

Use of Grant Funds for Safety Plan Development and Implementation

- No additional funding provided to grantees for compliance with the PTASP Final Rule
- Federal funds may be used to develop and implement a safety plan:

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‡ 5304	‡	5337
‡ 5307	‡	5339

- SSOA funds may **not** be used for any bus activities, only to be used for rail activities

Safety Plan Approval

- Safety plan must be signed by agency's Accountable Executive.
- Safety plan must be approved by agency's Board of Directors or an equivalent authority (such as a mayor, county executive, or grant manager).
- A State Safety Oversight Agency must review and approve the safety plan for a rail transit agency for which it has responsibility.
 - **For multimodal agencies that choose to draft one plan for the entire agency, SSOAs are only required to review the rail portions of the plan**

Safety Plan Certification

- Transit agencies, and States that draft plans on behalf of small operators, must initially self-certify through FTA's Certifications and Assurances process that they have established a Safety Plan by one year after the effective date of the rule.
- Annually, transit agencies and States self-certify that they are meeting the requirements of the rule.

Record Keeping

Transit agencies must keep records related to their safety plan for three years.

- Documents related to the implementation of its Safety Management System (SMS) and results from SMS processes and activities.
- Documents, in whole or by reference, that describe the programs, policies, and procedures for carrying out the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP).

Documents must be made available upon request by FTA, other Federal entity, or a SSOA.

PTASP Rule Oversight Framework

FTA Role

- Guidance
- Technical assistance
- Triennial reviews

Transit Agency Role

- Develop and implement PTASP
- Annual self-certification

SSO Agency Role

- Review and approve PTASP
- Oversees RTA compliance

Performance Management Framework and the Planning Process

FTA's Safety Performance Measures (by Mode)*

Injuries

- Total amount and rate per total vehicle revenue miles.

Fatalities

- Total amount and rate per total vehicle revenue miles.

Safety Events

- Total amount and rate per total vehicle revenue miles.

System Reliability

- Mean distance between major mechanical failures.

**Established in FTA's National Public Transportation Safety Plan*

MAP-21 Performance Management Framework

FTA

- Transit Asset Management
- National Public Transportation
- Safety Plan Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan

FHWA

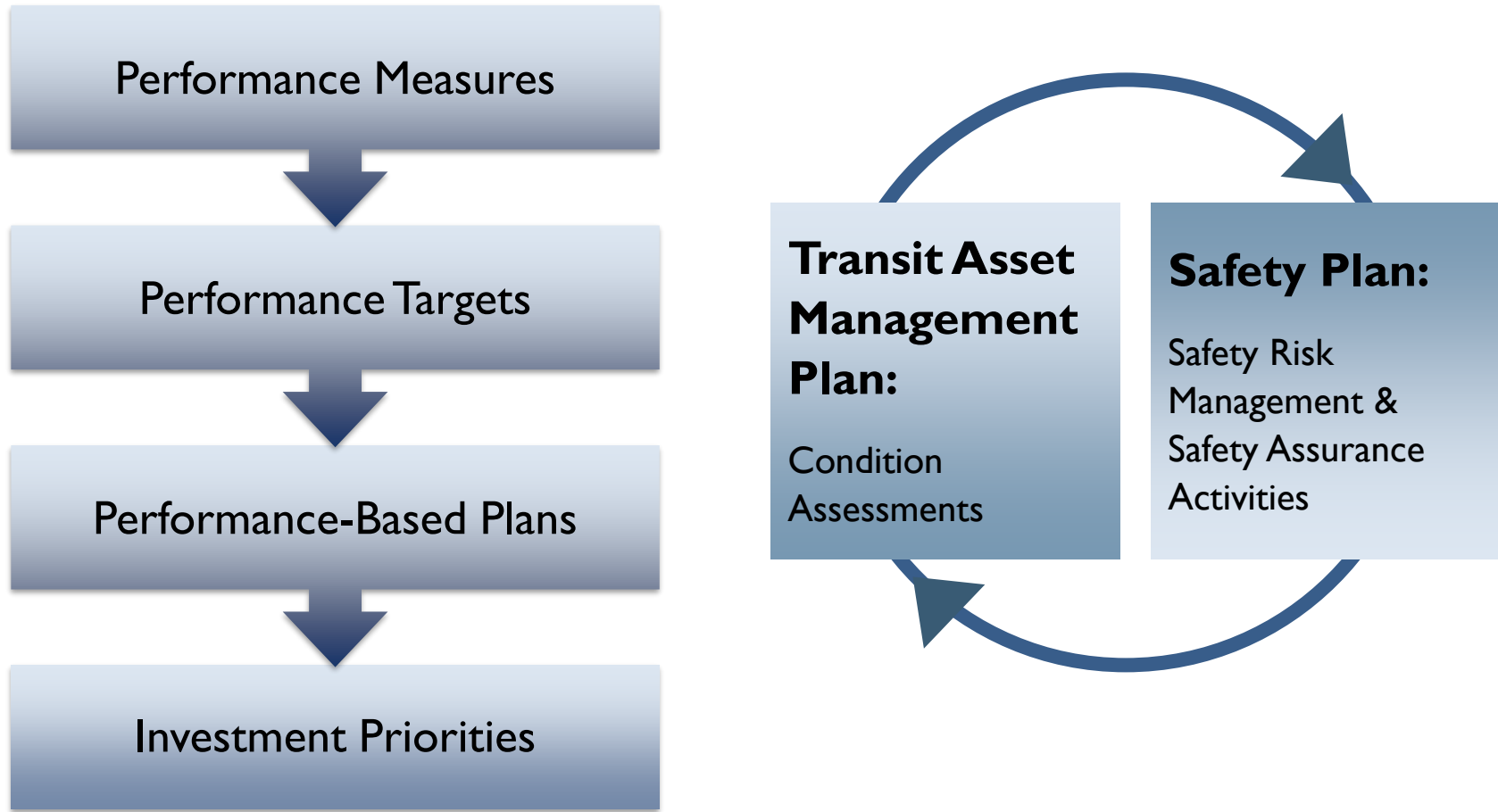
- Safety Performance
- Pavement and Bridge Condition
- System Performance & CMAQ
- Highway Safety Improvement Program
- Highway Asset Management Plan

