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*This week's focus: Safety Performance Measures (SPMs), Safety Performance Targets (SPTs), and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs).*

## Featured Resources

The [PTASP Roles and Responsibilities Fact Sheet](#) spells out the roles and responsibilities for MPOs.

This [Safety Performance Measures Excerpt](#) from FTA's National Public Transportation Safety Plan (NSP) provides the SPMs to monitor the safety performance for all modes of public transportation.

The [Safety Performance Targets Guide](#) provides information to help transit providers develop SPTs based on the SPMs in FTA's NSP.

[Introduction to Safety Performance Indicators and Targets](#) helps transit agencies develop safety performance indicators (SPIs) and SPTs as part of ongoing safety performance monitoring and measurement activities for Safety Assurance.

**External Resource:** The [Management and Use of Data for Transportation Performance Management Guide for Practitioners](#) provides practical guidance to transportation agencies to improve their use of data in meeting their safety objectives.

**Updated Resource!** A fillable, Microsoft Word version of the [PTASP Template for Bus Transit](#) is now available.

Access the entire library by visiting FTA's [PTASP Technical Assistance Center website](#).

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9 am to 8 pm EDT, Monday through  
Friday

### Upcoming Webinars

#### Applicability

**When:** Tuesday, January 21  
2 pm EDT

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Coming in February:  
**Safety Performance Targets**

### Upcoming Event

#### Improving Transit Safety Performance Through Safety Risk Management

**When:** Monday, January 13 at 8 am

**Where:** TRB Annual Meeting in  
Washington, DC

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## Q & A Highlights

### Question 1:

I saw the following in the [Safety Performance Targets Guide](#): “As described in the NSP (National Public Transportation Safety Plan), transit providers must establish, by mode, seven SPTs in four categories.” For clarification, is seven the minimum number?

#### FTA Response:

The PTASP regulation requires agencies to develop targets based on the measures established in the NSP (§ 673.11(a)(3)). As described in the NSP, transit agencies must establish, by mode, seven SPTs in four categories:

- **Fatalities:** (1) Total number of fatalities reported to NTD and (2) rate per total vehicle revenue miles (VRM) by mode;
- **Injuries:** (3) Total number of injuries reported to NTD and (4) rate per total VRM by mode; Safety
- **Events:** (5) Total number of safety events reported to NTD and (6) rate per total VRM by mode;
- **System Reliability:** (7) Mean distance between major mechanical failures by mode. (See pages 32-33 of the [NSP](#).)

### Question 2:

The Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) receives the Federal funding for this agency, but the local MPO provides the transit planning guidance. Which entity would be the Board of Directors or equivalent to approve the plan?

#### FTA Response:

The BoCC is responsible for approving the ASP, not the MPO. Per 49 CFR § 673.11(a)(1), the ASP and subsequent updates must be signed by the Accountable Executive and approved by the agency's Board of Directors, or an Equivalent Authority. The FTA defines Equivalent Authority in § 673.5 as an entity that carries out duties similar to that of a Board of Directors.

### Upcoming Event

#### 2020 FTA PTASP Bus Workshops

**When:** Tuesday, January 28 or Wednesday, January 29, 8:30 to 5 pm (registration begins at 8 am)

**Where:** Washington, DC

The [workshops](#) will focus on the PTASP rule requirements and provide SMS implementation strategies. Additionally, the workshops will discuss how to begin creating ASPs, including the identification of key stakeholders to coordinate ASP development.

These one-day bus workshops are open to the staff and contractors of recipients or subrecipients of Urbanized Area Formula Grant Program funds who are responsible for developing or implementing an ASP, and State DOT staff that are responsible for drafting ASPs for the small public transportation providers within their States. Stay tuned for additional workshop dates!

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### Question 3:

The NSP only mentions vehicles when describing the system reliability performance measure. Are transit agencies only required to include vehicle reliability in their system reliability performance measure?

### FTA Response:

Yes. FTA is using mean distance between major mechanical failures (as defined by the National Transit Database (NTD)) for the reliability safety performance measure. The NTD defines a major mechanical failure as “a failure of some mechanical element of the revenue vehicle that prevents the vehicle from completing a scheduled revenue trip or from starting the next scheduled revenue trip because actual movement is limited or because of safety concerns.”

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