



Notice of Meeting

Date/Time: Tuesday, April 16th, 2024 / 10:30 AM

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**Action Item*

1. Call to Order	Laurel Joseph
2. Introductions	Laurel Joseph
3. Changes to the Agenda	Laurel Joseph
4. Approval of the March 19th, 2024 Meeting Minutes*	Laurel Joseph
5. Treasurer's Report	Anton Schauerte
6. Education Committee	Joel Fitzpatrick
7. FHWA / FTA Update	Christina Nicholaides / Kathleen Russell
8. TAMC Update	Ryan Buck
9. Finance Committee	Laurel Joseph
10. Policy Committee	Steve Stepek
11. JobNet Tech	Luke Walters
12. MDOT	
SPS General Update	Don Mayle
FY-2024 5303 Funds	Don Mayle
MOUs	John Lanum
MI Travel Counts Household Survey	Katie Beck / Karen Faussett
13. Other New Business	
14. Adjournment	Laurel Joseph



MEETING MINUTES / MARCH 19, 2024 / 10:30 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joseph called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Don Mayle introduced Clayton Sigmann, who will be taking over KATS, the Byways Program, and the RPA Work Plans.

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 20, 2024 MEETING MINUTES*

A motion was made by Bryan Gillett, supported by Steve Stepek, to approve the February 20th, 2024 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Anton Schauerte indicated that bills had been paid to State Farm for MTPA insurance, the Squarespace website, and a graphic design firm for a flyer related to the 2024 Conference Save-The-Date. The current balance is \$17,870.

6. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Joel Fitzpatrick mentioned that if anyone had ideas for sessions, to please submit them to him. Joel also stated that an Education Committee meeting will be held following this meeting.

7. FHWA / FTA UPDATE

Jenny Staroska highlighted a new active transportation infrastructure investment program.

Susan Weber stated that the FY 2024 apportionments have been released.

A full list of FHWA and FTA updates were included in the packet.

8. TAMC UPDATE

A voluntary association of public organizations and agencies responsible for the administration of transportation planning activities throughout the State of Michigan



Ryan Buck indicated that Jim Snell at TCRPC will be the new MAR representative on TAMC. TAMC is planning a joint MIC/TAMC/WAMC conference this year. Work is continuing on potential redistributing of funds to regional agencies, which would be more mileage-based than currently. The budget is also expected to increase overall. The one-time non Federal-Aid awards were completed. About \$300,000 of the roughly \$500,000 in requests were funded.

Brad Sharlow indicated that he is working on sending out updated/amended contracts with the additional revenue for agencies that were awarded the one-time non Federal-Aid award.

9. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair Joseph stated there is a scheduling poll currently out to set up the next meeting, which will cover long term projections for revenue and the FY 2026-2029 TIPs.

10. POLICY COMMITTEE

Steve Stepek stated there were no updates but welcomed any discussion topics.

11. JOBNET TECH

Luke Walters indicated that the next meeting will be on April 15th and another small group will meet on April 9th, the latter which will cover how to improve the JobNet reports.

13. MDOT UPDATES

SPS General Update: Don Mayle stated a majority of Pre-UWP meetings have been completed. The 5303 funds agencies have the ability to spend at 100% for complete streets activities, though a second contract will be necessary.

Household Travel Survey: Katie Beck stated every 10 years, MDOT collects household travel data. Through a random address-based sample, surveys will be sent out. Questions will include the number of people, number of children, and vehicles in the household and to record specific travel trips. This information will be used in the MDOT travel models and will be sent out in mid-2024.

Financial Update: Matt Lyle mentioned Congress approved the full-year appropriations for FY2024, but MDOT is waiting for obligation authority from FHWA. The 5303 funding



amounts are not known yet, but that information will be sent out when it has been finalized. MDOT expects a full list of finalized language regarding the earmarks to be available soon.

14. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Chair Joseph reminded the group that there will be no meeting in July and that the August meeting will take place at the 2024 conference. Additionally, Chair Joseph stated that the next MTPA meeting in April will be held in-person at the Earle Center in Lansing.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Joseph adjourned the meeting at 11:04 AM.

