



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

MARTA's asset management program gains international certification: MARTA became the [first North American transit agency](#) to achieve ISO 55000 certification, establishing the agency as an industry leader in asset management. Congratulations, MARTA!

National Transit Database Reporting Changes and Clarifications: FTA published a notice in the [April 9 Federal Register](#) with information on proposed changes and clarifications to the National Transit Database (NTD) reporting requirements, effective report year 2019.

Continue submitting your agency's TAM Plans and best practices: FTA is accepting TAM Plan submissions for a forthcoming page on the [APTA](#) site. Submit examples of agency policies, processes, tools, or other resources to the [TAM Peer Library](#).

Upcoming Events

Using TAM to Support Decision-Making: [Register](#) for the FTA webinar at 3:30-4:30 p.m. ET on May 29. The event will review how two agencies are using their TAM data to support agency decision-making.

2019 TAM Roundtable- Multimodal: A [draft agenda](#) is now available for the first of two TAM Roundtable events in 2019, on July 16-18 in Baltimore, Maryland. Please [register](#) for this 2.5 day event no later than June 14, 2019.

2019 TAM Roundtable- Bus Operators: The second 2019 TAM Roundtable event will occur on [September 4-5](#) in St. Louis, Missouri. This 1.5 day event is designed for smaller tier I and tier II agencies that do not operate rail and will focus on more fundamental issues related to TAM implementation.

Introduction to TAM (Tier I Agencies): NTI is hosting a [training](#) on September 17-19 in Washington, DC. The course will cover principles and best practices for transit asset management, as well as how to comply with federal regulations.

New Resources

Webinar Resources: Additional transcripts from past TAM webinars are [now available](#). Previous webinar recordings can also be found on the FTA [YouTube channel](#).

Am I in Compliance with the TAM Final Rule? The FTA [checklist](#) to determine TAM Final Rule compliance has been updated to better explain requirements.

Putting TAM Data to Use: A [recording](#) of the March 19, 2019 webinar is now available.

Communicating TAM Compliance and Programs: The FTA and APTA [presentation](#) from the April 25, 2019 webinar is now available.

Performance Based Planning, TAM, and PTASP: [Materials](#) from the April 30, 2019 FTA webinar are now available.

A Guide to Developing Financial Plans and Performance Measures for TAM: TRB's NCHRP [Research Report 898](#) is now available on the TAM website.

Proceedings of the 12th National Conference on Transportation Asset Management: TRB has released a [compilation](#) of the presentations and summary of the ensuing discussions at the July 14–15, 2018 meeting.

Questions to Ask Before Your Municipality Considers Asset Management Software: The Federation of Canadian Municipalities has developed [a guide](#) to help municipalities determine whether they should acquire asset management software.

Articles

APTA report identifies critically needed public transportation investments: APTA released [new research](#) identifying at least \$232 billion in critical transportation investments, including a \$90 billion backlog of state of good repair needs.

Milton T riders prefer function over charm of vintage trolleys: The MBTA conducted a large study of the [Mattapan High Speed Line](#), finding that it will soon become impractical to service the vintage trolleys used in Mattapan and Milton.

Passenger-rail systems step up the pace to replace their aging fleets: Both Amtrak and Chicago's Metra have awarded large contracts for [new and remanufactured locomotives](#), demonstrating an emphasis on replacing aging units.

TriMET moves MAX Red Line improvements project forward: The TriMet Board of Directors approved two resolutions that will provide support for TriMet's MAX [Red Line Extension and Reliability Improvements Project](#), which includes infrastructure improvements to track and switches, upgrading the signal system, and building an operator break facility.