

Pursuant to R.S. 49:968(D)(1)(b), the Department of Transportation and Development announces its plan to proceed with rule-making by finalizing the Notice of Intent entitled, "State Safety Oversight for Rail Fixed Guideway Public Transportation Systems", that was promulgated on pages 638-640 in the Louisiana Register on March 20, 2022.

This rule-making was affected by the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., and through the authority granted in R.S. 48:214, that the Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Multimodal Commerce, State Safety Oversight Division amends the rule for State Safety Oversight for Rail Fixed Guideway Public Transportation Systems. The proposed rule revision updates the State Safety Oversight Program Standard (SSOPS) required by 49 CFR Part 674 State Safety Oversight, to address a full transition from federal rule 49 CFR Part 659 to, 49 CFR Parts 673 and 674, as published by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Specifically, to transition references from 49 CFR Part 659 to refer to 49 CFR Part 673, and to update Accident Reporting requirements to reflect updated reportable thresholds contained in FTA Safety and Security Reporting Policy Manual.

The Department has received no written or oral comments; therefore, the Department has not conducted a public hearing pursuant to La. R.S. 49:953(A)(2).

The Notice of Intent was received by the Joint Legislative Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works on March 9, 2022. Time delays have lapsed and no public hearings have been requested.

The Department intends to promulgate this rule in the same form as the Notice of Intent. A copy of the published Notice of Intent is attached for your convenience.

Subject to legislative oversight by either the Senate or House Committees on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works, DOTD intends to submit a Rule to the Office of the State Register for publication.