Michigan Transportation Planning Association (MTPA)

Meeting Attendance - 3/19/2024

AGENCY	NAME	AGENCY	NAME
BayCATS	Bryan Gillett	MDOT	Jim Sturdevant
Bay County	James Deweerdt	MDOT	John Lanum
BCATS	Jeff Franklin	MDOT	Josh Grab
FHWA	Andrew Sibold	MDOT	Karen Faussett
FHWA	Christina Nicholaides	MDOT	Katie Beck
FHWA	Jenny Staroska	MDOT	Kloha, Mark
FTA	Kathleen Russell	MDOT	Lindsey Dowswell
FTA	Susan Weber	MDOT	Luke Walters
GCMPC	Jacob Maurer	MDOT	Matt Lyle
GCMPC	McKenna Dutkiewicz	MDOT	Max Gierman
GVMC	Andrea Faber	MDOT	Meredith Fryer
GVMC	Laurel Joseph	MDOT	Michele Zawerucha
GVMC	Mara Gericke	MDOT	Michelle Weber-Currie
GVMC	Mike Zonyk	MDOT	Richard Bayus
KATS	Ali Townsend	MDOT	Tyler Kent
KATS	Megan Mickelson	MDOT	Sharion Waithe
KATS	Steve Stepek	NN	Barry Hicks
MACC	Alec Miller	R2PC	Brett Gatz
MACC	Eric Dykstra	SATA	Demetra Manley
MACC	Jason Latham	SCCOTS	Lindsay Wallace
MDOT	Andrea Strach	SCCOTS	Peter Klomparens
MDOT	Brad Sharlow	SEMCOG	Adam Elghoul
MDOT	Brian Sanada	SEMCOG	Ed Hug
MDOT	Brian Stark	SEMCOG	Michele Fedorowicz
MDOT	Bryan Armstrong	SEMCOG	Steve Brudzinski
MDOT	Cameron Hoard	SWMRPC	Kim Gallagher
MDOT	Clayton Sigmann	TCRPC	Jim Koenig
MDOT	Craig Newell	TCRPC	Laura Tschirhart
MDOT	Deanna Donahoo	WATS	Anton Schauerte
MDOT	Don Mayle	WATS	Ryan Buck
MDOT	Ellen Kent	WMSRDC	Brian Mulnix
MDOT	Heather Bowden	WMSRDC	Joel Fitzpatrick
MDOT	Heather Hoeve	MAP	Amy Jordan
MDOT	Heidi Phaneuf		
MDOT	James VanSteel		
MDOT	Jana Nicol		

Updates from FHWA to MTPA April 16, 2024

Grants - Key NOFO List

U.S. District Court Vacates FHWA's Final Rule for the GHG Emissions Performance Measure

On March 27, 2024, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas [vacated and remanded](#) the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA's) final rule for the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions performance measure [[88 FR 85364](#)], in effect nullifying the rule Nationwide. Consistent with the Court's decision, States and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are not required to submit initial targets and reports at this time. FHWA will provide more information soon.

President Approves Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations Through September 30, 2024

On March 9, 2024, the President signed a [consolidated appropriations act](#) to approve appropriations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 through September 30, 2024. The departments, agencies, and activities funded in the bill include the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Environmental Protection Agency.

U.S. DOT Announces \$3.3 Billion in Awards for Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods

On March 13, 2024, the U.S. DOT [announced](#) more than \$3.3 billion in awards from the [Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods \(RCN\) Grant Program](#). The RCN Grant Program combines funding from the [Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program](#) and the [Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant Program](#). In this round of funding for the RCN Grant Program, the Department awarded 72 planning grants, 52 capital construction grants, and 8 regional planning grants. The full list of awards is available [here](#).

U.S. DOT Announces \$54 Million in Awards for SMART Grants Program

On March 14, 2024, the U.S. DOT [announced](#) \$54 million in awards from the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program. The Department issued grant awards for 34 projects across 22 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. More information is available [here](#).

