



Meeting Name

Meeting Date: November 12, 2024

Item Name: Approval of the Public Transit Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) for Augusta Transit

Department: Augusta Transit

Presenter: Sharon Dottery, Director

Caption: Motion to approve the annual Public Transit Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) as drafted for the Augusta Transit Department by the Georgia Department of Transportation in accordance with 49 CFR 673.11(a)(1).

Background: In July 2018, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) issued the Final Rule for Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans (PTASP) at 49 CFR Part 673 for the purpose of strengthening the safety of public transit systems. The Final Rule requires operators of transit systems that receive Section 5307 funding to develop and implement Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans based on the Safety Management System (SMS) approach, subject to future oversight from FTA.

In assigning responsibility for preparing the Safety Plans, FTA’s Final Rule distinguishes between large and small transit systems. “Small Public Transportation Providers”, or “small transit systems”, are defined as recipients or sub-recipients of Section 5307 funds operating 100 or fewer vehicles in peak revenue service. The Rule requires that the State draft and certify a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan on behalf of small transit system within the State, unless the transit system notifies the State that it will draft its own plan. In either case, FTA requires that the small transit system be responsible for implementing the Safety Plan.

Analysis: Augusta Transit’s Safety Plan establishes safety targets that must be approved by December 31st of each year. The Safety Plan was developed on our agency’s behalf by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and its consultant in collaboration with Transit. This Safety Plan has been prepared in accordance with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Safety Management System (SMS) requirements as outlined in 49 CFR Part 673.

Financial Impact: N/A

Alternatives: Deny request.

Recommendation: Approve the Public Transit Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) as drafted.

Funds are available in the following accounts:

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY: N/A

