

Business Item

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: January 13, 2025

For the Metropolitan Council: January 22, 2025

Business Item: 2025-4

Metro Transit Agency Safety Plans

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: 49 CFR Part 673 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans

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Division/Department: Metro Transit / Safety Department

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt Revision 7 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 plans to be reviewed and approved by the Joint Labor Management Safety Committee (JLMSC) prior to the governing body approving. This year's annual review included adding changes to comply with rule changes of 49 CFR Part 673 that came out in April 2024. The significant changes of the rule were definition changes and the requirement to establish a safety risk reduction program.

Rationale

Under 49 CFR Part 673 the Bus Transportation Agency Safety Plan and the Light Rail Transportation Agency Safety Plan, and subsequent updates, must be signed by the Accountable Executive, designated Chief Safety Officer, State Safety Oversight Officer (Light Rail Plan only) and approved by the agency's Joint Labor Management Safety Committee (JLMSC) and Board of Directors. On December 12, 2024 the Joint Labor Management Safety Committee voted to approve Revision 7. The vote was all in favor of both plans on separate votes.

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

