

Business Item

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: January 26, 2026

For the Metropolitan Council: February 11, 2026

Business Item: 2026-22

Metro Transit Agency Safety Plans (ASP)

District(s), Member(s): All

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

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt Revision 8 of the Bus Transportation Agency Safety Plan and the Light Rail Transportation Agency Safety Plan for Metro Transit as required by 49 CFR Part 673.

Background

The Transportation Committee and the Metropolitan Council adopted the Metro Transit Agency Safety Plans in 2020 in compliance with the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Final Rule (49 CFR Part 673). The regulation requires review and approval by the Joint Labor Management Safety Committee (JLMSC) prior to governing body approval. This year's annual review focused on updated organizational structures and position titles, enhanced transparency through JLMSC access to findings and incident reports upon request and strengthened communication regarding mitigation strategies determined to be ineffective.

Rationale

Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 673, the Bus and Light Rail Transportation Agency Safety Plans, including all subsequent revisions, require execution by the Accountable Executive and Chief Safety Officer, concurrence from the State Safety Oversight Officer for the Light Rail Plan, and approval by the Joint Labor Management Safety Committee (JLMSC) and the Board of Directors. On December 11, 2025, the JLMSC unanimously approved Revision 8 of both plans.

Thrive Lens Analysis

On February 12, 2025, the Council adopted Imagine 2050, building on the policy framework established in Thrive MSP 2040. Through the Thrive lens, this action advances multiple regional outcomes. The plan supports Equity and Livability by prioritizing a safe and reliable transit system for all customers while promoting the well-being of transit employees. In addition, its emphasis on risk mitigation and proactive planning strengthens Stewardship by ensuring the responsible management of the region's finite resources.

Funding

None Required

Small Business Inclusion

Not applicable

