

grade ballast, elevated/concrete etc.) and power/signal elements including substations and third rail. The A-55 collects information on the track including linear feet of tangent and curve track as well as crossovers and turnouts.

*Comment:* A number of commenters submitted feedback on the requirements for the TAM Notice of Proposed Rulemaking under this notice. In general, the comments related to the proposed TAM Plan elements or granularity of data required for the TAM plan.

*Response:* As these comments are not directly applicable to the NTD Asset Inventory requirements they have not been further summarized or addressed in this notice.

### C. Final Reporting Requirements

The finalized reporting requirements can be found on the NTD Web site at: [www.transit.dot.gov/ntd](http://www.transit.dot.gov/ntd).

The reporting requirements will be optional in report year 2017 with full implementation required in report year 2018. An overview of these requirements is as follows:

1. *Administrative and Maintenance Facilities.* Reported for all facilities for which an agency has a capital responsibility. Collects information on administrative and maintenance facilities used to supply transit service, including facility name, street address, square footage, year built or substantially reconstructed, and primary transit mode supported. Also includes a condition assessment at least once every three years for facilities for which an agency has capital replacement responsibility.

2. *Passenger and Parking Facilities.* Reported for all passenger and parking facilities used in transit service. Collects information on passenger facilities and passenger parking facilities used in the provision of transit service, including facility name, street address, square footage and number of parking spaces, year built or substantially reconstructed, primary mode and percent of capital responsibility. Also includes a condition assessment at least once every three years for facilities for which an agency has capital replacement responsibility.

3. *Fixed Guideway.* Reported for all fixed guideway used in transit service. Collects data on linear guideway assets and power and signal equipment, including the length of specific types of guideway and corresponding equipment, reported as network totals by mode and operating agreement. The data includes quantity, expected service years, date of construction or major

rehabilitation (within a ten year window) and percent of capital responsibility.

4. *Track.* Reported for all track used in transit service. Collects data on track assets, including length and total number of track special work, reported as network totals by rail mode and operating agreement. The data includes expected service years, date of construction or major rehabilitation and percent of capital responsibility.

5. *Revenue Vehicles.* Reporting requirements remain the same for urban/full and rural/reduced reporters with the addition of a useful life benchmark for each vehicle fleet. Section 5310 recipients now report according to the rural/reduced requirements.

6. *Service Vehicles.* Reported for all non-revenue service vehicles for which an agency has capital replacement responsibility. Collects data on service vehicles that support transit service delivery, maintain revenue vehicles, and perform administrative activities. The data includes quantity, expected service life, and year of manufacture. Also includes a useful life benchmark for each vehicle type.

7. *Transit Asset Management Performance Metrics.* The metrics included in the Transit Asset Management rule are reported annually to the NTD:

(a) *Equipment-Service Vehicles.* The performance measure for non-revenue, support and maintenance vehicles is the percentage of vehicles that have met or exceeded their useful life benchmark (ULB). To determine the ULB, a Transit Provider may either use the default ULB established by FTA or a ULB established by the Transit Provider in consideration of local conditions and usage and approved by FTA. The NTD system will calculate annual performance based on the manufacturer's age information that is entered into the vehicle inventory. Reporters are required to provide one target for the percentage of classification of non-revenue vehicle that have met or exceeded their useful life benchmark for each service vehicle category.

(b) *Rolling Stock.* The performance measure for rolling stock is the percentage of revenue vehicles within a particular asset class that have either met or exceeded their useful life benchmark (ULB). To determine the ULB, a recipient may either use the default ULB established by FTA or a ULB established by the recipient in consideration of local conditions and usage and approved by FTA. Recipients will report one target and useful life benchmark for each revenue vehicle classification. The NTD system will

calculate annual performance based on the date of manufacture information entered into the vehicle inventory.

(c) *Rail fixed Guideway Infrastructure* (track, signals, and systems). The performance measure for rail fixed guideway infrastructure is the percentage of track segments, signals, and systems with performance restrictions. Recipients will report a target and performance of this metric for each rail mode. FTA will provide additional technical assistance and guidance on how to measure a performance restriction.

(d) *Facilities.* The performance measure for facilities is the percentage of all facilities rated below condition 3 on the condition scale used by FTA's Transit Economic Requirements Model (TERM). Reporters must provide a condition rating for each facility at least once every three years. The system will automatically calculate performance based on these reports. Reporters are also required to provide an annual target for each facility type. FTA will provide additional technical assistance and guidance on to measure a facility condition rating on the TERM scale.

