

**FTA Administrator’s Tasking to TRACS 11-02**

Transit Rail Advisory Committee for Safety will receive information at the April 2011 meeting regarding an FTA sponsored study on Prescription and Over-the-Counter (Rx/OTC) medication testing and notification procedures in the transit industry. The study assessed the number of systems that have implemented Rx/OTC policies, and the extent, if any, that Rx/OTC medication use was addressed as part of post accident investigations.

The TRACS work group is tasked with assisting the FTA Drug and Alcohol Program Manager with reviewing the study and providing recommendations for improving the development of non-regulatory employer Rx/OTC policies, employee Rx/OTC notification training and employee reported information in accident/incident investigations.

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

* Are the recommendations in the survey feasible and what conclusions can be reached?
* How should the regulation be written with regard to balancing privacy rights?
* What are the current best practices in Rx/OTC testing and employee notification?
* What information/data should be reported/collected/analyzed by the transit agency?
* What should RTA managers do with the resulting information/data?
* What are the critical success factors required of a transit system to implement potential Rx/OTC regulation on testing and notification?
* What federal and local resources are required to implement the recommended model?

**Target Dates**: The work group will periodically provide updates to the TRACS via the Drug and Alcohol Program Manager

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