

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Annual Update</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested for the annual update to METRA's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP), and authorization is requested to approve, submit, and implement this Safety Plan through METRA and in compliance with federal requirements.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Department of Transportation/METRA</b>

**Recommendations:** Approval is requested for the annual update to METRA's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP), and authorization is requested to approve, submit, and implement this Safety Plan through METRA and in compliance with federal requirements.

**Background:** The Department of Transportation/METRA is a recipient of FTA Chapter 5307 funds. These funds are used annually by METRA for capital and planning expenses, including the procurement of new buses. The FTA promulgated new requirements in its final rule 49 C.F.R. Part 673 that recipients of FTA Chapter 5307 funds must develop and implement a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) based on Safety Management Systems (SMS) principles and methods by July of 2020. In response, a Safety Plan was developed by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), and the Department of Transportation/METRA on behalf of the City to comply with the new requirements in FTA Part 673. The plan was further amended in 2023, incorporating applicable PTASP requirements in 49 U.S.C. § 5329(d) and in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

**Analysis:** By approving and authorizing the Safety Plan's implementation annually, the City will be compliant with the federal requirements.

**Financial Considerations:** A full-time position at METRA, the Chief Safety Officer, was created in 2021 in compliance with applicable federal regulations. The position is budget neutral.

**Legal Considerations:** The City Attorney has reviewed and approved this Safety Plan as to form.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approval is requested for the annual update to METRA's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP), and authorization is requested to approve, submit, and implement this Safety Plan through METRA and in compliance with federal requirements.

**A RESOLUTION**

**NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL UPDATE TO METRA'S PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AGENCY SAFETY PLAN (PTASP) AND APPROVING, SUBMITTING, AND IMPLEMENTING THIS SAFETY PLAN THROUGH METRA AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Transportation/METRA is a recipient of FTA Chapter 5307 funds; and,

**WHEREAS**, the FTA promulgated in its final rule 49 C.F.R. Part 673 that recipients of FTA Chapter 5307 funds must develop and implement a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) based on Safety Management Systems (SMS) principles and methods; and,

**WHEREAS**, the plan was developed by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the Department of Transportation /METRA and complies with FTA Part 673 requirements and,

**WHEREAS**, the plan was amended, incorporating applicable PTASP requirements in 49 U.S.C. § 5329(d) and in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

The Columbus City Council has reviewed and approved this Safety Plan and authorizes the Transportation Director to approve, submit, and implement this Safety Plan on behalf of the City and in compliance with federal requirements.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Anker voting	_____.
Councilor Chambers voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Hickey voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

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Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor