

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO.: C-7310

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MS. TANNER/PRES. COOPER

PROVIDED BY: GRANTS

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT (LADOTD) SPONSORED  
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AGENCY SAFETY PLAN AND  
ESTABLISHING SAFETY PERFORMANCE TARGETS FOR STAR TRANSIT

WHEREAS, safety is a core business function of all public transportation providers and should be systematically applied to every aspect of service delivery, as the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has adopted the principles and methods of Safety Management Systems (SMS) as the basis for enhancing the safety of public transportation in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2018, the FTA published the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Final Rule, 49 CFR Part 673, which took effect July 19, 2019, requiring all FTA Section 5307 recipient transit agencies to, within one calendar year after July 19, 2019, establish a PTASP that meets the requirements of Part 673; and

WHEREAS, the PTASP, and subsequent updates, must be signed by the Accountable Executive and approved by the agency's Board of Directors, or an Equivalent Authority; and

WHEREAS, PTASP must document the processes and activities related to Safety Management System (SMS) implementation and include performance targets based on the safety performance measures established under the National Public Transportation Safety Plan, with those targets being shared with the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD); and

WHEREAS, the initial PTASP for STAR Transit has been drafted by LADOTD per 49 CFR 673.11(d) and will remain in effect until STAR Transit has drafted the next version; and

WHEREAS, STAR Transit is dedicated to ensure that the necessary processes are in place to accomplish both enhanced safety at the local level and the goals of the National Public Transportation Safety Plan, as the SMS helps organizations improve upon their safety performance by supporting the institutionalization of beliefs, practices, and procedures for identifying, mitigating, and monitoring safety risks; and

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that it approves this PTASP and the tenets of SMS including a Safety Management Policy (SMP) and the processes for Safety Risk Management (SRM), Safety Assurance (SA), and Safety Promotion (SP), per 49 U.S.C. 5329(d)(1)(A); and as safety has always been a primary function at STAR Transit, this PTASP lays out a process to fully implement and review an SMS on a yearly and ongoing basis in order to continue compliance with the PTASP final rule.

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2026, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

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CHERYL TANNER, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

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KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, CLERK OF COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENT

On July 19, 2018, FTA published the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Final Rule, which requires certain operators of public transportation systems that receive federal funds under FTA's Urbanized Area Formula Grants to develop safety plans that include the processes and procedures to implement Safety Management Systems (SMS). The plan must include safety performance targets. St. Tammany Parish receives both Section 5307 urban funding and Section 5311 rural transit funding.

The original plan was approved by the Parish Council on June 4, 2020. All plan updates require Council approval.

LADOTD hired Alliance Transportation Group, Inc. to create the original PTASP for all of the small urban systems in the state.

A copy of the plan is attached.