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**Carolyn Flowers,**

*Acting Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

[Docket No. FTA-2016-0030]

#### Transit Asset Management: Proposed Guidebooks

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed guidebooks and request for comments.

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**SUMMARY:** FTA has placed in the docket and on its Web site proposed guidance in the form of two FTA guidebooks to facilitate implementation of FTA's Transit Asset Management program: (1) "Guideway Performance Restriction Calculation" and (2) "Facility Condition Assessment." The purpose of the proposed guidebooks is to inform the transit community of calculation methodologies for state of good repair performance measures for infrastructure and facilities. By this notice, FTA seeks public comment on the proposed guidebooks.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted by September 26, 2016. Late-filed comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit your comments by only one of the following methods, identifying your submission by DOT Docket Number FTA–2016–0030. All electronic submissions must be made to the U.S. Government electronic site at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

*Federal e-Rulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

*Mail:* Docket Management Facility: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

*Hand Delivery or Courier:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

*Fax:* 202–493–2251.

*Instructions:* You must include the agency name (Federal Transit Administration) and Docket number (FTA–2016–0030) for this notice at the beginning of each submission of your comments. Submit two copies of your comments if you submit them by mail. For confirmation that FTA received your comments, include a self-addressed stamped postcard. All comments received will be posted without change to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) including any personal information provided and will be available to internet users. You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement published in the **Federal Register** on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477) or <http://DocketsInfo.dot.gov>.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents and comments received, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) at any time or to the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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#### I. Background

The proposed documents incorporate changes to FTA's programs due to the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP–21); the publication of the final rule for FTA's National Transit Asset Management (TAM) System and amendments to the National Transit Database (NTD) regulations; and changes in terminology used in the 2012 Asset Management Guide. The proposed documents reflect these changes, propose policies, and add information.

In today's **Federal Register**, FTA has issued its final rule for the National Transit Asset Management (TAM) System and the final notice for the National Transit Database Asset Inventory Module. The final rule includes four (4) state of good repair (SGR) performance measures for capital assets: (1) *Equipment: (non-revenue) service vehicles*; The performance measure for non-revenue, support-service and maintenance vehicles equipment is the percentage of those vehicles that have met or exceeded their useful life benchmark (ULB); (2) *Rolling stock*. The performance measure for rolling stock is the percentage of revenue vehicles within a particular asset class that have either met or exceeded their ULB; (3) *Infrastructure: rail fixed-guideway, track, signals, and systems*. The performance measure for rail fixed-guideway, track, signals, and systems is the percentage of track segments with performance restrictions; and (4) *Facilities*. The performance measure for facilities is the percentage of facilities within an asset class, rated below condition 3 on the TERM scale.

This notice announces the availability of proposed guidebooks for calculating infrastructure and facilities performance measures: "Guideway Performance Restriction Calculation" (Infrastructure) and "Facility Condition Assessment" (Facilities).

The proposed guidebooks are not included in this notice; instead, electronic versions are available on FTA's Web site, at [www.transit.dot.gov/TAM](http://www.transit.dot.gov/TAM), and in the docket, at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Paper copies of the proposed guidebooks may be obtained by contacting FTA's

Administrative Services Help Desk at (202) 366–4865.

FTA seeks comment on the proposed guidebooks. FTA will publish a second notice in the **Federal Register** after the close of the comment period. The second notice will respond to comments received and announce the availability of the final guidebooks.

#### II. Overview of Guidebooks

The final rule includes performance measures for infrastructure and facilities categories; however it was silent with regard to calculation methodologies. The guidebooks referenced herein provide both standard terminology and calculation options for transit providers to conform to the proposed SGR performance measures for infrastructure and facilities. Specifically the guidebooks describe how to measure and report the Infrastructure and Facility performance measures to the NTD.

Each guidebook is organized into four main sections:

Section 1 describes the scope and provides a brief policy background, linking it to the requirements of the NTD.

Section 2 outlines data requirements and definitions relating to reporting guideway performance restriction or facility condition data.

Section 3 details procedures for specific measurement of each performance measure.

Section 4 presents a set of appendices, including a glossary of terms, example forms, and references.

##### A. Performance Restriction Calculation

This guidebook provides an objective definition of a performance restriction and step-by-step procedures for calculating guideway under-performance restrictions.

##### B. Facility Condition Assessment

This guidebook details facility components and sub-components, and provides instructions on how to assess their condition.

FTA encourages interested stakeholders to carefully review the proposed guidebooks in their entirety, particularly the definitions, calculations, and templates, and provide comments to the docket.

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