

The Texas Department of Transportation (department) proposes the repeal of §§7.82, 7.83, and 7.86, the addition of new §§7.82, 7.83, and 7.86, and amendments to §§7.80, 7.84-7.85, and 7.87-7.95, relating to the Rail Fixed Guideway System State Safety Oversight Program. The changes to Chapter 7 establish standards for and implement state oversight of safety practices of rail fixed guideway systems and are necessary because of recent changes to federal program requirements resulting from the enactment of the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The United States Department of Transportation has required each State Safety Oversight Agency to develop and implement a risk-based inspection (RBI) program and the Federal Transit Administration has required the department's draft RBI program document to be incorporated into the State Safety Oversight Program Standard and submitted for review and approval not later than May 2024.