

TRI-STATE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING
at the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Jackson Graham Building, 600 5th Street NW, Washington, DC 20001
Tuesday, February 19, 2013
External Meeting Minutes

Name	Agency	Phone	Email
James Benton	TOC/MDOT		
John Chism	TOC/DDOT		
Sharmila Samarasinghe	TOC/DRPT		
Klara Baryshev	TOC/DDOT		
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James Young	TRA/TOC		
Jeffrey Mannion	TRA/TOC		
James Dougherty	SAFE		
Robert Maniuszko	SAFE		
Darren McCoy	SAFE		
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Lou Brown	SAFE		
Brian A. Glenn	FTA		
Dorsey Adams	SAFE		
John Sevier	DGMO/IPLN		

External Meeting - 14:30-16:00

The TOC reviewed minutes from January's monthly meetings. There were no comments, and the minutes were approved.

J. Benton reminded SAFE that the TOC has requested WMATA documents by Feb. 1 for the Hazardous Materials audit requested to take place by the end of February. There is currently no date scheduled for the audit. The group also discussed the new Three-Year Review White Paper and logistics with aligning the TOC's and WMATA's audits on the same schedule.

J. Benton noted that, during a morning meeting, the FTA asked for responses to its questions on the Anacostia self-evacuation incident by March 4. J. Benton provided a hard copy of the questions to R. Maniuszko.

The TOC requested a progress report on the insulator replacement program. R. Maniuszko reported that about 11,000 were replaced last year. R. Maniuszko said WMATA would provide a written update and look-ahead schedule.

The TOC asked SAFE whether it was concerned about an increased number of wrong-side door openings in January. J. Dougherty said he met with the General Manager this morning to discuss, and WMATA is willing to accept the hazard at this time based on frequency and severity (unless there is additional funding for a software fix). R. Maniuszko also said new Train Operators are being given additional in-seat instruction time during which they must verbally call out the side doors will open.

The group discussed the status of current accident/incident investigations, including a red signal violation/face-up for which the TOC has requested additional information. J. Dougherty expressed concerns about adding additional investigatory information to

reports that may be legally obtained by the media. An accident/incident work session will likely be scheduled in the next couple weeks.

S. Samarasinghe asked about a Feb. 6 near-miss investigation involving a worker in the right-of-way and an approaching train; R. Maniuszko provided an update.

J. Chism reported that he found 7 SMS reports of broken rail since November and asked whether all other reports may be classified differently. He also asked for WMATA to look into the causes of 17 one-door leaf station overruns in January. The group also talked about the rail distressing program.

J. Benton summarized the morning FTA meeting regarding the CAP database. The TOC also, as noted during CAPTURE on 2/19, plans to send a CAP adoption letter to WMATA by the end of the week.

The group discussed the MTPD TVA. J. Dougherty said he would let Chief Taborn know that TVA findings need to be rated and formed into CAPs.

J. Benton reported that because the TOC has not heard back from FTA on whether the BASE review can be used as an internal security audit, it will submit a letter denying the request to accept the review as substitution unless WMATA can provide documentation otherwise.

R. Maniuszko briefed the group on the WMATA radio system upgrade project and said he would provide a written update to the TOC. **Action Item: WMATA will provide TOC with a written update on the WMATA radio system upgrade project.**

S. Samarasinghe asked if WMATA was looking into certain 2013 NTSB Most Wanted List items that may affect Metro. J. Dougherty discussed involvement of the Infrastructure Renewal Program Group; fire safety design in 7K-series cars; and whether distraction is questioned in incident investigations.

S. Samarasinghe asked questions on the close-call reporting system based on the morning presentation to the FTA. J. Dougherty reported it is hoped the program is implemented by June; he also responded that that it is undetermined but expected that SAFE will be part of the BTS committee that manages close-call reports.

WMATA provided a letter notifying TOC it has rescheduled the 2/22 Public Relations audit to 3/11. D. McCoy reported that the ELES and PLNT audits are completed and the reports will be sent to TOC soon.

R. Maniuszko said ELES is almost finished completing revisions to the escalator barrier procedure; all but one of the TOC comments is expected to be incorporated into the revised procedure, and it will be sent to TOC in the near future.

The group discussed TOC's questions on the WMATA Annual Internal Audit Report.

Next TOC External Meeting: Wednesday, March 20, at 2:30 pm, at JGB