

# FTA

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

## 2019 APTA Mid-Year Safety Seminar

### FTA Safety Updates

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# Agenda

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

# PTASP UPDATE



# 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 Technical Assistance



- Onsite training
- Targeted onsite assistance
- Prioritized based on agency type, ASP development status, and identified needs



# 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

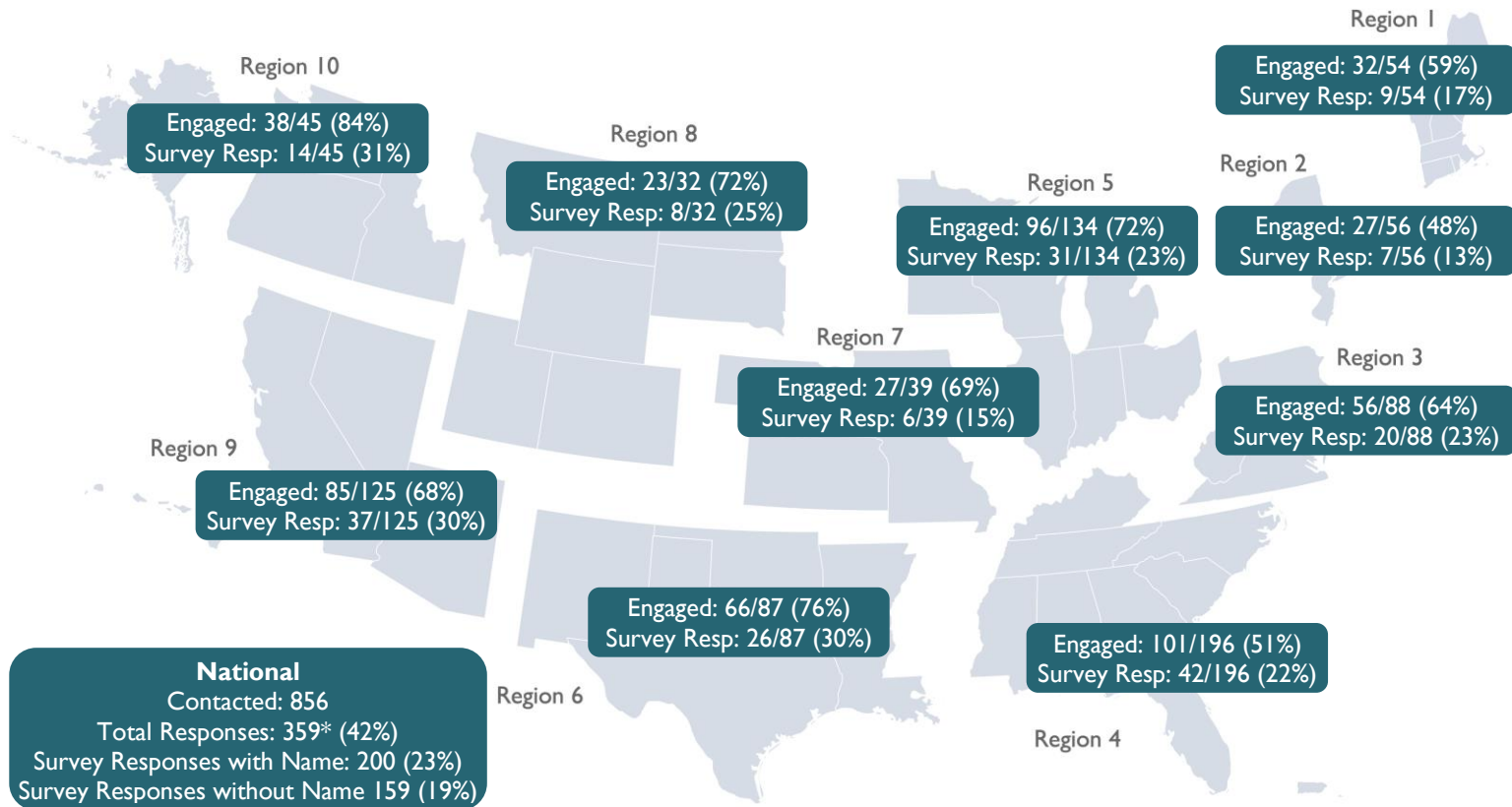


- Centralized location for voluntary technical assistance resources
- Organized by agency type and topic category
  - Categories align with PTASP requirements at 49 C.F.R. Part 673 for convenience
- Updated resources include:
  - Fact Sheets
  - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
  - Materials from FTA's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



