Agenda

• Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP)
• Safety Risk Management (SRM)
• Transit Advisory Committee for Safety (TRACS)
PTASP TAC Overview

- **Now open!**
  - TAC launched on October 14, 2019
- **PTASP TAC goal:**
  - Provide comprehensive technical assistance to help the transit industry meet Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) regulation requirements at 49 C.F.R. Part 673
- **Who is it for?**
  - Bus and rail transit providers, large and small
  - State DOTs
  - State Safety Oversight Agencies (SSOAs)

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PTASP TAC Components

**Community of Practice**
- Online discussion forums to ask questions, share ideas and documents, and engage with posts
- Quick sign-up process to post
- Optional alerts when others post

**Resource Library**
- Voluntary technical assistance materials organized by agency type
- Hosted on FTA’s website
- Updated with new materials, based on industry needs

**One-on-One Technical Assistance**
- Agency Safety Plan (ASP) reviews
- Help desk to answer questions and schedule assistance
  - Staffed 9am-8pm ET, M-F, with a dedicated phone number, email and mailing address
- Onsite training
- Targeted onsite assistance
- Prioritized based on agency type, ASP development status, and identified needs

**Onsite Technical Assistance**
- Staffed 9am-8pm ET, M-F, with a dedicated phone number, email and mailing address
Community of Practice

Peer-to-peer sharing

• Provides an opportunity to ask questions and request resources directly from agencies with similar characteristics or those facing similar issues/challenges.

How it works

• Post a question, comment, or idea, or offer or request a resource.
• Posts are moderated by FTA during business hours.
• Feel free to review “threads”—questions, comments, or ideas that others have posted.
Resource Library

- Centralized location for voluntary technical assistance resources
- Organized by agency type and topic category
  - Categories align with PTASP requirements at 49 C.F.R. Part 673 for convenience
- Updated resources include:
  - Fact Sheets
  - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
  - Materials from FTA’s recent workshops
  - Tools and checklists
  - Training
  - Peer materials and examples

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PTASP Engagement and Survey Responses by Region

National
Contacted: 856
Total Responses: 359* (42%)
Survey Responses with Name: 200 (23%)
Survey Responses without Name: 159 (19%)

Region 1
Engaged: 32/54 (59%)
Survey Resp: 9/54 (17%)

Region 2
Engaged: 27/56 (48%)
Survey Resp: 7/56 (13%)

Region 3
Engaged: 56/88 (64%)
Survey Resp: 20/88 (23%)

Region 4
Engaged: 101/196 (51%)
Survey Resp: 42/196 (22%)

Region 5
Engaged: 96/134 (72%)
Survey Resp: 31/134 (23%)

Region 6
Engaged: 66/87 (76%)
Survey Resp: 26/87 (30%)

Region 7
Engaged: 27/39 (69%)
Survey Resp: 6/39 (15%)

Region 8
Engaged: 23/32 (72%)
Survey Resp: 8/32 (25%)

Region 9
Engaged: 85/125 (68%)
Survey Resp: 37/125 (30%)

Region 10
Engaged: 38/45 (84%)
Survey Resp: 14/45 (31%)
SRM OVERVIEW
FTA has tools at its disposal for addressing safety risks, but previously had no systematic approach for leveraging them.

**Available Tools**
- New Regulations
- Circulars
- Safety Advisories/Bulletins
- Training/Technical Assistance
- Research
- Enforcement Actions

**Unanswered Questions**
- When does FTA implement these?
- How is effectiveness measured?
- How are resources prioritized?
- Who makes these decisions?
- How is progress tracked and communicated?
## SRM Process Benefits

FTA’s SRM process offers the following benefits:

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<td><strong>Consistent Decision-Making</strong></td>
<td>Provides a uniform, tiered decision making process for addressing safety concerns and prioritizing organizational resources</td>
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<td><strong>Data-Driven Methodology</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Complete Documentation</strong></td>
<td>Creates a consistent basis for documenting FTA’s safety concerns, mitigation decisions, and monitoring results</td>
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FTA’s Safety Risk Management Process

➢ FTA’s Safety Risk Management program was created to actively manage transit safety risks.

➢ The program was created to develop processes to systematically apply FTA’s available safety tools to address urgent safety needs and concerns.

➢ The resulting program is a 5-step process for identifying, evaluating, and mitigating safety risks and follows the principles of SMS.

➢ The SOP for SRM program was finalized in March 2019.

➢ This program follows industry standards and is currently being used by other modal agencies including FAA.
To review emerging technologies and recommend public transportation innovations in safety that FTA can implement in support of the public transportation sector.

Address **3 of the top 25** safety focus areas identified by FTA:

- Trespasser and suicide fatality prevention
- Roadway Worker Protections
- Employee Safety Reporting
FTA Next Steps (through FY20 Q2)

Committee’s Next Steps:
- Conclude literature reviews
- Information gathering through outreach with industry and public partners

Coordinate Federal Register Notice (FRN) for the 3rd TRACS meeting
Initiate solicitation of new members/coordination of new charter (2020-2022)
Coordinate research, presentations, and plan activities for 3rd TRACS meeting
Conduct 3rd TRACS meeting
   Phase 3: Review Emerging Technology & Current Posture

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