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Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Implementation

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Agenda

- Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) impacts
- PTASP compliance status
- Available technical assistance
- Lessons learned for State DOTs

COVID-19 IMPACTS



FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

COVID-19 Impacts

- Transit providers and State DOTs are experiencing **unprecedented challenges**:
 - Transit ridership has reached a plateau since July 2020 and remains down about **63 percent** nationally compared to a year ago
 - A recent APTA survey shows that without additional funding, **6 in 10 transit systems may need to reduce service and furlough employees in the coming months**
- On April 22, 2020, FTA extended its enforcement deadline for the PTASP regulation from **July 20, 2020 to December 31, 2020**

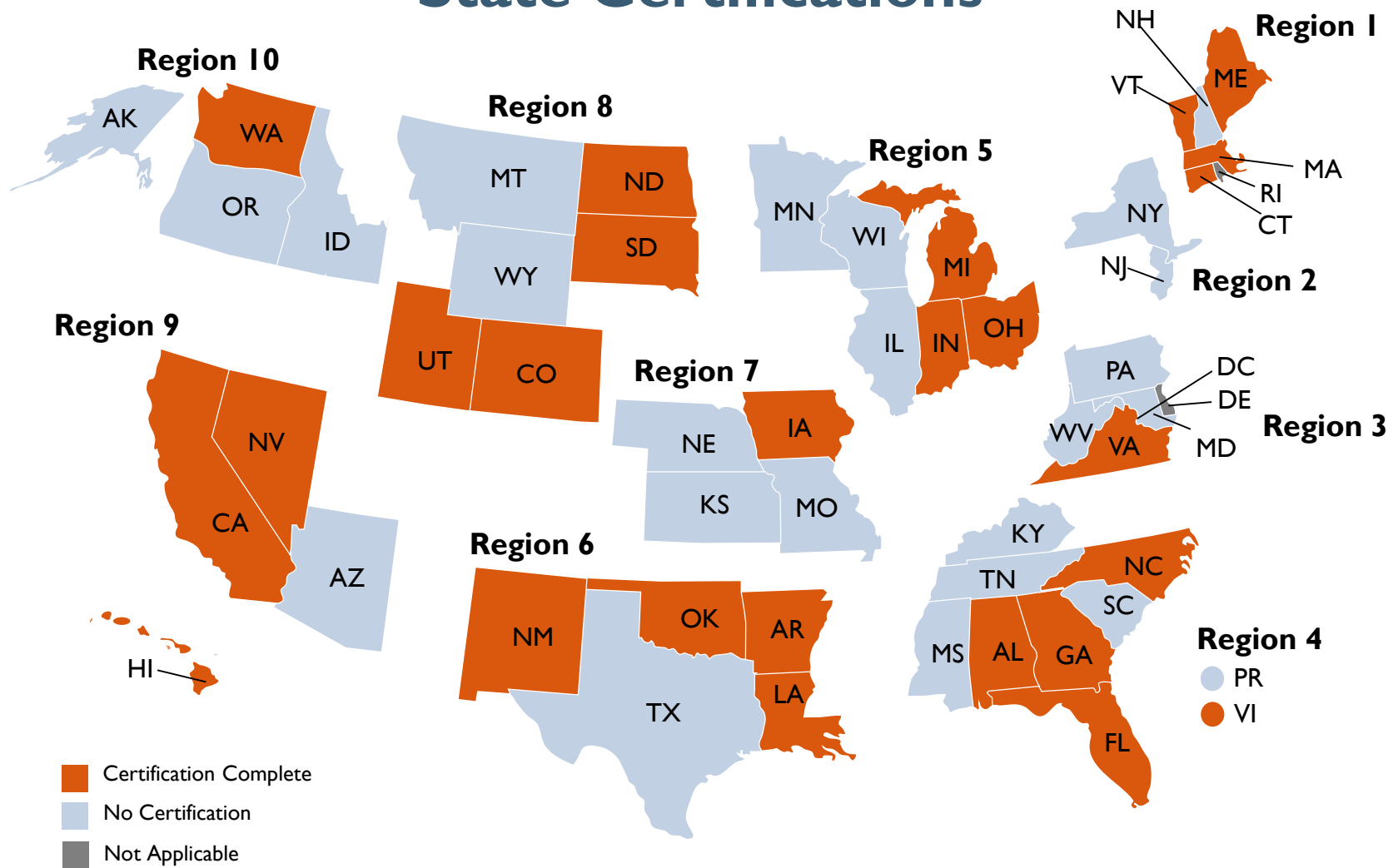
PTASP COMPLIANCE STATUS



Certification Status

- Despite challenges from COVID-19, States and transit providers **continue to make progress** towards compliance with the PTASP regulation
- As of November 12, 2020:
 - **61 percent** (433 of 705) of applicable transit providers have certified compliance with FTA's PTASP regulation
 - **47 percent** of State DOTs that are not also Section 5307 recipients (18 of 38) have certified compliance with FTA's PTASP regulation

State Certifications



- 26 of the 50 applicable States have completed PTASP certification (52%)

AVAILABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

FTA Technical Assistance

- FTA provides outreach and technical assistance to help States and transit agencies address PTASP requirements and overcome challenges
- To date, FTA has reached out to every State and transit provider that must implement the PTASP regulation through its PTASP Technical Assistance Center (TAC)

PTASP TAC

- Over the last year, FTA's PTASP TAC has become a trusted resource for assistance in addressing the PTASP regulation:
 - 40 webinars conducted with over 6,400 attendees
 - 61 guidance documents published, including templates, guides, and sample ASPs for differently sized agencies
 - Approximately 1,300 requests/questions resolved
