



TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT

TAMNews

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FTA's Transit Asset Management (TAM) newsletter keeps you up to date on asset management initiatives and creates a forum for the industry to share information and learn from one another.

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Upcoming Events

Introduction to Transit Asset Management- Tier I Agencies: NTI will hold a [training](#) for Tier I providers on May 30- June 1 in Los Angeles, California. The course will provide an overview of key principles and best practices of transit asset management, as well as guidance on compliance with the TAM Final Rule.

Tools for a Smoother Ride Webinar: The Eno Center for Transportation will host a [webinar](#) at 4-4:30 p.m. ET on June 5. The webinar will discuss recommendations from their new paper, "Tools for a Smoother Ride: Managing Rail Assets and Leveraging Competition."

Transit Asset Management for Tier II Providers and Sponsors: NTI will hold a [training](#) for Tier II providers and sponsors on July 11 in Portland, Maine. The course will provide an overview of and implementation guidance for Tier II providers intending to comply with the TAM Final Rule.

2018 TAM Roundtable: The [2018 TAM Roundtable](#) will be held Sunday, July 15 in San Diego, California in conjunction with TRB's 12th National Conference on Transportation Asset Management. At this time the Roundtable has reached capacity, but individuals can still be added to the waiting list. Registration is still open for the [TRB Conference](#).

New Resources

Updated Webpages: The [Getting Started](#) and [TAM Plans](#) webpages have been updated and reorganized to provide agencies with information necessary to meet the requirements of the TAM Final Rule.

New FAQs: The [TAM FAQs](#) page has been updated to include additional information on targets and condition assessments.

Facility Performance Measure Reporting Guidebook, V1.2: FTA has released an updated version of the Facility Performance Measure Reporting [Guidebook](#), featuring an updated Appendix B on Condition Rating Descriptions.

TAM Refresher Webinar: Find a [recording](#) and [Q&A](#) from the FTA February 22 TAM Refresher webinar on the TAM website.

Major Capital Replacements Webinar: A [recording](#) of the FTA March 28 Major Capital Replacements webinar is now available.

TAM for Tribes Webinar: FTA has released a [recording](#) of the FTA April 24 TAM for Tribal Populations webinar.

TAM Refresher II Webinar: A [recording](#) of the FTA April 25 TAM Refresher II webinar is now available.

The Economic Cost of Failing to Modernize Public Transportation: The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) released a [report](#) on the importance of State of Good Repair (SGR) and reducing vulnerability to unanticipated events.

Tools for a Smoother Ride: Managing Rail Assets and Leveraging Competition: The Eno Center for Transportation released a new [paper](#), finding that current rail maintenance practices are inadequate to meet today's challenges.

Additions to the Peer Library

Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit) TAM Plan: See AC Transit's TAM Plan in the Peer Library [here](#).

Stark Area Regional Transit Authority (SARTA) TAM Plan: See SARTA's TAM Plan and accompanying Small Provider Plan Excel template in the Peer Library [here](#).

Consider submitting your agency's work to the TAM Peer Library: The [TAM Peer Library](#) showcases the best practices of transit agencies. Click the link to learn more and submit your work.

Articles

Baltimore Metro reopens ahead of schedule, offers free rides: The Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration [reopened](#) the Metro SubwayLink system in March, three days ahead of schedule. The subway was shut down on February 11 after

unexpected wear was found on the tracks, and inspections by an automated testing vehicle allowed for the reopening.

Before the state expands the T, it should upgrade its existing services, report says: A report by A Better City finds that although new Red and Orange line cars and signal improvements will dramatically increase capacity on both lines, Greater Boston needs far more public transit [improvements](#) in order to continue regional growth.

Blue line in Long Beach to close for a total of eight months next year to undergo \$300 million renovation: The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority is [preparing](#) to close the 22-mile Blue Line for eight months in order to complete the modernization of the transit agency's oldest train line.

DC considers plan to replace streetcar fleet: The District Department of Transportation reports difficulty obtaining spare parts to complete repairs to its existing vehicles in a timely manner. Long-term budget plans call for at least \$25 million in [new streetcars](#) to be purchased beginning in late 2020 or early 2021.

Maryland legislature gives final OK to bill that would increase MTA funding: The Maryland General Assembly approved [legislation](#) allocating an extra \$178 million to the Maryland Transit Administration. The legislation also requires an annual grant to the Washington Area Metropolitan Transit Authority, if funds are met by Virginia and the District of Columbia as well.

M.T.A construction costs threaten growth: A new report by the Regional Plan Association finds that the Metropolitan Transportation Authority could dramatically reduce its construction costs by [rethinking](#) how it manages public transit projects.
