



**Massachusetts Bay  
Transportation Authority**

# Safety Update

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# Discussion Topics

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- 2026 MBTA Transit Safety Plan (TSP) Update
- Recent Incidents and Corrective Actions



# Transit Safety Plan Overview

## MBTA 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
- Subject to Board of Directors review and approval before annual submittal to DPU for certification



# 2026 Transit Safety Plan Status



TSP previously approved by Board at 8/12/25 meeting



DPU provided comments on TSP content



MBTA proposed and DPU accepted 12/22/25 resubmittal deadline extension



MBTA amended TSP to address DPU recommendations



Board to vote on revised TSP



MBTA to submit revised TSP to DPU for certification



# DPU TSP Comments and MBTA Response

## Safety Performance Targets

- Revised Section 3.2 includes updates to **MBTA's methodology and data sources** for target development, linking more directly to revenue mileage and performance data that MBTA reports to the National Transit Database.
- MBTA's 2026 Safety Performance Targets have been updated in accordance with the revised methodology.
- Data has been added to the plan to provide transparency and context for targets.

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{3-Year NTD Event Count} \div \text{3-Year NTD VRM} \times 1,000,000 \text{ Miles} = \text{3-Year Performance} \\ \text{3-Year Performance} - \% \text{ Reduction} = \text{2026 Target} \end{array}$$

Methodology



# DPU TSP Comments and MBTA Response

## Risk Reduction Program

- Section 3.2 revised to include updated information on **CY24 performance relative to CY24 targets**.
- **Minimal changes to overall assessment** of whether targets were met or unmet.
- **Largely unchanged mitigations** associated with each unmet target.

Initial	Mode	2024 Target (Rate)	2024 Actual Performance (Rate)	% Difference
	Heavy Rail	49,000	70,986	45%
	Light Rail	7,900	7,302	-8%
	Bus	28,500	27,671	-3%
	The RIDE	25,900	22,453	-13%
Revised	Mode	2024 Target (Rate)	2024 Actual Performance (Rate)	% Difference
	Heavy Rail	49,000	76,769	57%
	Light Rail	7,900	9,194	16%
	Bus	28,500	35,909	26%
	The RIDE	25,900	18,186	-30%

Previously-approved  
**CY24 targets** unchanged

Updated **CY24 actuals**  
from new NTD-aligned  
methodology

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Questions?



# Proposed Board Vote

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## 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 December 18, 2025.





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## Recent Incidents & Corrective Actions



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Thank You. Questions?

