



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Transit
Administration**

Administrator

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Dear Colleague,

To help prepare for future storms and other disasters, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) would like to ensure that transit agencies are aware of available resources that can help prepare for and prevent losses to infrastructure or rolling stock should a natural disaster occur. Recent history has illustrated both the vulnerability of transit systems to natural disasters as well as the critical role public transportation plays in evacuation and response.

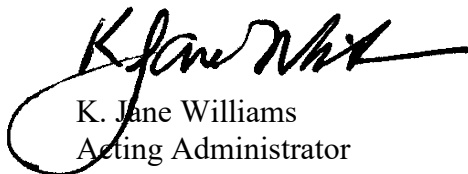
To ensure transit agencies have the best and most up to date information, FTA created the [Emergency Relief Reports](#) webpage. Resources include:

- [FTA's Emergency Relief Manual](#), a reference guide for states and transit agencies on disaster preparedness, and response and recovery from declared disasters;
- [Improving Transit Resilience Database](#), a database which contains useful case studies, process aides, guidance documents, analysis frameworks, and other resources for practitioners as they take steps to improve transit resilience at their individual agencies. FTA encourages transit agencies affected by disasters to contribute to the Resilience Database and share content, making it a more robust resource for all in preparation for a potential disaster; and
- A report entitled, "[Improving the Resilience of Transit Systems Threatened by Natural Disasters](#)."

FTA will update this page to include guidance and other resources as they are developed.

FTA remains prepared to help transit agencies in areas affected by disasters provide rescue, recovery and transportation services. General information about this FTA program may be found at this weblink, [Emergency Relief Program](#). Transit agencies should reach out to their FTA regional office with questions regarding disaster response planning or other resources available.

Sincerely,



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