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Submit your Agency Safety Plan (ASP) for Review! FTA is pleased to offer voluntary reviews of draft ASPs—a form of direct, one-on-one assistance that you can request through the PTASP TAC. We are in the process of scheduling reviews, now!

## Featured Resources

Here are this week's latest resources. Access the entire library by visiting FTA's [PTASP Technical Assistance Center Website](#).

[PTASP Bus Workshop Participant Guide](#) from FTA's PTASP Bus Workshop held in August 2019.

[RTA and SSOA PTASP Review Checklist](#) for use by Rail Transit Agencies and State Safety Oversight Agencies to assist with the development of the ASP for rail transit modes.

[Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Bus Mini-Workshop](#), from FTA's 18th Biennial State Programs Meeting and State Public Transportation Partnerships Conference

The [Safety Risk Mitigations and Corrective Actions Guide](#) explains the distinct functions of safety risk mitigations and corrective actions and discusses their respective roles within the Safety Risk Management and Safety Assurance processes of a Safety Management System (SMS).

The [Sample Hazard Classification System](#) introduces a sample classification system for hazards in the transit environment, including categories grouped by type, and provides examples of specific transit safety hazards in each.

### Need Assistance?

Contact a PTASP Specialist today!



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### Get Involved

Are you a transit agency or State DOT and need to develop an Agency Safety Plan? Are you a part of a State Safety Oversight (SSOA) team responsible for overseeing an ASP? Visit the Community of Practice forums and join the conversation! The forums are where you can share questions, information, resources, and get peer-to-peer support.

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## Q & A Highlights

### Question 1:

In a multimodal system with rail and bus, can the Chief Safety Officer oversee safety for BOTH rail and bus?

#### FTA Response:

Yes, the Chief Safety Officer (CSO) can oversee both rail and bus modes and may be described as such in the Agency Safety Plan, wherever the authorities, accountabilities, and responsibilities are defined. To the extent that the Safety Management System (SMS) covers each mode operated by a multimodal agency, the CSO is responsible for the operation of that SMS.

### Question 2:

Our transit agency is considered a large bus operator. (We operate more than 100 revenue buses during rush-hour.) In the development of our Agency Safety Plan, does the FTA also require we take our Paratransit/On-Demand services into consideration, too? Kindly advise.

#### FTA Response:

Yes, as a recipient of section 5307 funds, your agency must establish an ASP for its entire operation. (49 C.F.R. § 673.1.) Your agency may draft one ASP for each mode (bus, paratransit/on-demand) or one ASP that addresses all transit modes. (49 C.F.R. § 673.11(b))

### Question 3:

The "Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Checklist for Bus Transit," Section 5, checkbox 1 states that safety hazard identification sources include data and information provided by FTA. Do you know where I can find this FTA data?

#### FTA Response:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 673.25(b)(2), a transit agency "must consider, as a source for hazard identification, data and information provided by an oversight authority and the FTA." This may include updates to the National Public Transportation Safety Plan, safety advisories, safety bulletins, special and general directives, or reports. You can sign up to receive safety information from FTA through GovDelivery at:

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOTFTA/subscriber/new>

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### Recent Webinars

The **PTASP Technical Assistance Center** webinar reviewed how the TAC will assist the development and implementation of ASPs, and provided instructions on how to navigate the online forum.

View the webinar [recording](#) and [slides](#) for more information.

The **PTASP Refresher Training** webinar reviewed PTASP requirements, including applicability, ASP documentation, and the FTA's PTASP development resources.

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