

PTASP – 49 CFR Part 673

Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan

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PTASP – What is it and Why do it

- Through MAP-21 and the FAST Act, Congress required operators of public transportation systems that receive FTA funds to develop and implement a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan(49 U.S.C. §5329(d)).
- FTA is implementing this requirement through the PTASP final rule (49 C.F.R. Part 673).

FTA Rulemaking

49 CFR Part
673 – Public
Transportation
Agency Safety
Plan

- July 19, 2018
- Effective Date July 20, 2019
- Compliance Date July 20, 2020

PTASP – Who is Affected



Transit system operators that receive FTA funds (Section 5307)



All rail transit operators (regardless of funding source)



Deferred applicability for operators that only receive Section 5310 and Section 5311 funds

PTASP Development and Implementation

- Rail Transit & Large Bus Operators develop own agency plans
- TxDOT responsible for Small Bus Operators with 100 or fewer vehicles in peak revenue service
 - Approach = develop jointly
- ALL held accountable for implementing individual agency plans

General Requirements of a PTASP



Approved by
Accountable
Executive and
Board of Directors



Annual
Review/Update
(certification)

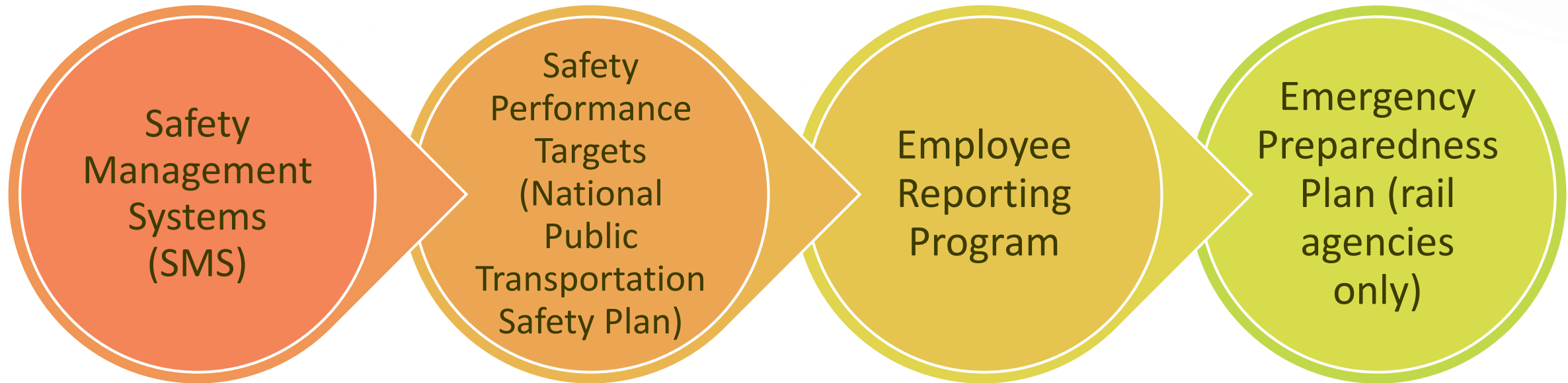


Compliance with
Public
Transportation
Safety
Program/National
Safety Plan



Assignment of
Chief Safety
Officer

PTASP – Specific Required Elements



What is SMS



Collaborative approach for management and labor to work together to control risk



Systematic approach to protecting passengers and employees



Approach for management to identify risk and allocate resources appropriately to mitigate

SMS Elements



Safety Management Policy

Commitment



Safety Risk Management

Identify

Assess

Prioritize



Safety Assurance

Mitigate

Measure

Monitor



Safety Promotion

Communication

The NSP Safety Performance Measures



Fatalities

- Total amount and rate per total vehicle revenue miles

Injuries

- Total amount and rate per total vehicle revenue miles

Safety Events

- Total amount and rate per total vehicle revenue miles

System Reliability (State of Good Repair)

- Mean distance between major mechanical failures

March

Opt-in or Out

March – May

TxDOT develops Plan Template

May – July

TxDOT reviews Agency Documents

April – August

TxDOT conducts Site Visits of Agencies

November – January 2020

TxDOT & Agencies develop Draft Plans

April 2020

Agencies Adopt Final Plans

June 2020

TxDOT Certification

PTASP Timeline