

MESSAGE TO FTA GRANTEES ON OCTOBER 1, 2018 DEADLINE FOR COMPLETING A TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT (TAM) PLAN

On October 1, 2018, every FTA recipient that operates public transportation must have a Transit Asset Management (TAM) plan. If a recipient is unable to meet this requirement because of circumstances beyond its control, the [TAM rule](#) allows transit operators to request an extension from FTA prior to September 30, 2018. If an agency determines that it will not meet the October 1 deadline for having a TAM plan, the FTA regional office should be contacted immediately. A completed TAM plan or an extension approved by FTA is required for a grantee to self-certify and maintain eligibility to receive grants from FTA.

In addition, a TAM plan or an extension is required by the October 1 deadline so that metropolitan and/or State planning bodies may update or amend Transportation Improvement Plans (TIPs) and State Transportation Improvement Plans (STIPs). This is a requirement of the joint FHWA/FTA [Performance Based Planning and Programming](#) (PBPP) rule. FTA's Office of Planning and Environment offers technical assistance to help Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and State Departments of Transportation address the performance provisions using data from FTA's National Transit Database (NTD) for regional partners, in lieu of transit agency provided data. FTA's regional offices can provide further information.

Again, if an agency determines that it will not meet the October 1 deadline for having a TAM plan, please contact the FTA regional office prior to the deadline. FTA will be unable to grant TAM plan extensions after October 1, 2018.

Further information is available on the [FTA TAM homepage](#)

FTA also encourages transit agencies that have been or may be impacted by natural disasters, such as Hurricane Florence, to add their name to the [Emergency Relief docket](#) and to contact your regional office now.