Statewide and Metropolitan Planning

Coordination with the Planning Process

- Transit agencies are required to make their safety performance targets available to States and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO).
- This will assist with the selection of safety performance targets at the State and MPO levels.
- The safety performance targets will help States and MPOs develop their investment priorities for upcoming transit projects within their jurisdictions for at least the following four years.
- The FTA/FHWA Joint Rule on Planning (23 C.F.R. Part 450) provides more information on planning and coordination requirements.

Linking Safety, Transit Asset Management, and Project Planning



Safety Management Systems (SMS)

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Safety Management Policy

Establish A
Written
Statement of
Safety Policy,
Communicated
Throughout the
Agency, that
Includes:

Safety objectives for the agency

A employee reporting program

Organizational
accountabilities
and safety
responsibilities
for:

1. Accountable Executive

2. Chief Safety Officer

3. Agency Leadership

4. Key Staff Responsible for Safety

Safety Risk Management

Establish A
Process For:

Identify safety hazards.

Assess the safety risks associated with the identified safety hazards.

Prioritize safety hazards based on the level of risk.

Implement safety risk mitigations.

Safety Assurance (All Transit Agencies)

Establish
Activities
For:

Safety
Performance
Monitoring and
Measurement

Monitor compliance with/sufficiency of operations and maintenance procedures.

Identify mitigation(s) that may be ineffective, inappropriate, or not implemented as intended.

Conduct investigations of safety events to identify causal factors.

Monitor safety-related information.

Safety Assurance (Rail/Large Bus Systems Only)

Establish Activities
For:

Management of
Change

Identify and assess changes that may introduce new hazards or impact safety performance.

Continuous
Improvement

Assess safety performance and correct safety deficiencies.

Safety Promotion

Elements:

Comprehensive safety training program for agency employees/contractors directly responsible for safety.

Communicate an agency's safety performance throughout the organization.

How is PTASP Different from SSPP?

SSPP	PTASP
21 fixed program elements	<p>SMS components are scalable and flexible.</p> <p>Performance-based regulation.</p>
Integrates risk management into the overall system design and engineering process	<p>Focuses on management of safety risk through all aspects of a transit agency's operations by addressing hazards as a day-to-day operational consideration.</p> <p>Encourages a more integrated and multi-disciplinary approach to identifying hazards and assessing safety risk.</p> <p>Specifies management accountability for resource decisions to resolve safety risk at all lifecycle stages.</p>
Assumes that technical compliance with engineered solutions will result in safe operations	<p>Promotes the collection and analysis of information from the frontline, supervisors, automated systems, customers, audits of normal operations, and other activities to help the rail transit agency:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) identify changes from the safety baseline, 2) evaluate and mitigate associated safety risks, and 3) regularly monitor the effectiveness of safety risk mitigations.

PTASP Effective Date

The rule is effective on **July 19, 2019**. Transit agencies must develop, certify, and implement an agency safety plan by **July 20, 2020**.

