





CITY OF SANTA FE

Memorandum

Date: June 30, 2025

To: Governing Body, Public Works Committee and Quality of Life Committee

From: Gabrielle Chavez, Transit Director of Administration 
GC

Via: Regina Wheeler, Public Works Director 
RW

RE: Santa Fe Trails Updated Requirements for Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The proposed resolution would approve the Santa Fe Trails Fiscal Year 2025 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (“PTASP”). The Santa Fe Trails PTASP is a requirement of the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”) for public transportation systems that receive federal funding under the FTA’s Urbanized Area Formula Grant.

BACKGROUND:

On July 19, 2018, the Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”) published the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan’s (“PTASP”) Final Rule, which requires certain operators of public transportation systems that receive federal funds under FTA’s Urbanized Area Formula Grants (49 U.S.C. § 5307) to implement Safety Management Systems (“SMS”). The PTASP rule became effective on July 19, 2019. Santa Fe Trails PTASP was approved by the Governing Body on December 9, 2020, and was subsequently submitted to FTA to fulfill this requirement.

The PTASP was updated in January 2023 to include requirements enacted under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. As a result, transit agencies that receive federal financial assistance under 49 U.S.C 5307 and serve urbanized areas with populations under 200,000 are required to develop an PTASP in cooperation with frontline employee representatives. On April 9, 2024, the FTA published the first major update to the PTASP’s required regulations. These updates are a part of a continuing effort to improve transit safety performance on federally supported transit systems, and PTASP is the first rule finalized by the FTA under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law’s requirements to make transit safer for both transit workers and passengers.

The Santa Fe Trails May 2025 updated PTASP was developed in full cooperation with frontline employee representatives and is intended to ensure compliance with the FTA’s new regulatory standards while continuing to prioritize the safety and well-being of transit personnel and riders.



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The updated plan also includes new requirements addressing transit worker assault, safety reporting and hazard identification, additional safety performance targets and the consideration of infectious disease data from the CDC or state health authorities.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution
Fiscal Impact Report