# **Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan**

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#### **Comprehensive Safety Program**





### Background

- Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) FTA Rule:
  - FTA rule requires certain operators of transit systems to develop safety plans, including processes and procedures to implement Safety Management Systems (SMS)
  - Agencies must comply with rule as of July 20, 2021
- The plan must include safety performance targets
- The plan must be updated and certified annually by CapMetro



# **PTASP | General Requirements**

- Each plan must include, at a minimum:
  - Approval by the agency's Accountable Executive and Board of Directors (or equivalent)
  - Designation of a Chief Safety Officer
  - Establishment and documented processes of the agency's Safety Management Systems
  - Employee Safety Reporting System Program
  - Safety-related performance targets based on measures established in FTA's National Public Transportation Safety Plan
  - Process and timeline for conducting an annual review and update of the plan



### What is Safety Management Systems?

- Organization-wide approach to managing safety risks and assuring the effectiveness of safety risk mitigations.
- Establishes proactive safety culture by ensuring:
  - Senior management has access to the information necessary to strategically allocate resources based
  - Lines of safety decision-making accountability are established
  - The agency addresses organizational factors that may lead to safety breakdowns, identify system-wide trends in safety, and manage hazards before they result in accidents or incidents





## **SMS Principles - Safety Management Policy**

Six crucial elements of a safety policy statement:

- 1. Signed by agency executive and board of directors *completed in June 2020*
- 2. Clear statement about the provision of resources for the management of safety necessary for service delivery.
- 3. Safety reporting procedures.
- 4. Conditions under which exemptions from disciplinary action would be applicable.
- 5. Unacceptable operational behaviors.
- 6. Communication, with visible endorsement, throughout the transit agency.



### **SMS Principles**

#### Safety Risk Management



#### Safety Assurance

- Monitor and measure safety performance
- Management of change
- Continuous improvement

#### Safety Promotion

- Comprehensive safety training program
- Safety communication



