

1.0 Safety Management Policy Statement

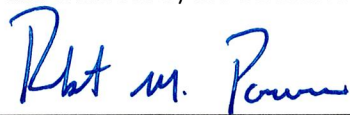
The San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) strives to provide safe, reliable, clean quality transit service that increases mobility and accessibility, strengthens community and economic prosperity, and helps preserve the Bay Area’s environment. BART has adopted as its guiding principle that Safety is a primary value for our customers, employees, and business partners. This means that Safety takes a pre-eminent role in decision making before all other considerations. All levels of management and all employees are accountable for the delivery of this highest level of safety performance, starting with the General Manager (GM).

The System Safety Department, led by the Chief Safety Officer (CSO), is responsible for developing, administering, and overseeing a comprehensive PTASP with established safety goals and objectives. Each department, regardless of mode, has responsibilities under the PTASP and shall support its implementation. Employees are encouraged to read the PTASP available on employee connect or the system safety SharePoint page. Departments shall provide the on-going support necessary for achievement of the following PTASP Safety Objectives:

- Establish safety policies, procedures, and requirements that integrate safety into BART’s decision-making and operations.
- Implement Safety Management System (SMS) Principles and utilize the American Public Transportation Association’s (APTA) Standards, Recommended Practices, and Guidelines as resources in developing BART’s policies/procedures.
- Assign responsibilities related to safety policies, procedures, and requirements.
- Verify adherence to safety policies, procedures, and requirements.
- Investigate accidents, incidents, fires, and occupational injuries.
- Conduct safety performance monitoring to determine trends and implement corrective actions.
- Identify, analyze, evaluate and resolve/mitigate hazards and near misses, in coordination with frontline transit worker representative through the SMS Joint Union/Management Safety Committee and the Joint Union/Management Health & Safety Committee (JUMHSC) as described in this Plan.
- Minimize system modifications related to safety during the operational stage by reviewing safety requirements at system design and procurement stages.
- Evaluate the safety implications of proposed system modifications prior to implementation.

A key to the success of the PTASP is for employees to be aware that they are accountable for meeting the safety requirements of their positions. Our success depends on all employees actively identifying potential hazards and taking into consideration the safety of themselves and others. All employees have an obligation to report hazards and near-miss occurrences. In addition, it is the duty of each BART employee to cooperate with the System Safety Department and to provide that Department with any information requested to aid in any investigation, inspection or scheduled or unscheduled audit.

BART’s safety objectives and safety performance targets/measures included in this PTASP are consistent with the National Public Transportation Safety Plan and fulfill the requirements of 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 673. As required by 49 CFR Part 673, this plan, which encapsulates the District’s commitment to continuously monitor, measure, and improve safety performance, has been approved by the Board of Directors and endorsed by the General Manager who also acts as the Accountable Executive.



Robert M. Powers, General Manager/Accountable Executive



Date