



FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

MAP-21 Safety
Implementation Progress
Making Connections Conference
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FTA's Office of Safety and Oversight



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration

Safety Authority and Responsibility

MAP-21 provides authority to:

- inspect and review all public transportation systems
- make reports and issue directives with respect to the safety of public transportation systems
- require the production of safety related information
- prescribe record-keeping and reporting requirements
- investigate public transportation accidents and incidents
- inspect equipment, rolling stock, operations and relevant records

MAP-21 Implementation Areas

- Rulemaking
- Outreach and communication with the industry
- Phased program implementation
- Training and Technical assistance
- Progress made to:
 - Fund states to strengthen capacity for safety oversight, and
 - stand up new regulatory framework
 - establish the FTA Office of Safety and Oversight

Near-term Timeline

Activity	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
SSO Grant Funding								
Apportionment Formula	FR/Notice and Comment							
Notice of Availability			FR/Published		▲ Funds Released			
State Initial Certification				State Submissions		▲ Initial Certification		
State Work Plans/Implementation				State Submissions/FTA Review				
Rulemaking								
Interim Safety Certification Training Provisions	FR/Notice							
SSO Program							FR/NPRM	
Nat’l Safety Plan & Minimum Vehicle Stds.						FR/ANPRM		
Agency Safety Plan						FR/ANPRM		
Safety Certification Training Rule						FR/ANPRM		
Congressional Report			SSO Program					
TRACS Meetings	Full				Full			
SMS Implementation								
SMS Dear Colleague/FAQs	Distribute							
SMS Pilots								
SMS-related Research								
SMS Guidance/Training								
Outreach & Comm.								

Safety Management Systems

- SMS is a framework:
 1. What is most likely to be the cause of our next serious accident?
 2. How do we know that?
 3. What are we doing about it?
 4. Is it working?

Safety Management Systems

- SMS
 - Dear Colleague Letter
 - SMS FAQs and brochure
 - Press release
 - Webcasts
 - Training and coordination
 - TRACS working papers

Partnership

- SMS Awareness Training
 - FTA is developing SMS training as a top priority
- SMS Pilot Programs and Studies
 - Expedite transition from current environment to SMS model
 - Provide an opportunity to work with the CEO, rail transit safety team, SSO agency, and FTA to “road test” SMS tools in the transit environment
 - Results will support rulemaking activities
 - Results will also be shared
 - Results will inform training and research

SMS Research and Training

- Strategic research plan
- Emphasis on safety-related pilots, demonstrations and technology enhancements
- Research will drive technical assistance, pilots will help with acceptance by the industry
- Results will be tools, templates, and better training

Staffing

FTA's Office of Safety and Oversight will require 13 new hires. The Associate Administrator position is already in progress; other staffing activities will be phased over the next three quarters.



Hiring Strategy:



Hiring Activities:

FY13 Q3- Begin Hiring 5 FTEs:

1. SSO (2)
2. SMS
3. Communications Manager
4. Cost Center Manager

FY13 Q4- Begin Hiring 4 FTEs:

1. Deputy Associate Administrator
2. Training and Technical Assistance
3. Data Analysis and Reporting
4. SMS

FY14 Q1 Begin Hiring 3 FTEs:

1. Director, Office of Safety Review
2. Safety Oversight
3. SMS