

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: June 28, 2021

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 14, 2021

Subject: Metropolitan Transportation Services Agency Safety Plans (ASP)

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: 49 CFR Part 673

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt Revision 1 of the MTS Agency Safety Plan as required by 49 CFR Part 673.

Background

The Transportation Committee and Metropolitan Council adopted the MTS Agency Safety Plan last year 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 by the governing body.

Rationale

The MTS Agency Safety Plan annual review included voluntary submission and review by the FTA's Technical Assistance Center to ensure compliance with the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Final Rule (49 CFR Part 673) requirements. Revision 1 changes reflect feedback from the Technical Assistance Center, are minor and are primarily focused on procedural details.

Due to the pandemic, there are no changes to the performance targets for Metro Mobility, Transit Link and Fixed Route. There are changes to target rates due to lower ridership through the first part for 2021. The only notable change to MTS' performance targets is the addition of Metro Vanpool targets. Other changes were procedural details to the beginning plan, built by consultants on our behalf, intended to meet the basic requirements until the Safety Officer was hired and actively engaged in developing the Safety Management System.

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 region's finite resources fosters the outcome of Stewardship.

Funding

None required

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition