

# Regulatory Update

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# Recent Regulatory Actions



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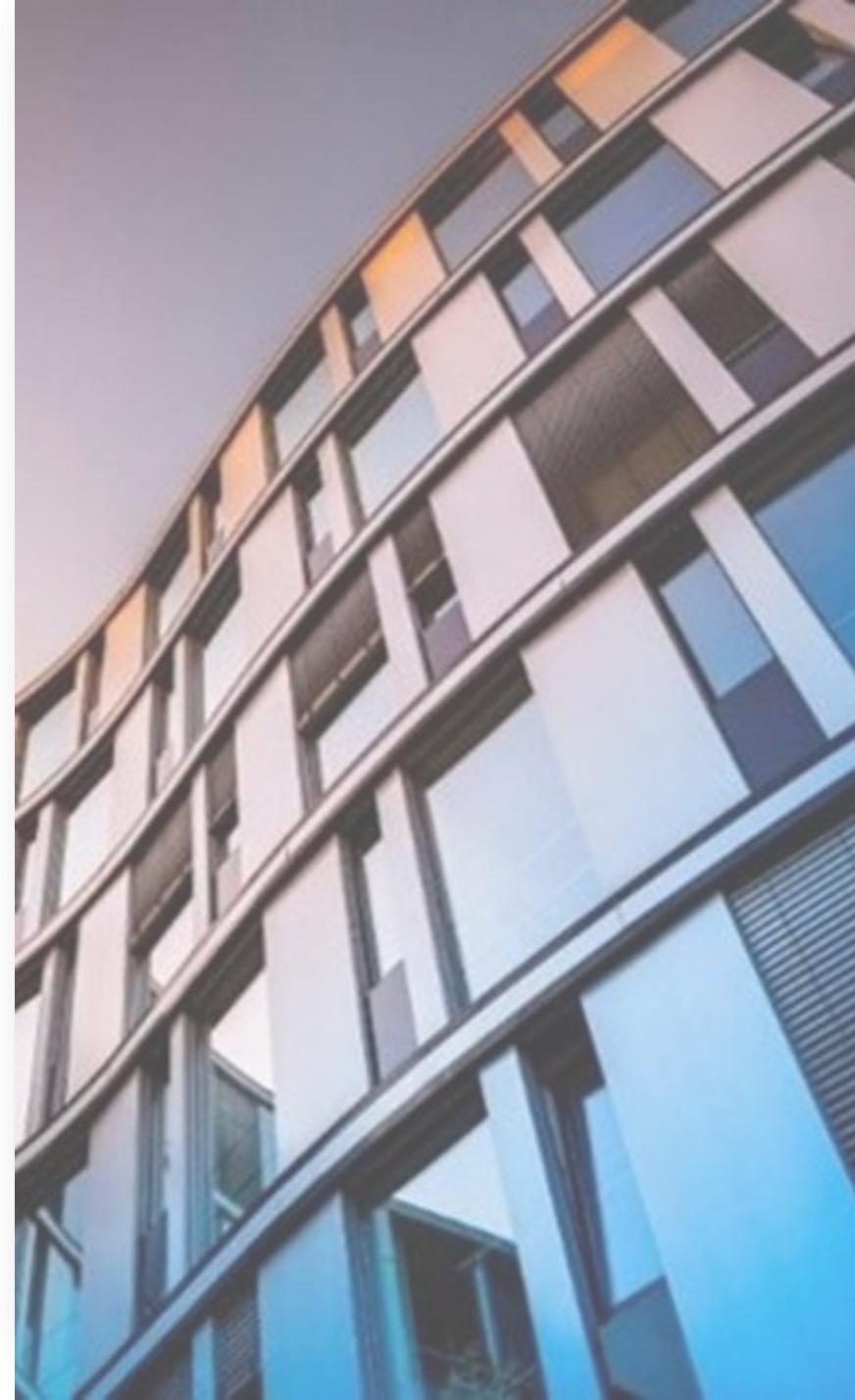
# **Executive Orders, Regulatory Actions and Impacts**

## **Executive Orders Issued**

A significant number of Executive Orders, Memoranda, and Proclamations have been issued since January of 2025

## **Regulatory Actions**

Similarly, the DOT, and other Federal departments and agencies have initiated and instituted regulatory and deregulatory actions with significant impacts to APTA members and public transportation.



# Regulatory Engagement and Comments



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# APTA's Regulatory Engagement Efforts

## Regulatory Comment Submissions

APTA submitted a significant number of comments on related NPRMs, RFIs, and IFRs.

## Engagement through Presentations

General Counsel gave presentations to APTA committees, subcommittee and at conferences, seminars, and meetings to discuss impacts.

## Internal and External Engagement

APTA Staff meet internally weekly as well as engage externally discuss recent developments with members and stakeholders



# APTA's Regulatory Engagement Efforts



## Interactive Stakeholder Events

Participated in webinars, listening sessions, and direct engagements with members and stakeholders.

## Regulatory Actions Tracker

APTA's Regulatory Actions Tracker provides information and related materials on important regulatory actions for easy access and reference.

