

1.0 Safety Management Policy Statement

The San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District 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. Safety is the foundation upon which the District supports all functions including planning, design, construction, testing, maintenance, and operations of the rail transit system. To meet these goals, five safety objectives are established:

1. To avoid loss of life, reduce injury and minimize damage or property loss;
2. To administer and oversee safety assurance programs District-wide;
3. To instill an awareness of and to promote safety in all District employees and contractor personnel;
4. To provide for the identification and elimination or control of hazards through a systematic approach of auditing and analyzing the operational system and the work environment; and
5. To minimize hazards in new facilities by building safety into the design through adherence to applicable codes and standards, use of sound engineering judgment, and implementation of a detailed safety certification program.

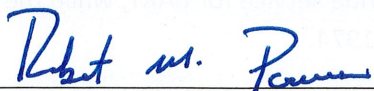
The System Safety Department is directed and empowered to develop, implement, and administer a comprehensive Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) across all three BART modes. The plan emphasizes preventive activities and responsibilities of each department to identify, control, and resolve hazards during design, development, and operational phases of transit service. In addition, where it is determined that unsafe conditions or practices exist, the Chief Safety Officer has the authority to order such conditions corrected or practices halted. This includes the interruption of revenue service, if conditions warrant.

Each department, regardless of mode, shall support the PTASP and cooperate in the achievement of the established goals and objectives.

Accountability for safety rests with each employee, supervisor, and manager; however, the General Manager accepts the ultimate accountability for the District's safety performance across all modes. All are responsible for meeting the safety requirements inherent to their positions. Individual employees must comply with the safety rules and procedures applicable to their work duties. Supervisors and managers must enforce safety standards applicable to their departments.

The System Safety Department will consult with other District departments in the achievement of established safety goals and objectives. 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.

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