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# PTASP Engagement and Survey Responses by Region





# SRM OVERVIEW



# Background

**FTA required a consistent process for managing transit safety risks.**

## 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?

FTA has tools at its disposal for addressing safety risks, but previously had no systematic approach for leveraging them

# SRM Process Benefits

FTA's SRM process offers the following benefits:

<b>Proactive Mitigation</b>	Establishes a proactive process for taking measures to improve transit safety rather than a reactive one
<b>Consistent Decision-Making</b>	Provides a uniform, tiered decision making process for addressing safety concerns and prioritizing organizational resources
<b>Data-Driven Methodology</b>	Incorporates available safety data and analyses into FTA's decision making
<b>Complete Documentation</b>	Creates a consistent basis for documenting FTA's safety concerns, mitigation decisions, and monitoring results

# FTA's Safety Risk Management Process

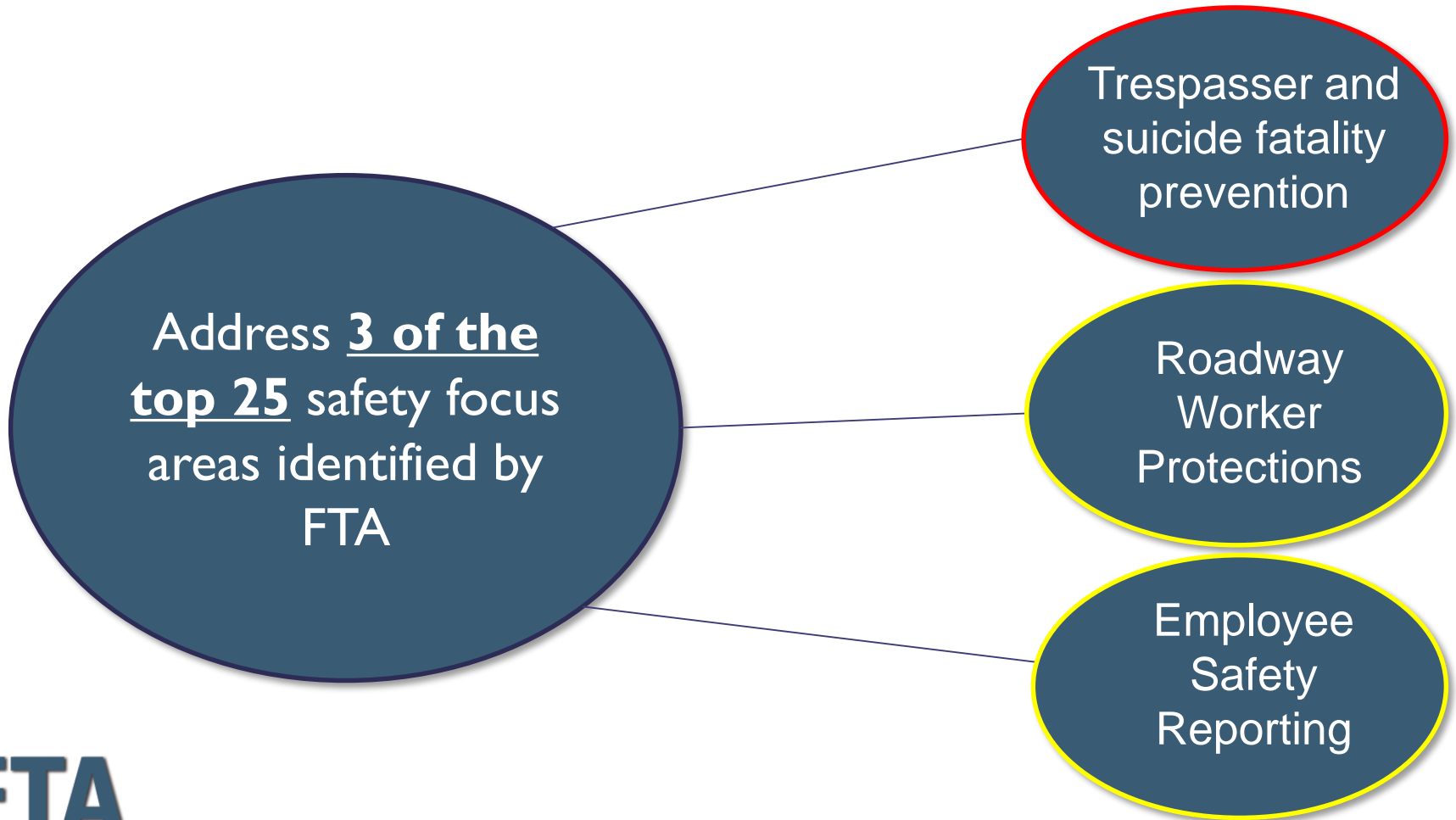
- FTA's Safety Risk Management program was created to actively manage transit safety risks.
- The program was created to develop processes to systematically apply FTA's available safety tools to address urgent safety needs and concerns.
- The resulting program is a 5-step process for identifying, evaluating, 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.

