

FTA Triennial Report Summary

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Agenda

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Triennial Review Standard Purpose & Process

All transit agencies that receive federal funds are subject to an FTA triennial review every three years.



It's an assessment of the transit agency's compliance with Federal requirements, based on award management and program implementation practices across as many as 23 areas.



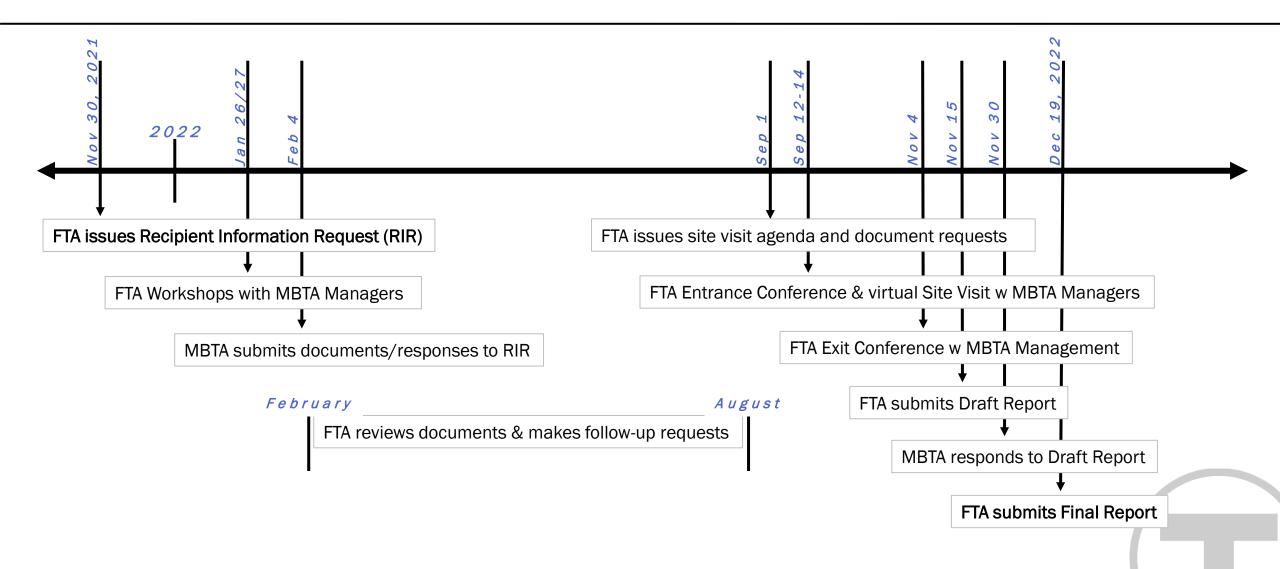
The final report identifies any policy, procedural or reporting weaknesses.



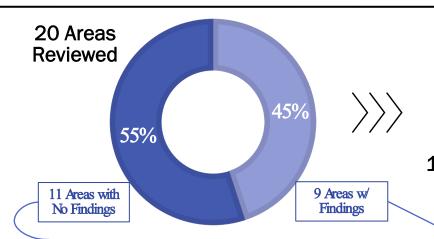
Then, the FTA and transit agency work together to address the findings.

- FOR THE MBTA, the previous most recent Triennial Reviews were conducted for FY 2015 and FY 2018. For the FY 2022 review, the process started in November 2021 and was completed 13 months later in December 2022.
- > The review **focused on the MBTA's compliance in 20 different areas** and included a more comprehensive review of the Procurement area, called an "Enhanced Review Module."
- Also, this review was **expanded to address the MBTA's compliance with the use and administration of COVID-19 relief funds** (e.g., CARES Act, CRRSAA, American Rescue Plan). **No deficiencies were identified**.
- > The FTA year-long review activities engaged about 90 MBTA/MassDOT employees cross-functionally, who attended FTA meetings and responded to requests for information.
- > The MBTA is already actively managing the findings to closure as a standard course of business.

FTA Triennial Review FY 2022 Timeline



FTA Triennial Review Summary of Findings



18 findings in 9 areas.
2 closed before
Final Report.
16 findings remain.



The Final Report includes corrective actions and due dates for **16 remaining findings**. The MBTA is already working to address each in a timely manner. Senior Leadership is managing deficiency resolution monthly to closure. See next page for *open* Findings.

Financial Mgmt and Capacity
Technical Capacity – Award Mgmt
Transit Asset Mgmt
Title VI
School Bus
Charter Bus
Drug-Free Workplace
Drug and Alcohol Program
Public Transportation Agency Safety
Plan
Cybersecurity

Areas w/ Findings	<u>Findings</u>	<u>Status</u>
#5 Technical Capacity - Project Mgmt	1	_
#7 Satisfactory Continuing Control	1	Excessive fixed-route bus spare ratio. Closed before the Final Report was issued
#8 Maintenance	1	
#9 Procurement	2	1 of 2 closed before the Final Report was issued. Missing Lobbying Certification.
#10 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise	1	
#12 Americans w Disabilities Act - Gen	3	
#13 ADA – Complementary Paratransit	5	
#14 Equal Employment Opportunity	3	
#19 Section 5307 Program Requirements	1	/
	See next p	age for remaining 16 open findings

Action Plan for 16 Deficiencies & Next Steps

TRIENNIAL REVIEW AREA	DEFICIENCY CODE/ DESCRIPTION	MBTA/ MASSDOT DEPARTMENT	MBTA/MASSDOT PRIMARY CONTACT	RESPONSE DUE DATE	DATE CLOSED
#5 Technical Capacity – Project Management	Delays due to project implementation	Capital Programs	Ken Johnson	3/31/2023	
#8 Maintenance	Late facility/equipment PM	E&M /Security & Emer Mgmt	Joe Cheever/Mike McCabe	4/30/2023	
#9 Procurement	Recipient has A&E procurement deficiencies	Capital Programs	Maureen McDonough	3/31/2023	
#19 Section 5307 Program Requirements	Public comment policy missing required elements	Policy & Transit Planning	Lynsey Heffernan	7/1/2023	
#12 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) – General	Insufficient ADA complaint process	Systemwide Accessibility	Laura Brelsford	4/1/2023	
	Demand response service deficiency	Paratransit Services	Michele Stiehler	4/1/2023	
	Imposition of improper service animal restrictions.	Paratransit Services	Michele Stiehler	2/15/2023	
#13 ADA – Complementary Paratransit	Eligibility criteria deficiencies	Paratransit Services	Michele Stiehler	2/15/2023	
	Service to visitors not provided under the same conditions as eligible riders	Paratransit Services	Michele Stiehler	2/15/2023	
	Unreasonable no-show policy	Paratransit Services	Michele Stiehler	2/15/2023	
	Limits or capacity constraints on ADA complementary paratransit service	Paratransit Services	Michele Stiehler	3/15/2023	
	Insufficient oversight of contractors/other private entities providing ADA complementary paratransit	Paratransit Services	Michele Stiehler	3/15/2023	
#10 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise	Recipient not ensuring prompt payment	ODCR	Julian Tynes	6/1/2023	
#14 Equal Employment Opportunity	Full EEO program not submitted on time	ODCR	Julian Tynes	2/15/2023	
	EEO reporting and/or monitoring system deficiencies	ODCR	Julian Tynes	6/15/2023	
	Insufficient oversight of contractor EEO programs Draft for Discussion &	ODCR	Julian Tynes	4/15/2023	

Questions

