As you are probably aware, on July 26, 2016, FTA published a Final Rule for Transit Asset Management (TAM) in Federal Register Volume 81, Number 143. The rule requires FTA grantees to develop asset management plans for their public transportation assets, including vehicles, facilities, equipment, and other infrastructure. Requirements under the Final Rule vary based on a number of factors.

It is our understanding that your agency is classified as a Tier II provider which is defined as a provider that is sub-recipient of Formula Grants for Other than Urbanized Areas (5311) Funds, an American Indian Tribe, a provider with 100 or less vehicles across all fixed route modes, or a provider with 100 or less vehicles in one non-fixed route mode. A Tier II provider may participate in a Group Plan or opt out and develop its own Transit Asset Management Plan.

As you know, DRPT is developing a group plan and has been working with our Tier II service providers to develop determine aspirational targets for attaining a state of good repair by January 1, 2017 to comply with the Final Rule. DRPT based these targets on the data currently available in our transit asset management system (TransAM) which was installed on December 9. As part of the implementation of this new system, the data will need to be validated with providers over the next few months. Group plan participants were briefed on the aspirational targets in a webinar held on December 12. The aspirational targets for the group plan are:

- 40 foot – 80% of vehicles within Useful Life Benchmark
- 35 foot – 80% of vehicles within Useful Life Benchmark
- 30 foot – 75% of vehicles within Useful Life Benchmark
- Under 30 foot – 80% of vehicles within Useful Life Benchmark
- Vans – 80% of vehicles within Useful Life Benchmark
- Facilities – 80% of facilities within Useful Life Benchmark

The next step in compliance with the final rule will be to develop the group TAM Plan, which is required to be submitted to FTA by September 30, 2018. These goals will continue to evolve based on funding availability and asset conditions, in collaboration with all TAM Plan group members. DRPT anticipates that some of the group participants may decide to develop their own plans; however, these goals will apply as long as you elect to be covered by the group plan.

This letter and the December 12 webinar are available on the Online Grants Administration (OLGA) system, under the News tab.