



FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

2019 Joint SSO and RTA Workshop

**FTA's Human Trafficking Awareness and
Public Safety Initiative**

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What is Human Trafficking?

- Modern form of slavery, with nearly 25 million victims worldwide—including the U.S.
 - Victims can be anyone: women, men, adults, children, citizens and noncitizens
- Crime involving the exploitation of someone for the purposes of compelled labor or a commercial sex act through the use of force, fraud, or coercion
 - When younger than 18 and induced to perform a commercial sex act, it is a crime regardless of whether there is any force, fraud, or coercion
- Use all modes of transportation but often public transit because it is low cost, offers greater anonymity and less direct interaction with officials

U.S. DOT's Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking (TLAHT)

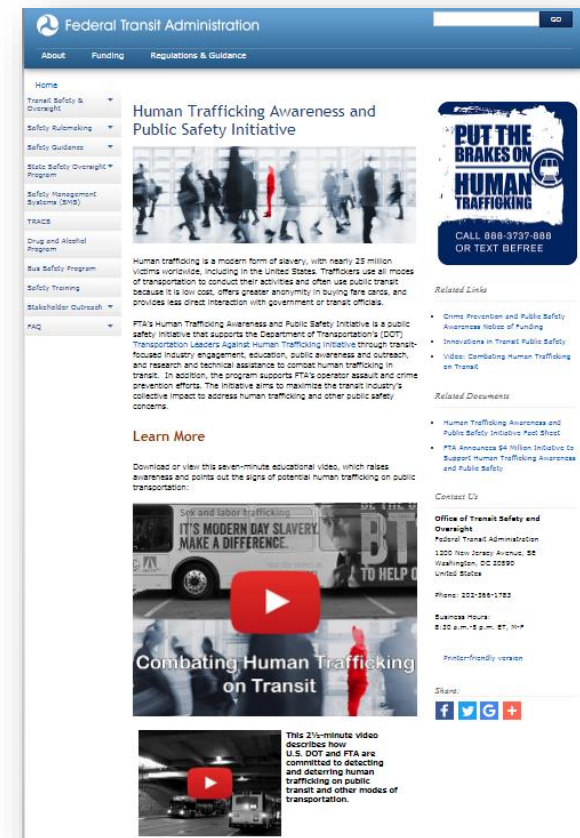
- Formed in 2012
- Comprised of transportation and travel industry stakeholders working jointly to maximize their collective impact in combating human trafficking
- Focus Areas:
 - Leadership
 - Training and education
 - Policy development
 - Public awareness
 - Information sharing and analysis



Visit: <https://www.transportation.gov/stophumantrafficking>

FTA Human Trafficking Awareness and Public Safety Initiative

- Formed in 2018
- Supports DOT's Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking Initiative
- Supports FTA's operator assault and crime prevention efforts
- Focus Areas:
 - Education
 - Public awareness and outreach
 - Research and technical assistance



Visit: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/human-trafficking-awareness-and-public-safety-initiative>

FTA Human Trafficking Awareness and Public Safety Initiative Recent Activities

March 2019

- Published two Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO)
- Launched FTA Human Trafficking Initiative web page

Fall 2019

- Award \$4 million in funding for human trafficking awareness and prevention, and operator and rider safety enhancement activities

June 2019

- Produced educational video



Join the Fight Against Human Trafficking



The transportation industry is taking a united stand to stop the flow of human trafficking through America's transportation system



Partner with DOT's TLAHT to maximize our collective impact against human trafficking in the transportation industry



Sign the TLAHT pledge to make your stakeholders aware of your intention and actions, and call your organization to act



TLAHT has engaged with hundreds of organizations from across the transportation industry and nearly 60 entities have signed the pledge

Resources

DOT's Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking webpage:

<https://www.transportation.gov/TLAHT>

FTA's Human Trafficking Awareness and Public Safety Initiative webpage:

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/human-trafficking-awareness-and-public-safety-initiative>

FTA Human Trafficking Awareness and Public Safety Initiative Educational Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DBRAWz7yAXc&feature=youtu.be>



Questions?

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