



## 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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## Announcements

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**Updated TAM Website Demonstration Video:** A TAM website [demonstration video](#) is now available to help navigate the wealth of resources available on the FTA TAM website.

**New TAM for Tribes Webpage:** The FTA TAM website has a new [TAM for Tribes](#) page that provides resources for tribal providers to help them comply with the TAM rule requirements.

## Upcoming Events

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**TAM Refresher Webinar:** FTA will host a [webinar](#) at 2-3 p.m. ET on February 22 to cover topics relevant to compliance with the TAM Final Rule. The webinar will highlight technical assistance resources available in advance of the October 2018 TAM Plan deadline, and assumes a basic understanding of the rule requirements.

**Introduction to Transportation Asset Management with Workshop (NHI):** The National Highway Institute (NHI) will host a [training](#) on April 10-11 in Austin, Texas. The course will cover the principles of transportation asset management and introduce core questions every agency should be able to answer about its assets. The training is highway focused, but may contain content applicable to transit agencies.

**Developing a Transportation Asset Management Plan (NHI):** The National Highway Institute (NHI) will host a [training](#) on April 24-25 in Austin, Texas. The course will introduce the role of the Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAMP) as a planning, communication, and

accountability tool. [The training is highway focused](#), but may contain content applicable to transit agencies.

**2018 TAM Roundtable:** [Register now](#) for the 2018 TAM Roundtable, which will be held Sunday, July 15 in San Diego, California in conjunction with TRB's 12<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Transportation Asset Management. Space is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. The Roundtable is open to public sector employees only, and each agency is permitted one attendee.

**Transit Asset Management Implementation for Tier II Providers and Sponsors (NTI):** NTI is offering in-person and webinar training on the TAM Plan Template for Small Providers Excel tool. These trainings will cover specific inputs and outputs of the template and highlight benefits and limitations of using the tool. View the schedules and other information [here](#).

## New FTA Resources

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**New FAQs:** The [TAM FAQs](#) page has been updated to include additional information on requirements for 5310 grantees.

**Group Plan Sponsor Workbook:** A Group Plan Sponsor Workbook is now available on the TAM website. This [workbook](#) is intended to assist group plan sponsors in developing group plans.

**TAM Plan Template for Small Providers, V2.1:** See the updated version of the TAM Plan [Template for Small Providers](#) on the website, featuring improved functionality and additional guidance.

**TAM Final Rule Compliance Checklist:** An updated version of the TAM Final Rule [Compliance Checklist](#) is now available, including additional information about requirements for Tier I and Tier II agencies.

## New Peer Resources

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**TAM Internal Coordination Webinar:** A [recording](#) of the FTA November 30 Internal Coordination webinar is now available. Three Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) [documents](#) presented during the webinar have also been posted.

**Decision Support Tools Webinar:** A [recording](#) of the FTA January 31 Decision Support Tools webinar is now available.

**Decision Support Tool Case Study:** See the latest case study on the Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) on the TAM Resources webpage. The [case study](#) highlights the decision support tool CDTA developed to work with existing software and available data.

**Managing Assets in the Context of Asset Management:** A new ISO report on managing assets is now available on the TAM Resources webpage. The [report](#) addresses the difference between Asset Management and simply managing assets.

**NCHRP Research Report 866: Return on Investment in Transportation Asset Management Systems and Practices:** A New NCHRP report on return on investment is now available. The [report](#) explores how transportation agencies manage assets and provides guidance for evaluating the return on investment for adopting or expanding transportation asset management systems.

## Additions to the Peer Library

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**Mid-Ohio Valley Transit Authority (MOVTA) Condition Assessment Resources:** See three MOVTA documents related to condition assessment 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

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**BART's new trains now in service:** Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) has put its first new 10-car "Fleet of the Future" train into service. The new [train cars](#) are part of a larger effort to phase out the system's legacy fleet, currently the oldest in the nation.

**Constant planning keeps bus system rolling:** Eagle Transit of rural Flathead Valley, Montana has begun the comprehensive planning process for the county's five-year transportation development plan, which ends its current cycle this year. Ongoing [planning efforts](#) help improve service and create a more efficient transit system throughout the region.

**MBTA control board green-lights 2 major contracts:** The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) approved \$1.8 billion to improve and expand service, as well as \$23.9 million to work on commuter rail tracks. This is the agency's biggest [spending day](#) in three years and a significant step toward a more reliable and better-managed transit system.

**New York set to acquire the next generation of subway cars:** The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) plans to buy over a thousand new train cars to modernize their aging fleet. The [investment](#) is intended to help remedy maintenance issues the system has been experiencing.