## Lawyers Forum

APTA's Legal Affairs Committee hosted a weekly forum each Friday in 2025 and is hosting a bi-weekly forum in 2026



## **Key Regulatory Comments APTA Submitted to the Department of Transportation**

### **Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program**

Undue Burden Certification and Background Investigation Requirements

### **Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan**

Accountable Executive Tie Breaking Role and Decision-Making Authority

### **Capital Investments Grant Program**

Focus on Transit Oriented Economic Development and Land Use

### **Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program**

Significant Impacts and Procedural Requirements for Re-evaluation by Unified Certification Program Agencies.

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## Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy

Applicability of FTA's drug and alcohol testing program to Transportation Network Companies.

## Environmental Review Requirements

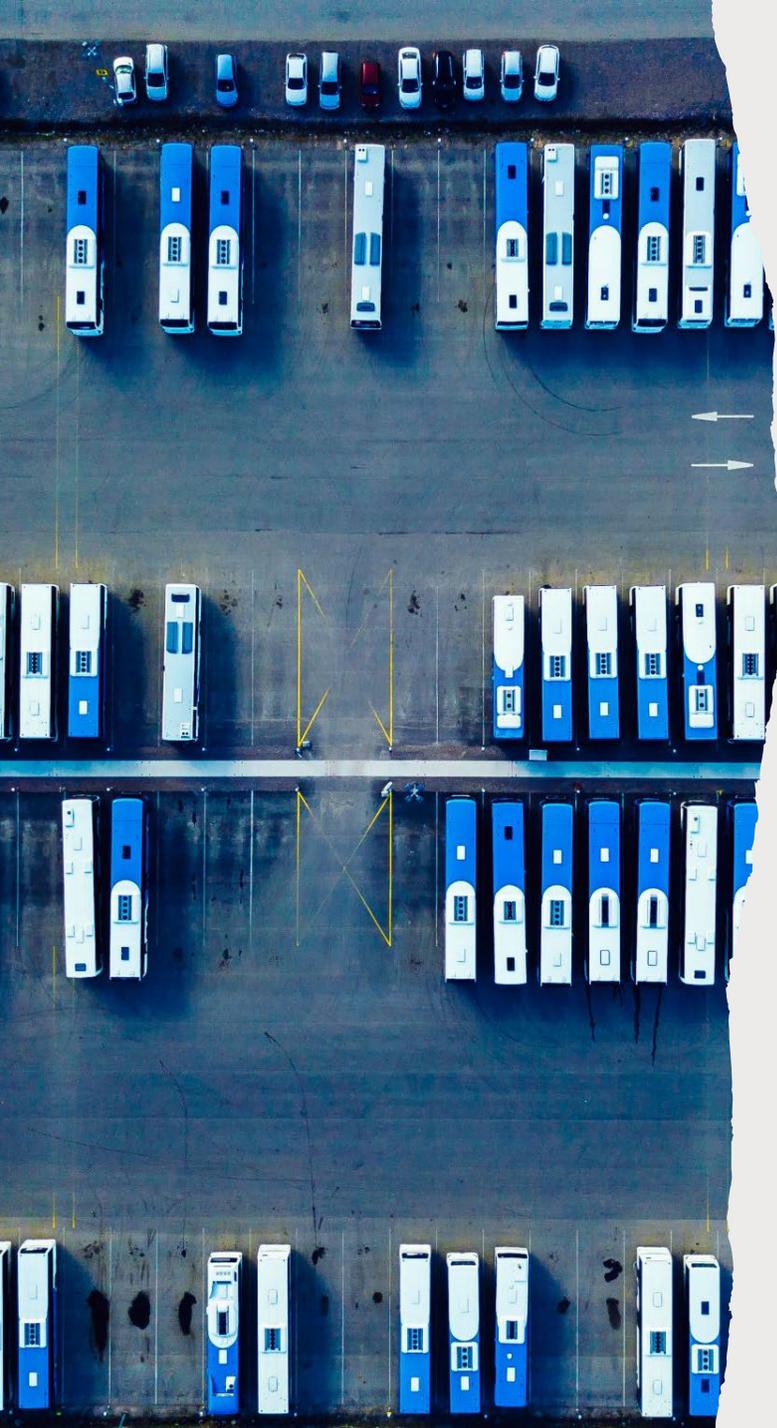
Focus on efficient environmental reviews for project decision-making.

## Railroad Grade Crossing Safety

Focused on exceptions for railroad grade crossings with active warning devices not in activated state.

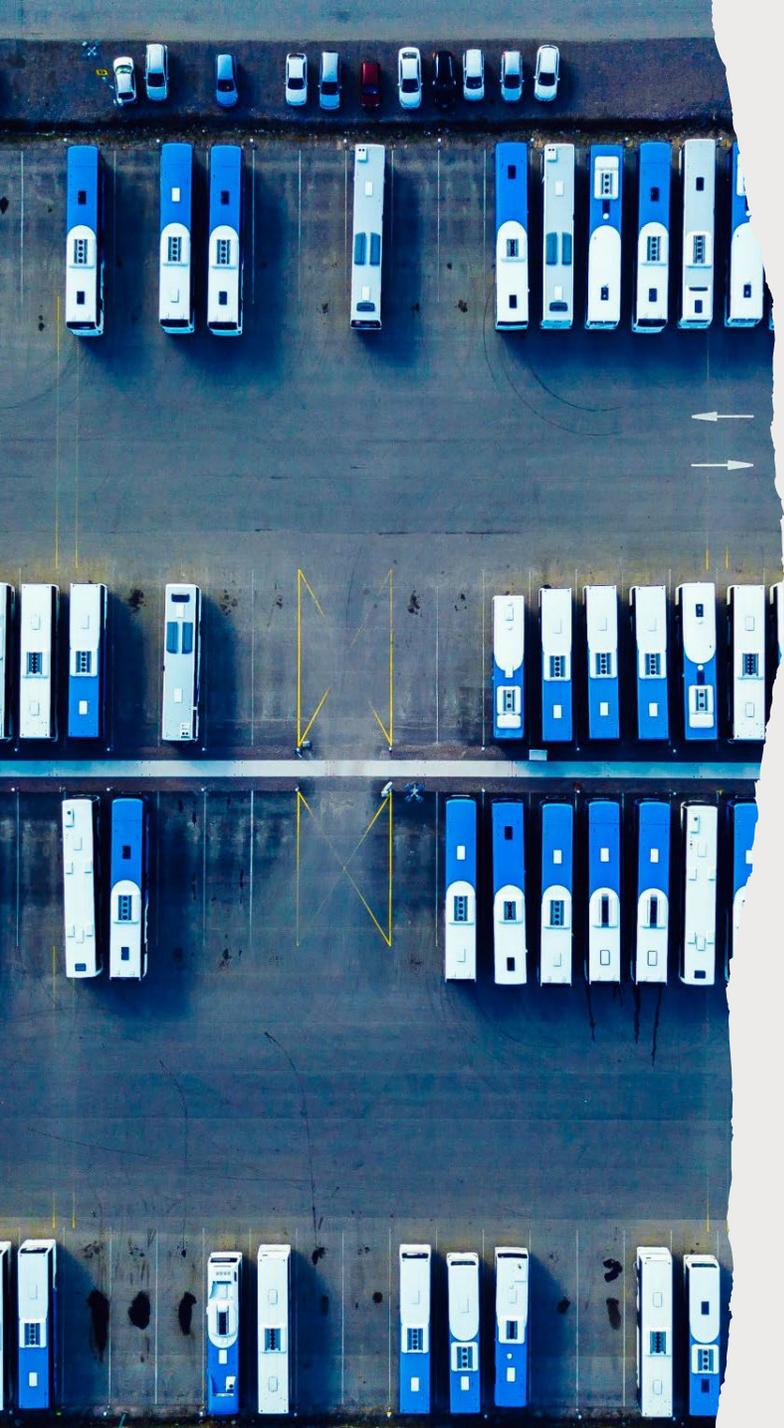
## Transit Worker Protection

Safety initiatives related to rail transit roadway worker protection



# 2025 List of APTA Regulatory Comments

- ✓ (01-07-2026) (NHTSA) Petition for Temporary Exemption for Automated Driving System-Equipped Vehicle
- ✓ (02-13-2025) (FTA) Notice of Proposed Policy Statement Regarding the Applicability of FTA's Drug and Alcohol Testing Program to Transportation Network Companies
- ✓ (02-18-2025) (DOT) Section 139 Efficient Environmental Reviews for Project Decision making and One Federal Decision Interim Final Guidance
- ✓ (05-05-2025) (DOT) Ensuring Lawful Regulation; Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs
- ✓ (07-29-2025) (FMCSA) Railroad Grade Crossings; Stopping Required: Exception for Railroad Grade Crossing Equipped with Active Warning Device Not in Activated State
- ✓ (07-31-2025) (FTA) Private Investment Project Procedures
- ✓ (07-31-2025) (FTA) Rail Transit Roadway Worker Protection
- ✓ (08-04-2025) (DOT) Revision of National Environmental Policy Act Regulations
- ✓ (08-26-2025) (FTA) Emergency Relief Program



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- ✓ (09-02-2025) (FRA) Amendments to Brake System Maintenance and Inspection Requirements
- ✓ (09-02-2025) (FTA) Notice of Availability of Proposed Policy Guidance for the Capital Investment Grants Program
- ✓ (09-02-2025) (FTA) Project Management Oversight
- ✓ (09-02-2025) (FTA) Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program
- ✓ (09-18-2025) (FTA) Request for Information Concerning the Capital Investment Grants Program
- ✓ (10-17-2025) (DOT) Notice of Availability of Final Policy Guidance for the Capital Investment Grants Program
- ✓ (10-17-2025) (DOT) Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs: Addition of Fentanyl to the Department of Transportation's Drug Testing Panel
- ✓ (11-03-2025) (DOT) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise in Airport Concessions Program Implementation Modifications
- ✓ (12-02-2025) (FTA) Proposed Rescission of the National Transit Database Weekly Reference Reporting Requirement

# Questions?



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