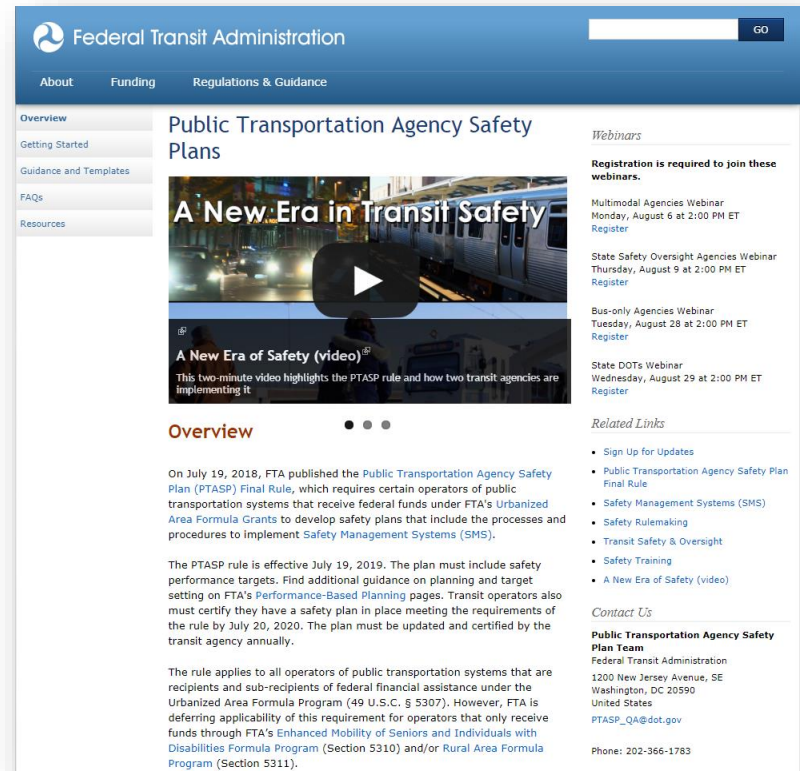
Please do not wait to begin development of your agency safety plan. FTA cannot waive or extend the compliance deadline.

Outreach and Technical Assistance

FTA Technical Assistance

To assist with the implementation of these final rules and to reduce administrative and financial burdens, FTA is publishing templates, guidance and technical assistance, including:

- Rail (forthcoming)
 - SSPP to PTASP Roadmap
 - Rail Guidance
- Bus
 - [PTASP Template](#)
 - [Bus Guidance](#)



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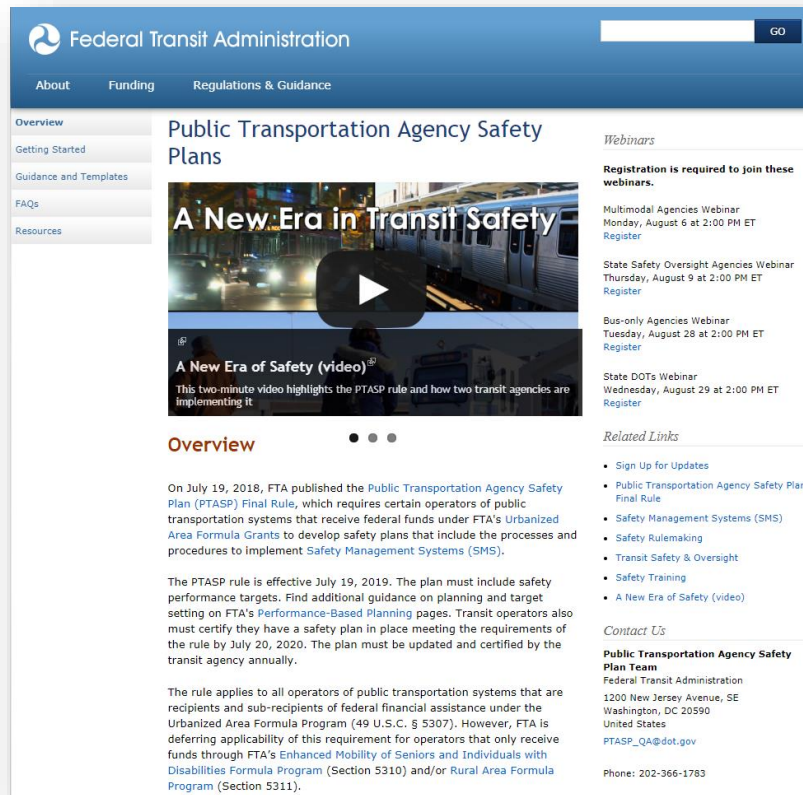
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Upcoming Webinars

Webinars	Dates
<p>Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Final Rule</p>	<p>State DOTs Register Wednesday, September 12 at 2:00 PM ET</p> <p>Bus-only Agencies Register Thursday, September 13 at 2:00 PM ET</p>
<p>Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program Final Rule</p>	<p>Tuesday, September 18 at 2:00 PM ET Register</p>

More Information and Follow-up Questions

- Questions: PTASP_QA@dot.gov
- Other questions? Call the TSO Main Number at 202-366-1783



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