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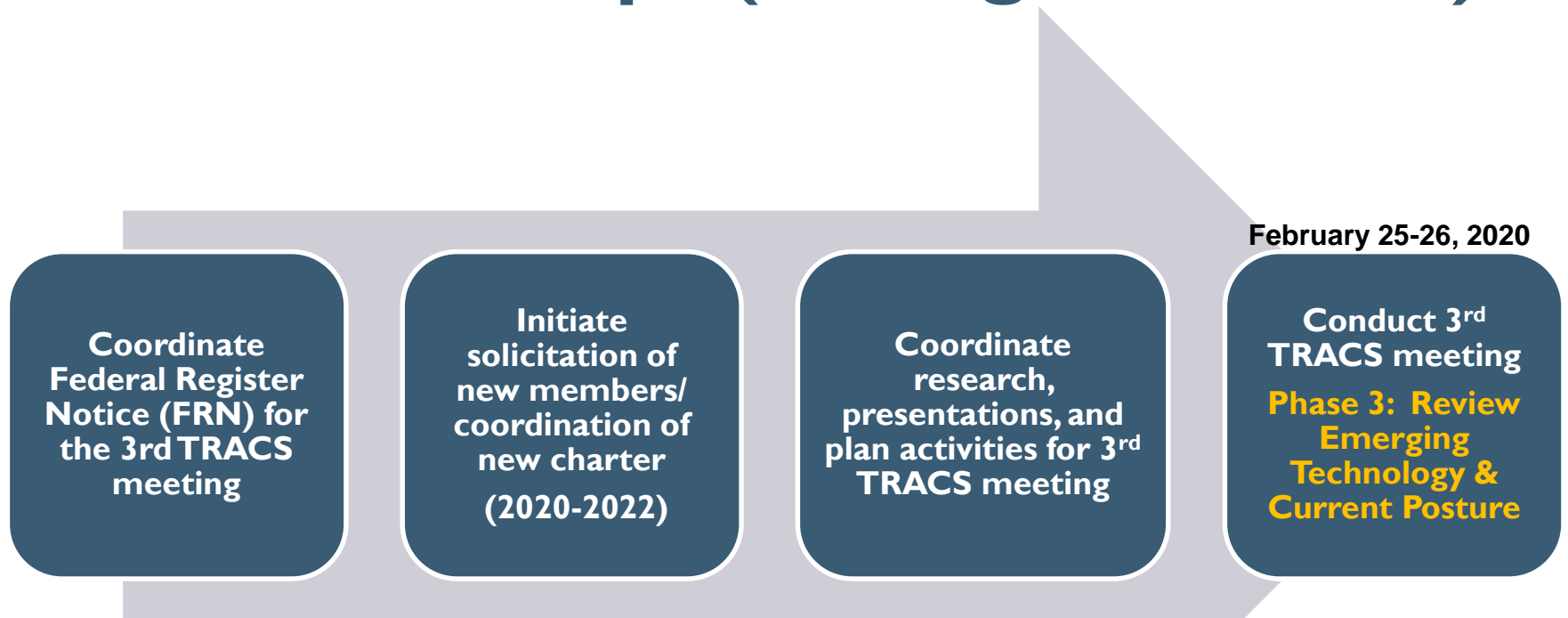


# TRACS Task

*To review emerging technologies and recommend public transportation innovations in safety that FTA can implement in support of the public transportation sector.*



# FTA Next Steps (through FY20 Q2)



## Committee's Next Steps:

- Conclude literature reviews
- Information gathering through outreach with industry and public partners

**QUESTIONS?**

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