

# **Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices for Rail Transit Systems**

## **Volume I**

### **Rail Transit Standards Background and Process Description**

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## Introduction

This is the first volume of a six volume set comprising the American Public Transportation Association *Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices for Rail Transit Systems*. The standards and recommended practices contained in this manual represent an industry consensus on practices to help rail transit systems achieve a high level of safety for passengers, employees, and the general public. This manual was created by and for those parties concerned with its provisions; namely, rail transit systems (operating agencies), manufacturers, consultants, engineers, and general interest groups.

This volume contains background on the rail transit standards project and describes the process used to develop the standards and recommended practices contained in the other five volumes.

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