

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

[Federal Transit Administration](#) (FTA), [American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials](#) (AASHTO), [American Public Transportation Association](#) (APTA), and [Community Transportation Association of America](#) (CTAA), have been working since 2001 to construct a transit bus safety and security program in response to a 1998 National Transportation Safety Board recommendation to “develop...a model and comprehensive safety program(s) and provide it to all transit agencies.” The goal was to encourage the development of transit bus safety practices that transit agencies of varying sizes could practicably implement.

[The Memorandum of Understanding](#) is an agreement to promote voluntary development and implementation of bus safety and security plans at the state and transit system levels. The MOU contains an outline of agreed-to elements that should be contained in plans:

- security
- driver/employee selection
- driver/employee training
- vehicle maintenance
- drug and alcohol abuse programs
- and safety data acquisition and analysis.

AASHTO advocated that the program have a flexible, scalable approach that will allow each state to implement safety plans, training courses, and grantee oversight based on transit system sizes, service area, and available resources.

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