



Motion No. M2023-85

Approving Revision 1 to the 2023 Agency Safety Plan

Meeting:	Date:	Type of action:	Staff contact:
Rider Experience and Operations Committee	10/05/2023	Recommend to Board	David Wright, Chief Safety Officer
Board	10/26/2023	Final action	Melissa Durel, Security and SMS Manager Ross Edwards, Security and SMS Data Program Manager

Proposed action

Approves Sound Transit’s submittal of Revision 1 of the 2023 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan to the Washington State Department of Transportation’s State Safety Oversight Office.

Key features summary

- This action allows Sound Transit to satisfy Federal Transit Administration requirements in 49 CFR 673 to maintain a compliant Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan and provide this plan to the State Safety Oversight Office in the Washington State Department of Transportation.
- The Sound Transit 2023 Agency Safety Plan was approved by the Board in January 2023, through Motion No. M2023-06. Per state and federal requirements, the Board must approve the revised Agency Safety Plan prior to CEO signature and submittal to WSDOT.
- The 2023 Revision 1 includes updates related to:
 - the early opening of the East Link Starter Line;
 - ST Express audit findings including references to pertinent drug and alcohol policies; and
 - administrative updates including organizational changes and minor internal plan revisions.

Background

The FTA passed the 49 CFR 673 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan rule on July 19, 2018. The rule requires all rail transit agencies and bus agencies that receive 5301 funds to develop a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan using a Safety Management System framework. Sound Transit prepared an Agency Safety Plan in compliance with the aforementioned rule. The first Sound Transit Agency Safety Plan was approved by the Board in June 2020.

Sound Transit’s Agency Safety Plan was developed through work with the FTA, internal and external operational partners, and research and inventory of internal processes. The Safety Department worked with operating partners, Washington State Department of Transportation’s State Safety Oversight office, and internal stakeholders to accurately document Sound Transit’s approach to safety management. The Safety Department researched and inventoried related safety documentation to aid in shaping the plan and provide a solid foundation for future implementation activities.

The Agency Safety Plan is organized by federal plan requirements using the Safety Management System framework: Safety Management Policy, Safety Risk Management, Safety Assurance, and Safety

Promotion. These four components work in a cycle, allowing for continuous improvement of Sound Transit's processes and methodologies in a changing environment.

- Safety Management Policy reiterates the Agency Safety Policy and sets the tone for safety management at the agency. It includes specific references required by the regulation. Additionally, this section describes the employee reporting process, integration and coordination with public safety and emergency management, and high-level roles and responsibilities as they relate to safety activities.
- Safety Risk Management describes the process for managing safety risk at the agency. Specifically, it defines the hazard identification, analysis, evaluation and mitigation processes utilized by agency personnel.
- Safety Assurance provides the means to measure and assess safety performance through audits, investigations, system reviews, management of change and continual improvement activities.
- Safety Promotion focuses on communicating safety information and training staff to use these processes. This is how the Safety Management System effectively evolves to meet the ever-changing environment and provide feedback to employees on identified hazards.

The Agency Safety Plan will undergo annual review and must be approved on an annual basis or when needed should continual improvement activities require an update.

Fiscal information

Although there is no direct fiscal action associated with the action, future implementation of the Agency safety plan may have fiscal impacts to the Agency. Those impacts will be addressed during future actions as they are presented.

This action does not have an impact of the affordability of the Agency's Finance Plan.

Disadvantaged and small business participation

Not applicable to this action.

Public involvement

Not applicable to this action.

Time constraints

A one-month delay would not create a significant impact to any requirements. The Safety Plan is required to be reviewed annually, and Sound Transit must update the State Safety Oversight in March of each year as to the status of the Agency Safety Plan.

Prior Board/Committee actions

Motion No. M2023-06: Approved the 2023 annual Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan for submittal to the Washington State Department of Transportation's State Safety Oversight Office.

Resolution No. R2017-13: Adopted a Safety Policy.

Environmental review – KH 9/19/23

Legal review – AJP 9/19/23



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It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the chief executive officer is authorized approving Sound Transit's submittal of Revision 1 of the 2023 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan to the Washington State Department of Transportation's State Safety Oversight Office.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on October 26, 2023.



Dow Constantine
Board Chair

Attest:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator