

Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans Metropolitan Transportation Services Metro Transit

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Proposed Action

That the Council approves the Metropolitan Transportation Services and Metro Transit Agency Safety Plans, in order to comply with FTA rule 49 CFR 673.

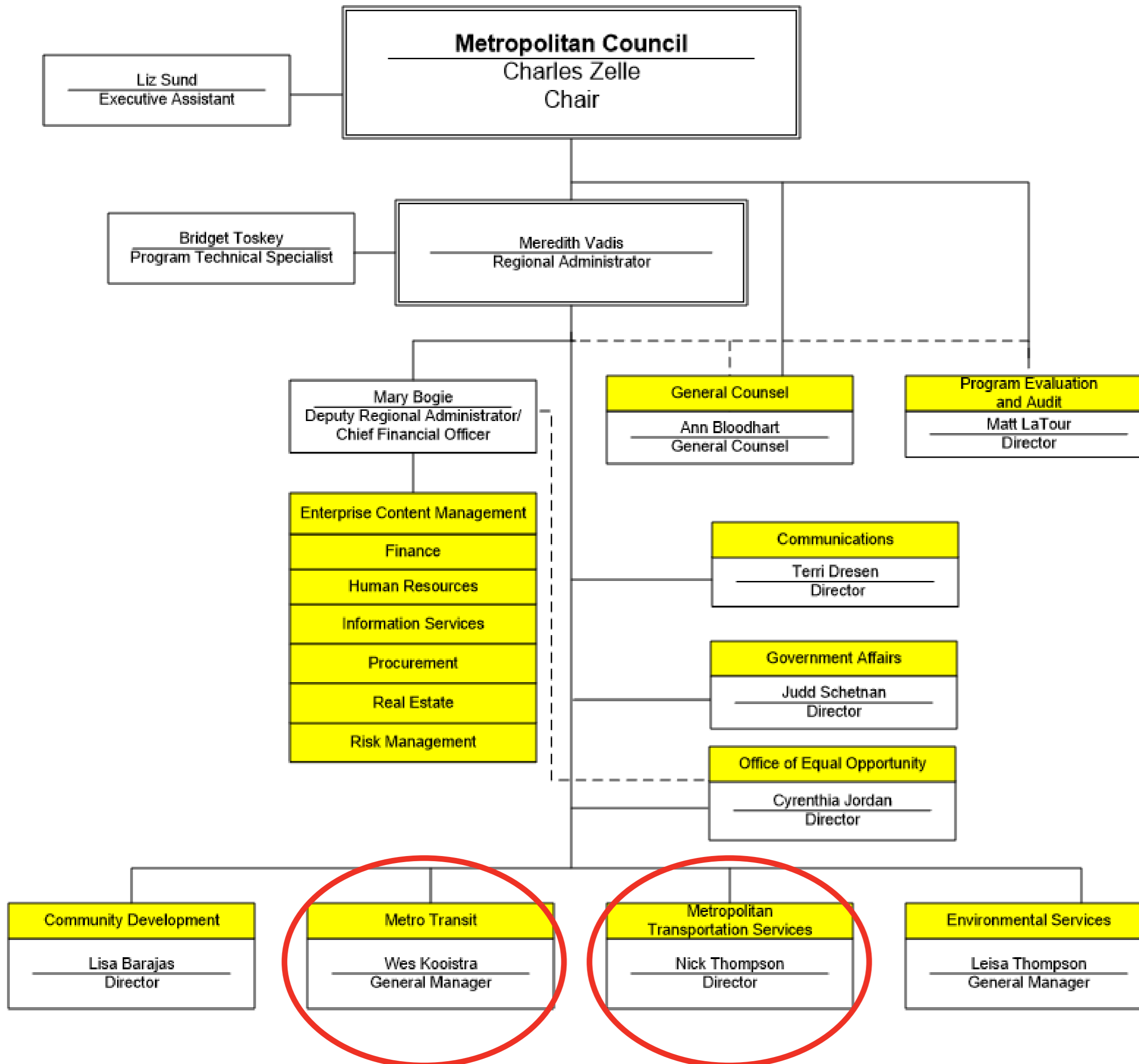
Why this change is needed

Federal Transit Administration 2018 Rulemaking, 49 CFR 673 requires:

- All transit agencies that receive federal financial assistance must establish a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan
- The Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan, and subsequent updates, must be signed by the Accountable Executive and approved by the agency's Board of Directors, or an Equivalent Authority
- The Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan must document the processes and activities related to Safety Management System (SMS) implementation

Accountable Executives

Last review/revision: January 21, 2020



Accountable Executive

- A single, identifiable person who has ultimate responsibility for carrying out the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan of a public transportation agency;
- Has responsibility for carrying out the agency's Transit Asset Management Plan; and
- Has control or direction over the human and capital resources needed to develop and maintain both the agency's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan, in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 5329(d), and the agency's Transit Asset Management Plan.

Four Major Required Components of Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans

- **Safety Management Policy** – The transit agency’s documented commitment to safety, which defines the transit agency’s safety objectives and the accountabilities and responsibilities
- **Safety Risk Management** - process within a transit agency’s PTASP for identifying hazards and analyzing, assessing, and mitigating safety risk.
- **Safety Assurance** - processes in transit agency’s SMS functions to ensure the implementation and effectiveness of safety risk mitigation.
- **Safety Promotion** – a combination of training and communication of safety information to support SMS as applied to the transit agency’s operations.

Metro Transit Agency Safety Plans

- Have been in place for Bus and LRT modes since July 2019; predecessors have been in place since the early 2000s.
- Safety and Office of State Safety Oversight collaborated on a gap analysis checklist
- Both LRT and Bus ASPs have been analyzed using the gap analysis tool
- Both plans have been presented to and approved by GM Kooistra

Metropolitan Transportation Services Agency Safety Plan

- Historically, contractors were responsible for SMS per contract language
- MTS ASP was developed with assistance from WSP Consulting
- All contractors have modified plans with the guidance of WSP to be compliant with FTA requirements
- MTS will hire Chief Safety Officer to ensure ASP and regulatory compliance

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