



TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT

TAMNews

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FTA's Transit Asset Management (TAM) newsletter keeps you up to date on asset management initiatives and creates a forum for the industry to share information and learn from one another.

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Announcements

Transit Asset Management (TAM) Compliance Message: On October 15, FTA distributed a public message regarding how to certify compliance with the TAM rule and the October 1 deadline.

Updated Webpages: The [Getting Started](#), [TAM Events](#), and [FTA Outreach Materials](#) pages have been updated to include additional content and resources to better equip agencies with information about managing transit assets.

Consider submitting your agency's best practices to the TAM Peer Library: The [TAM Peer Library](#) showcases examples of policies, processes, tools, or other resources you have to share of transit agencies. Click the link to learn more and submit your work.

TAM Plans new home: TAM Plans are now available for peer learning from the [AASHTO TAMP Builder](#) site and a forthcoming page on the [APTA](#) site- we are accepting TAM Plans to be posted there.

Upcoming Events

TAM Implementation for Tier II Providers and Sponsors: [Register](#) for the NTI training on January 10, 2019 in Moline, Illinois. The course will cover transit asset management practices for smaller providers, as well as implementing federal requirements.

Introduction to TAM (Tier I Agencies): [Register](#) for the NTI training on March 5-7, 2019 in Orlando, Florida. The course will cover principles and best practices for transit asset management, as well as how to comply with federal regulations.

New Resources

New TAM Video: FTA released a [video](#) on how and why transit providers use asset management, showcasing the San Joaquin Regional Transit District and the Southeast Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA)'s efforts to use asset management to help their agencies balance and prioritize improvements.

TAM and PTASP Fact Sheet: Check out the new FTA [document](#) that provides more detail about the first nexus point identified in the "Nexus of Transit Asset Management & Safety Management Systems" fact sheet.

TAM Executive Slides: FTA has developed a fully [customizable presentation](#) to support transit professionals in communicating the value of TAM to executives. Pick the length and depth of the presentation by cutting & pasting based on your agencies' needs.

Tribal Reporting Tool [BETA]: FTA released the beta version of an [Excel tool](#) that provides tribes and other very small providers with a template for reporting agency information and completing the required asset inventory, condition assessment, and agency targets.

FTA TAM Plans Peer Exchange: [Resources](#) from the June 2018 TAM Peer Exchange on TAM Plans in Chicago, Illinois are now available on the website.

New FAQ: The [TAM FAQs](#) page has been updated to include additional information on TAM plan submission and the requirement for Board action for TAM plans.

Alaska DOT Asset Inventory and Condition Rating Tool: A [tool](#) created by the Alaska Department of Transportation to help agencies complete an asset inventory and condition assessment is now available.

Articles

ASCE gives Minnesota infrastructure a C: Minnesota has received a C grade on the American Society of Civil Engineers' most recent [infrastructure report card](#). The nine categories addressed on the scorecard, including transit, demonstrate the need for a reliable funding stream for infrastructure improvements.

Governor Murphy unveils NJ Transit audit results and recommendations: On October 9, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy revealed the [findings](#) of a comprehensive strategic, financial, and operational assessment of NJ Transit. Recommendations included improving both physical infrastructure and asset management.

Philly unveils massive seven-year plan to improve city transit system: The Philadelphia office of Transportation and Infrastructure Systems (oTIS) introduced [CONNECT](#), a [comprehensive plan](#) to increase safety, improve the condition of the city's streets and

sidewalks, and support pedestrians and bikers. The city will collaborate with SEPTA to transform the bus system and modernize the trolleys, among other improvements.

Seattle mayor calls for reduced fossil fuels, increased transit investments: The City of Seattle Mayor Jenny A. Durkan recently signed an Executive Order to reduce the size of the city's vehicle fleet by 10 percent in order to [re-prioritize](#) investing in transit and maintaining existing infrastructure.

To help Chicago businesses, fully fund public transit, report says: A report issued this month by the Metropolitan Planning Council looks at [the impact](#) Chicago's trains and buses have on it businesses and workers. Research suggests that a dollar of public money spent on public transit produces well more than a dollar in return.

Why has the New York City subway gone off the rails?: Ridership of the New York City subway is near a 70-year peak, but after years of neglect, deferred maintenance, and financial mismanagement, the system [can't handle](#) the strain. MTA president Andy Byford is trying to change that.