

# Business Item

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: January 13, 2025

For the Metropolitan Council: January 22, 2025

## Business Item: 2025-5

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

**District(s), Member(s):** All

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

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**Division/Department:** Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt Revision 4 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. 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 MTS Agency Safety Plan, and subsequent updates, must be signed by the Accountable Executive, designated Chief Safety Officer and approved by the agency's Safety Committee and Board of Directors.

### 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

### Small Business Inclusion

Not applicable

