National Public Transportation Safety Plan Fact Sheet

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 5329(b), the Public Transportation Safety Program must include a National Public Transportation Safety Plan (National Safety Plan) to improve the safety of all public transportation systems that receive federal financial assistance under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53.

What is the National Safety Plan?

It is not a rule.

It is…
- FTA's strategic plan and primary guidance document for improving transit safety performance;
- A policy document and communications tool; and
- A repository of standards, guidance, best practices, tools, technical assistance, and other resources.

What is the purpose of the National Safety Plan?

- To meet the statutory requirement to develop and implement a plan to improve the safety of public transportation systems that receive federal financial assistance under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53,
- To guide the national effort in managing safety risks and safety hazards within our nation's public transportation system; and
- To communicate FTA's Safety Management System (SMS) approach to improving the transit industry's safety performance.

To whom does the National Safety Plan apply?

The National Safety Plan applies to all recipients of federal financial assistance under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53.

What is the Relationship Between the National Safety Plan and the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP)?

Through the proposed PTASP rule, transit agencies would be required to set safety *performance targets* in their safety plans based on the following performance measures established in the National Safety Plan:
- Fatalities
- Injuries
- Safety Events
- System Reliability (State of Good Repair)

What is the SMS Framework?

- A guidance document for the transit industry:
  - Provides a brief overview of key SMS concepts;
  - Describes attributes of an effective SMS; and
  - Presents FTA's adopted SMS components and sub-components.

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