 - 21 workshops provided with over 1,200 attendees
 - 20 biweekly updates published

Voluntary ASP Reviews

- FTA's PTASP TAC also offers transit agencies and State DOTs voluntary ASP reviews on an ongoing basis:
 - To date, the TAC has reviewed 12 voluntarily submitted State DOT-developed ASPs or ASP templates that represent over 130 individual transit agencies
- Lessons learned from these reviews are documented and shared with industry

LESSONS LEARNED FOR STATE DOTs

ASP Lessons Learned – Authorities and Activities

- Clarify authorities, accountabilities, and responsibilities for SMS (§ 673.23(d))
- Explain how the transit agency will carry out SMS requirements (§ 673.11(a)(2))
 - Safety Management Policy (§ 673.23)
 - Safety Risk Management (§ 673.25)
 - Safety Assurance (§ 673.27)
 - Safety Promotion (§ 673.29)

ASP Lessons Learned – Training, Communication and Definitions

- Describe training for all workers the transit agency designates as directly responsible for safety (§ 673.25(a))
- Describe the communication tools and processes the agency uses to ensure all workers receive safety information relevant to their jobs (§ 673.29(b))
- Ensure the processes described in the ASP reflect the definitions provided in § 673

ASP Lessons Learned – Coordination with Small Public Transportation Providers

- Some States with small public transportation providers decided to create and distribute an ASP template to those providers
 - These States are still responsible for developing a compliant ASP
 - These States may want to schedule in time for their review of the completed ASP

ASP Lessons Learned – Certification

- States with small public transportation providers must certify compliance with the PTASP regulation in TrAMS:
 - Even if all small public transit providers in the State opted to develop their own ASP
 - Only after small public transit providers have met all applicable requirements, including approval by Board or Equivalent Authority

Questions?

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PTASP TAC Links and Contact Information



Technical Assistance Center

- www.transit.dot.gov/PTASP-TAC

PTASP Community of Practice

- www.transit.dot.gov/PTASP-COP

Frequently Asked Questions

- www.transit.dot.gov/PTASP-FAQs

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