Status of State Safety Oversight Program Certification

By Federal public transportation safety law, 30 states with rail transit systems in operation, in the engineering phase or under construction are required to establish an FTA-certified State Safety Oversight (SSO) Program by April 15, 2019.

If a state does not obtain certification by this deadline, Federal law does not allow FTA to award any Federal public transportation funds to any public transportation agencies throughout that state until certification is achieved.

This tracking table depicts each state's progress toward FTA certification.

State	Application Status	Certification Status	FTA Formula Funding
			Est. (FY2019)
Colorado	Certified	Certified	\$122,239,166
District of Columbia (FEMS)	Certified	Certified	\$210,465,763
Hawaii	Certified	Certified	\$45,307,477
Massachusetts	Certified	Certified	\$377,572,975
Minnesota	Certified	Certified	\$113,535,596
Ohio	Certified	Certified	\$190,956,911
Utah	Certified	Certified	\$76,951,916
Virginia (DRPT)	Certified	Certified	\$175,630,030
Arizona	Under Review	3	\$117,005,463
Arkansas	N/A	3	\$33,585,909
California	N/A	3	\$1,399,901,100
DC, MD, VA (Metrorail Safety Commission)	N/A	3	\$638,233,977
Florida	N/A	3	\$393,569,020
Georgia	Under Review	3	\$194,509,592
Illinois	Under Review	3	\$609,101,428
Louisiana	N/A	3	\$65,058,832
Maryland (MDOT)	Under Review	3	\$252,138,184
Michigan	N/A	3	\$142,597,929
Missouri	N/A	3	\$104,260,944
New Jersey	N/A	3	\$630,788,783
North Carolina	Under Review	3	\$124,046,200
Oklahoma	N/A	3	\$52,170,951
Oregon	N/A	3	\$104,230,003
Pennsylvania	Under Review	3	\$438,670,071
Puerto Rico	N/A	3	\$74,078,304
Washington	N/A	3	\$261,144,863
West Virginia	Under Review	3	\$27,796,756
Wisconsin	N/A	3	\$88,028,303
Texas	N/A	3	\$444,293,604
New York	N/A	2	\$1,523,909,156
States that still require state legislative or executive action			
Tennessee*	N/A	1	\$92,833,519



Application Status

This column shows the status of a state's SSO Program certification application.

Under Review: FTA has formally acknowledged receipt of application and it is under review.

N/A: FTA has not received or formally acknowledged receipt of a state's application.

Certification Status

This column shows the SSO certification process in four stages.

Stage 1 – State is working on its submissions to FTA. Where applicable, all required legislation has not yet been enacted.

Stage 2 – State has submitted some requirements to FTA.

Stage 3 – State has submitted all required documents to FTA and is engaged in a dialogue with FTA to address comments and questions. Where applicable, all required legislation has been enacted.

Stage 4 (Certified) – State has successfully met all SSO Program requirements, including the resources to carry out the requirements, and has received FTA certification.

FTA Formula Funding

Federal transit program (49 U.S.C. 53) formula amounts are based on Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act estimated apportionments for FY 2019. These funds illustrate the minimum annual funding amounts that FTA is prohibited from awarding if a state's SSO Program has not been certified by April 15, 2019.

* States with an asterisk still require state legislative or executive action prior to FTA certification. States cannot advance past Stage 1 without necessary laws enacted. States should act promptly to ensure all necessary actions are taken with sufficient time to meet the April 2019 deadline.

