



**Massachusetts Bay  
Transportation Authority**

# Safety Updates

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# Discussion Topics

- 2026 Transit Safety Plan (TSP) Update



# Background

- MBTA's Transit Safety Plan (TSP):
  - Required by the Federal Transit Administration
  - Governs safety activities for transit rail, bus, and paratransit
  - Defines safety goals and objectives, roles and responsibilities, and major initiatives
  - Updated each year; Board of Directors must review and approve the updated TSP before annual submittal to DPU for certification

# TSP Contents

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- Organized around the four core components of the Safety Management Systems (SMS) framework
  - Safety Policy
  - Safety Risk Management
  - Safety Assurance
  - Safety Promotion



# TSP Contents

- Safety Policy
  - Safety Policy Statement with vision, values, and objectives for 2026
  - Employee, management, and safety committee roles and responsibilities
  - Safety performance targets:
    - Event types and causal factors
    - Risk assessments based on historic performance and effectiveness of current risk controls
    - Mitigations to improve future performance in target areas
    - New targets for CY 2026

# TSP Contents

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- Safety Risk Management
  - Hazard identification activities
  - Risk assessment framework with updated Likelihood classifications based on industry benchmarking and user feedback
  - Risk mitigation process
- Safety Assurance
  - Event investigations
  - Data collection and analysis
  - Audits and inspections
- Safety Promotion
  - Safety training requirements
  - Safety communications

# Questions

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# Proposed Board Vote

VOTED:

As required by 49 CFR § 673.11 (a)(1), the MBTA Board of Directors hereby approves the 2026 Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Transit Safety Plan, presented to the Board on August 12, 2025.