U.S. DOT Announces \$5.1 Billion in Available Funding for Multimodal Project Discretionary Grants

On March 28, 2024, the U.S. DOT [announced](#) the availability of more than \$5.1 billion in combined funding for the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Program. Available funding includes \$1.7 billion for the [National Infrastructure Project Assistance \(Mega\) Program](#), \$2.7 billion for the [Infrastructure for Rebuilding America \(INFRA\) Program](#), and \$780 million for the [Rural Surface Transportation Grant \(Rural\) Program](#). Applicants that wish to submit the same application to be considered for more than one grant under the MPDG Program only need to submit their application through one [Grants.gov](#) opportunity number ([NIPA-25-26-MEGA](#), [NSMFHP-25-26-INFRA](#), or [RSTGP-25-26-RURAL](#)), and that application will be considered for all programs for which it is not opted-out or ineligible. The application deadline is May 6, 2024.

U.S. DOT Announces \$57 Million in Available Funding for Innovative Finance and Asset Concession

On March 11, 2024, the U.S. DOT [announced](#) the availability of \$57 million in funding through the [Innovative Finance and Asset Concession Grant Program](#). Technical Assistance Grants are available to help recipients build organizational capacity and advance a portfolio of assets by conducting pre-construction tasks, such as asset scans, value-for-money analyses, and other tasks that consider innovative finance and delivery, including asset concessions. Expert Services Grants are available to help enable recipients to hire expert professionals to develop and deliver public-private partnerships in connection with the development of a specific asset. The application deadline is May 10, 2024. More information is available [here](#).

FHWA Announces \$1.2 Billion in Available Funding for Low Carbon Transportation Materials

On March 12, 2024, FHWA [announced](#) the availability of \$1.2 billion in funding through the [Low Carbon Transportation Materials \(LCTM\) Grant Program](#). The LCTM Grant Program focuses on accelerating the use of materials and products that have lower levels of embodied greenhouse gas emissions on eligible projects funded under Title 23. This LCTM funding is available to State DOTs (including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico) through a [Request for Applications \(RFA\)](#) that closes June 10, 2024. Later this year FHWA will also make available \$800 million to target non-state applicants through a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

FHWA Announces \$44.5 Million in Available Funding for Active Transportation Infrastructure

On March 19, 2024, FHWA [announced](#) the availability of \$44.5 million in funding through the [Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program \(ATIIP\)](#). FHWA will award Planning and Design Grants for eligible applicants to develop plans for active transportation networks and active transportation spines. FHWA will award Construction Grants to eligible applicants to construct projects to provide safe and connected active transportation facilities in an active transportation network or active transportation spine. The application deadline is June 17, 2024. More information is available [here](#).

FHWA Announces \$45 Million in Available Funding for Strategic Innovation for Revenue Collection

On March 27, 2024, FHWA [announced](#) the availability of \$45 million in funding through the [Strategic Innovation for Revenue Collection \(SIRC\) Program](#). The purpose of the SIRC Program is to provide grants to eligible entities to test the feasibility of a road usage fee and other user-based alternative revenue mechanisms to help maintain the long-term solvency of the Highway Trust Fund through pilot projects at the State, local, and regional level. The application deadline is May 27, 2024.

Application Deadlines Approaching for Other U.S. DOT Discretionary Grant Opportunities

Please be aware of the approaching application deadlines for the following discretionary grant opportunities from the U.S. DOT:

- [April 22 – Congestion Relief Program](#),
- [April 25 – Low- or No-Emission \(Low-No\) Program](#),
- [April 25 – Buses and Bus Facilities Program](#),
- [May 1 – Prioritization Process Pilot Program \(PPPP\)](#),

- [May 16 – SS4A: Planning and Demonstration Grants](#),
- [May 16 – SS4A: Implementation Grants](#), and
- [August 29 – SS4A: Planning and Demonstration Grants](#).

Comment Deadlines Approaching for U.S. DOT Federal Register Notices

Please be aware of the approaching comments deadlines for the following Federal Register notices from the U.S. DOT:

- [April 19 – FHWA Adoption of Cyber Security Evaluation Tool](#),
- [April 22 – Highway Safety Improvement Program](#),
- [May 13 – Buy America Requirements for Manufactured Products](#),
- [May 13 – Request for Information on the Use of Manufactured Products in Highway Projects](#), and
- [May 20 – Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation \(PROTECT\) Discretionary Program Metrics](#).

U.S. DOT Resources on Complete Streets, Freight Corridors, and Traffic Management Systems

The U.S. DOT recently published the following resources:

- [Complete Streets—Safety Analysis](#),
- [Freight Electric Vehicle Corridor Designations](#),
- [Managing Traffic Management Systems Assets](#),
- [National Zero-Emission Freight Corridor Strategy](#), and
- [Next Generation of Traffic Management Systems and Centers: A Primer](#).

NCHRP Research on Autonomous Vehicles, Road Safety Audits, and Corridor Management

The National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) recently published the following research:

- [Connected and Autonomous Vehicle Technology: Determining the Impact on State DOT Maintenance Programs](#),
- [DOT Practices on Road Safety Audits](#),
- [Integrating Traffic Incident Management and Connected, Automated Technology Communities: A Guide for Communicating and Connecting](#), and
- [Quantifying the Impacts of Corridor Management](#).

Upcoming Webinars on LCTM, Travel Surveys, PPPP, Freight, ATIP, Civil Rights, and Equity

Here is the registration information for some upcoming webinars:

- [April 10 – ATIP Discretionary Grant NOFO Information Session](#),
- [April 10-12 – U.S. DOT Civil Rights Training Summit](#),
- [April 11 – When Our Technology Solutions Do Not Work for Everyone](#),
- [April 17 – Equity and Transportation Asset Management](#), and
- [April 26 – Intermodal Freight Decarbonization](#).

April 2024 Updates from FTA to MTPA

Notices of Funding Opportunity

[Low or No Emission Grant Program and the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program](#)

Open: February 8, 2024

Closes: April 25, 2024

Funding Available: \$1.1B

[Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\)](#)

Open: February 21, 2024

Closes: The FY 2024 NOFO has multiple deadlines, depending on the grant type:

April 4, 2024, 5 p.m. (EDT): Deadline #1 for Planning and Demonstration Grants.

May 16, 2024, 5 p.m. (EDT): Sole deadline for Implementation Grants. Deadline #2 for Planning and Demonstration Grants.

August 29, 2024, 5 p.m. (EDT): Deadline #3 for Planning and Demonstration Grants. NOFO closes.

Funding Available: \$1.256B

[Innovative Finance and Asset Concessions Grant Program](#)

Open: March 8, 2024

Closes: May 10, 2024

Funding Available: \$57.7M

[National Infrastructure Project Assistance \(MEGA\)](#)

Open: March 25, 2024

Closes: May 6, 2024

Funding Available: \$1.7B

[Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program](#)

Open: March 25, 2024

Closes: May 6, 2024

Funding Available: \$708M

NOW AVAILABLE: FTA Drug & Alcohol Program Newsletter — March 2023, Issue 80

[Issue 80 of the FTA Drug & Alcohol Program Newsletter](#) is now available. This issue includes information on Management Information System (MIS) reporting, as well as random testing throughout the year, reviewing electronic breath testing device (EBT) printouts and more.

Please share this newsletter with colleagues and send comments and questions to FTA.DAMIS@dot.gov. If you'd like to join the newsletter's distribution list, please sign up [here](#).

NOW AVAILABLE: New Fatigue Resources for Transit Operations Webpage

To improve the transit community's understanding of the effects of fatigue in the workplace, FTA published a new [Fatigue Resources for Transit Operations resource webpage](#). This resource webpage is designed for the transit community, including bus and rail transit workers (drivers, maintenance staff, etc.), agency management and other transit professionals.

Fatigue-related resources include articles, videos, reports, websites, guides and more, in the following categories:

- Understanding Sleep
- Causes
- Symptoms and Warning Signs of Fatigue
- Effects
- Transit Employees
- Transit Employers

Fatigue Risk Management Systems

FTA Issues for Public Comment Rail Transit Roadway Worker Protection Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

Today, FTA is issuing for public comment a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) with proposed minimum safety standards for Rail Transit Roadway Worker Protection (RWP) in the [Federal Register](#).

