-141 (2012)) created a performance-based and multimodal program to strengthen the U.S. transportation system. By focusing on national goals, increasing accountability, and improving transparency, these changes will improve decision-making through better informed planning and programming.

FTA has adopted a Safety Management System (SMS) approach to the development and implementation of the Public Transportation Safety Program. Data collection and analysis are critical to the success of any effective Safety Management System. FTA's ability to set National safety goals, identify mitigations, and guide improvements in safety performance is dependent upon its collection of relevant information. Therefore, FTA is tasking TRACS to develop recommendations that help define the functional requirements and data elements of a comprehensive safety data collection and analysis framework intended to support improvements in the transit industry's safety performance.

**Task No.:** 16-02

**Date initially presented to the TRACS:** March 29, 2016

**A Work Group will be established to address the various components of this tasking.**

**Issues to be considered include but are not limited to the following**:

1. Actions and processes for improving existing safety performance measures. Often, the only numerical results provided in National level documents are total fatalities and total injuries in transit operations. To better understand safety performance, these analyses must include increased granularity and be based not only on the collection of lagging indicators, but also on leading indicators. Accordingly, FTA will need to collect more and different data and information than what is currently reported to the National Transit Database.
2. The development of recommended requirements for the collection of transit events, including accidents, incidents and occurrences. Recommend minimum collection requirements that may include the following: date and time, weather, pavement and light condition, geographic location, property damage, number of injuries and/or fatalities, number of vehicles and/or pedestrians involved, type of vehicle involved, indication of preventability, etc.
3. What type of reporting platform would FTA need to support its collection, analysis and dissemination of safety information? What functionalities for a National reporting system to collect, analyze and disseminate safety information would be most useful to transit agencies and other reporters (e.g ability to generate reports, ability to modify/delete previously entered data, ability to email reported information, ability to access other reporters' data)?

**Refer to/establish working group**: Yes

**Target Dates**:

* **October 30, 2016**: Submit draft letter report with recommendations to the full TRACS committee.
* **February 28, 2017**: Submit final report with recommendations to theFTA Designated Federal Official (DFO)**.**

**Disposition:** Accepted **Date:** March 29, 2016

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