

Business Item

Transportation Committee



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Metro Transit Agency Safety Plans

District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: 49 CFR Part 673
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt Revision 3 of the Bus Transportation Agency Safety Plan and the Light Rail Transportation Agency Safety Plan for Metro Transit as required by 49 CFR Part 673.

Background

The Transportation Committee and the Metropolitan Council first adopted the Metro Transit Agency Safety Plans 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 Metro Transit Agency Safety Plan annual review included review of the new requirements in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The new requirements include developing a new Safety Committee; documenting how we will mitigate risk of any infectious diseases; accident reduction plan, and de-escalation training requirements for operators and maintenance staff. Other modifications included in the proposed amended plan include personnel changes, performance target updates based on historical data, additions to targets based on regulation, internal audit findings, and language with the risk matrix that better defines each risk level.

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