The safety of our transit workers is of paramount importance, and unsafe practices and conditions place rail transit workers at risk of being killed or seriously injured while performing work. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and FTA's Transit Advisory Committee for Safety (TRACS) both have recommended regulatory action to address rail transit roadway worker safety.

With this NPRM, FTA proposes to establish minimum safety standards to prevent safety events for transit workers who work on or around the tracks. The proposed rule would apply to Rail Transit Agencies (RTA) in the State Safety Oversight (SSO) program, SSO agencies (SSOAs) and workers who access the rail transit roadway.

The proposed rule would:

- Require each RTA to adopt and implement an RWP program to improve transit worker safety that is consistent with Federal and state safety requirements and approved by their SSOA.
- Establish minimum RWP program elements, including job safety briefings, redundant protections, lone worker protections, and good faith safety challenges.
- Require each RTA to document its RWP program in a manual that includes a track access guide.
- Implement an RWP training program that addresses all transit workers responsible for on-track safety.

Submit your comments on the NPRM [here](#) by May 24, 2024.

FTA Earth Day Event to Celebrate Climate Challenge Participants

Join FTA for an Earth Day Event on Monday, April 22 at 2 p.m. ET to celebrate the successes of Phase 3 of FTA's [Sustainable Transit for a Healthy Planet Challenge](#). This [virtual event](#) will be hosted by FTA's Acting Administrator Veronica Vanterpool and will highlight outstanding efforts made by transit agencies to curb their greenhouse gas emissions.

FTA's [Climate Challenge](#) encourages transit agencies to take bold actions and prioritize investments to help tackle the climate crisis. Since the launch of the Challenge in June 2021, 230 agencies have signed on. Over 100 of the participating agencies have developed climate action plans that outline strategies to achieve measurable reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. Together, these agencies are helping advance President Biden's ambitious greenhouse gas reduction and climate equity goals.

[Register](#) to attend the 2024 Climate Challenge Earth Day Event.

NOW AVAILABLE: FTA PTASP TAC Update: March 2024

The [latest Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan \(PTASP\) Technical Assistance Center \(TAC\) Update](#) is available. This issue focuses on recent questions to the TAC clarifying that FTA safety program components do not apply to commuter rail and highlights the new [De-Escalation Training Resource Directory](#).

View past [PTASP webinars](#), review Q&A highlights, visit the [Agency Safety Plan Directory](#) and more.

FTA Announces \$17.6 Million in Project Selections to Help Communities Plan for Transit-Oriented Development

FTA [announced](#) \$17.6 million going to 20 communities in 16 states to support equitable transit-oriented development. The funding from President Biden's [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#) will help boost local economies, fight climate change, and provide more transportation options through development near new or expanded transit project corridors.

These grants, funded by FTA's [Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development \(TOD\) Planning](#), support local strategies to increase transit access and encourage ridership through mixed-use and mixed-income development near public transportation projects.

The program helps communities plan for opportunities created by new transit stations, such as affordable housing, economic development, and better connections to schools, hospitals, stores, and restaurants. For the first time, each of the selected projects has an affordable housing component and will require no local matching funds.

FTA Seeks Input on Proposed Updates to the Rural Areas Formula Grant Programs Guidance (9040.1) Circular

FTA is seeking input on proposed updates to the Rural Areas Formula Grant Programs Circular (9040.1), which updates FTA guidance for formula grants under the Formula Grants for Rural Areas (Section 5311) program, the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities (Section 5339(a)) program, and the Tribal Transit programs.

The proposed updates incorporate the provisions of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act; Pub. L. 114-94 (2015)), the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA; Pub. L. 117-58 (2021)), the Uniform Administrative Requirements for federal awards to non-federal entities and current FTA policies and procedures.

The updates also include the consolidation of pre-existing and cross-cutting information from FTA's proposed [Consolidated Circular for Urbanized Area Grant Programs](#), which has already been issued for public comment, as well as the [Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Circular](#), which is also in the process of being updated.

FTA has published a notice summarizing the proposed circular updates in the [Federal Register](#), with comments due by June 3, 2024.

FTA Invites Public Comment on 2024 Proposed CIG Policy Guidance

FTA is seeking public comment on its [Proposed Guidance](#) for the [Capital Investment Grants \(CIG\) program](#). The proposals are intended to amend the current CIG Policy Guidance dated January 2023. This is a comprehensive update, incorporating feedback received from the July 2021 Request for Information published in the Federal Register.

Comments are due to the Federal Register [docket](#) by June 4, 2024.

FTA Publishes Updates to the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans Regulation

FTA [published](#) the first major update to the [Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans \(PTASP\)](#) regulation concurrently with updates to FTA's [National Public Transportation Safety Plan](#). View the [PTASP](#) and [National Safety Plan](#) documents.

These updates are a part of a continuing effort to improve transit safety performance on federally supported transit systems, and PTASP is the first rule finalized by FTA under the Bipartisan Infrastructure

Law requirements to make transit safer for both transit workers and passengers. It will also allow transit workers more of a voice in improving their safety on the job.

New PTASP requirements call for transit agencies to set safety performance targets in their safety plans based on safety performance measures for fatalities, injuries, safety events and system reliability, which are established in FTA's [National Safety Plan](#).

The update also clarifies the roles, responsibilities and requirements around the joint labor-management Safety Committees required by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. These committees will be required to identify risks and mitigations surrounding transit worker assaults, as well as collisions between pedestrians and transit vehicles. Agencies must enact mitigations identified and added to an agency's safety plan. The update also clarifies tiebreaking procedures surrounding the evenly divided committees, particularly noting that the transit agency's Accountable Executive cannot be the tiebreaker.

The updates also incorporate Bipartisan Infrastructure Law requirements and:

- advance Safety Management System (SMS) processes,
- increase frontline transit worker involvement,
- expand de-escalation training, and
- address safety risk, including assaults on transit workers, transit vehicle-pedestrian collisions and infectious disease exposure.

Through the updates, FTA is advancing SMS by focusing on data-informed risk identification. This includes the Safety Risk Reduction Program, which requires agencies serving large urbanized areas to set safety performance targets based on safety data they report to the National Transit Database. The safety risk reduction program aims to improve safety performance by reducing the number and rates of vehicle and pedestrian accidents involving buses, as well as the number and rates of assaults on transit workers.

FTA will host a webinar in the coming weeks highlighting these important safety updates. FTA also plans to provide additional technical assistance designed to support agencies as they adopt these new requirements.

FTA Publishes Updated Version of the National Public Transportation Safety Plan

FTA [published](#) an updated version of the [National Public Transportation Safety Plan](#) concurrently with updates to the [Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans \(PTASP\) regulation](#). View the [PTASP](#) and [National Safety Plan](#) documents.

These updates are a part of a continuing effort to improve transit safety performance on federally supported transit systems. The National Safety Plan updates incorporate Bipartisan Infrastructure Law requirements for PTASP safety performance measures and lay out a performance-based approach to reduce injuries and fatalities on transit systems under FTA's safety jurisdiction.

The plan includes best practices, tools, technical assistance, voluntary standards and other resources. While the National Safety Plan is not a regulation and does not impose mandatory requirements, it creates a blueprint for transit agencies to adopt stronger safety measures.

Key updates to the National Safety Plan include:

- Adding seven safety performance measures to address incidents and rates of vehicle collisions, transit worker injuries and fatalities and transit worker assaults. These apply to all agencies subject to the PTASP regulation.
- Adding eight performance measures for the safety risk reduction program to improve safety performance by reducing the number and rates of vehicle and pedestrian accidents involving buses, as well as the number and rates of assaults on transit workers. These apply to Urbanized Area Formula Grant (Section 5307) recipients that serve areas with a population of 200,000 or more.
- Adding voluntary minimum safety performance standards and recommended practices for new categories, such as transit worker safety, pedestrian and bicyclist safety, rail grade crossing safety, tunnel ventilation and fire safety.
- In coordination with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, adding new practices for transit agencies to ensure public and personnel safety during an emergency and resources that contain information on driver assistive technologies, driver protection infrastructure and strategies to reduce visibility impairments.

FTA will host a webinar in the coming weeks highlighting these important safety updates.