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Submit your Agency Safety Plan (ASP) for Review. FTA is pleased to offer voluntary reviews of draft ASPs. You can request this form of direct, one-on-one assistance through the PTASP Technical Assistance Center. Schedule your review today!

# **Featured Resources**

The <u>Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Final</u> <u>Rule Fact Sheet</u> summarizes the requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 673.

The <u>Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Roles</u>
<u>& Responsibilities Fact Sheet</u> explains how Part 673
affects MPO responsibilities for updating
Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) and
Metropolitan Transportation Plans (MTPs).

This <u>Safety Performance Targets (SPT) Guide</u> provides information to help transit providers develop SPTs based on the safety performance measures in FTA's National Public Transportation Safety Plan.

The <u>Hazard Management vs. Safety Risk</u>
<u>Management Guide</u> explains the differences
between the former 49 C.F.R. Part 659 hazard
management process and the new safety risk
management (SRM) process required in Part 673,
and highlights how key hazard management
elements support the SRM process.

FTA presented an overview of <u>PTASP Public</u> <u>Transportation Safety and Asset Management in Performance-based Planning and Programming on April 30, 2019.</u>

Access the entire library by visiting FTA's <a href="PTASP">PTASP</a>
Technical Assistance Center website.

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# Resource for Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)

Visit the new MPO Resource Library to find materials to help coordinate planning efforts with public transportation providers. Resources and FAQs will be updated frequently.

#### Get Involved

What are your milestones for the development of your Agency Safety Plans (ASP) by the July 20, 2020 compliance deadline? We want to hear from you! Share what ASP milestones your transit agency has established and learn from your transit agency peers in the PTASP Community of Practice. Start the conversation today to support in your Agency Safety Plan development.

Join in Now!



# Q & A Highlights

#### Question 1:

Can you help me better understand how to set my transit agency's safety performance targets?

# FTA Response:

FTA has not specified how transit providers must set targets, but they could consider past performance (e.g., how many injuries occurred in the system last year or the average over the past five years), benchmarking against peer agencies, or transit industry averages (see the NTD). Generally, an agency establishes targets that represent their goals for the upcoming year. For example, if an agency expects or aims to experience 5 or fewer injuries in the upcoming year, 5 could be a target for injuries.

# **Upcoming Event**

What can you learn from a transit agency, a State Safety Oversight Agency, and a State Department of Transportation about developing an Agency Safety Plan? Join FTA's PTASP Agency Highlights Webinar and find out!

When: November 21, 2019, at 2:00 PM ET

**Register Here** 

### **Question 2:**

Is there a deadline for when an MPO needs to integrate safety performance targets into their TIPs and MTPs?

## FTA Response:

Per 23 C.F.R. § 450.306(d)(3), the MPO has 180 days from receipt of transit agency performance targets to work with transit providers to identify and prepare initial and appropriate safety performance targets for their metropolitan area. The first MTP update or amendment, to be approved on or after July 20, 2021, will include the adopted transit safety targets for the region.

## Question 3:

Is an MPO that receives Section 5307 funds and operates a Vanpool service through a contractor required to develop an Agency Safety Plan?

#### FTA Response:

Since the MPO is a designated recipient of FTA Section 5307 funds and operates transit service, 49 C.F.R. Part 673 applies to the MPO, and it must establish an Agency Safety Plan by July 20, 2020.

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