

Committee Report

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: July 11, 2022

For the Metropolitan Council: July 27, 2022

Business Item: 2022-195

Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS) Agency Safety Plan (ASP)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt Revision 2 of the Agency Safety Plan for Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS) as required by 49 CFR Part 673.

Summary of Transportation Committee Discussion/Questions

Metro Transit Safety Director Andrew Brody presented this item. Chair Barber asked how often the contractors report back from their safety committees and do the contractors have their own safety agency plans. Brody responded that he meets monthly with the contractors and that each contractor does have their own safety committee and agency plans but that the Council is required to review those plans, which was recently done through the triennial audit.

Motion by Zeran, seconded by Chamblis. Motion carried, Consent to Council



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District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: 49 CFR Part 673

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Division/Department: Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

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That the Metropolitan Council adopt Revision 2 of the Agency Safety Plan for Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS) as required by 49 CFR Part 673.

Background

The Transportation Committee and the Metropolitan Council first adopted the MTS Agency Safety Plan in 2020 as required by the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Final Rule (49 CFR part 673). The above cited regulation requires the safety plan to be reviewed annually, updated, and approved annually by the governing body.

Rationale

The MTS Agency Safety Plan annual review included review of the new requirements in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The new requirements include documenting the Safety Committee already in place and making minor changes to satisfy what is written into law; documenting how we will mitigate risk of any infectious diseases; an accident reduction plan, and de-escalation training requirements for drivers and maintenance staff. Other modifications included in the proposed amended plan include personnel changes and performance target updates based on historical data.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action promotes multiple Thrive MSP 2040 outcomes. Equity and Livability are supported through the plan's focus on strategies to continue a safe transit infrastructure, the safe transport of all customers and promote the well-being of transit employees. The plan's role in mitigating risk and promoting proactive planning to responsibly manage the regions finite resources fosters the outcome of Stewardship.

Funding

None required

Small Business Inclusion

Not applicable

