



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

2020 TAM Roundtable: Save the date for next year's TAM Roundtable on July 12, 2020 in Boston, MA. The event will coincide with the [13th National Conference on Transportation Asset Management](#).

APTA Public Review of Draft Documents: The APTA Standards Development Program has a number of [draft documents](#) available for public review. The current comment period ends on September 9, 2019.

Submit your agency's TAM Plans and best practices: FTA is continuing to accept 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

2019 TAM Roundtable - Bus Operators: A [draft agenda](#) is now available for the second 2019 TAM Roundtable event 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 two trainings on [September 17-19](#) in Washington, DC and [December 3-5](#) in Chicago, Illinois. The course will cover principles and best practices for transit asset management, as well as how to comply with federal regulations.

New FTA Resources

FTA TAM Posters: FTA has produced high-impact color posters promoting TAM. Choose from among five [TAM poster styles](#) available as high-resolution downloads.

Using TAM to Support Decision-Making: A [recording](#) of the May 29, 2019 webinar is now available.

2019 TAM Multimodal Roundtable Resources: [Presentations](#) and [FTA Q&A](#) from the July 16-18, 2019 Roundtable are now available.

FTA FY19 Comprehensive Review Guide: [Section 6](#) on Transit Asset Management has been added to the website.

NTD Rules and Regulations: The FTA [NTD page](#) has been reformatted to make searching for regulatory documents easy and effective.

SGR Grant Program Guidance: The [2015 circular](#) issuing guidance and application instructions for the SGR program can now be found on the website.

New Peer Resources

Communicating Your Transit Asset Management Plan: APTA [guidance](#) on communicating agency TAM plans to internal and external audiences is now available.

Economic Cost of Failing to Modernize Public Transportation: The website now features an [APTA report](#) that includes six agency SGR case studies.

Articles

California's GCTD opens new operations, maintenance facility: Gold Coast Transit District in Ventura County opened a [new facility](#) to replace an outdated and deteriorating bus garage and office space originally built in the 1970s for a much smaller fleet.

Chicago remade its 127-year-old rapid transit system. Are there lessons for Metro?: Chicago's "L" system was able to [bounce back](#) from a \$10 billion maintenance backlog through years of focused investment, offering some lessons for the future of D.C.'s Metro system.

Maryland Transit Administration forecasts \$2 billion shortfall over next decade: The MTA's first Capital Needs Inventory identified \$5.7 billion in [necessary spending](#) between now and 2028, including \$1.5 billion to bring the agency's assets back to a state of good repair.

Quincy commuters cheer reopening of MBTA's Wollaston Station: The MBTA Wollaston Station [reopened](#) after more than a year and a half of renovations. The \$36 million overhaul brought the station in line with new standards for safety, flooding, and other requirements such as accessibility.