

TRI-STATE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING
at the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Jackson Graham Building, 600 5th Street NW, Washington, DC 20001
Wednesday, April 17, 2013
External Meeting Minutes

Name	Agency	Phone	Email
James Benton	TOC/MDOT		
John Chism	TOC/DDOT		
Sharmila Samarasinghe	TOC/DRPT		
Klara Baryshev	TOC/DDOT		
Robert Kogan	TRA/TOC		
James Young	TRA/TOC		
Chris Kozub	TRA/TOC		
James Dougherty	SAFE		
Robert Maniuszko	SAFE		
Curtis Moses	SAFE/CQAL		
Darren McCoy	SAFE		
Monic Morgan	PPL		
Charles Briscoe	SAFE		
Brian Glenn (via teleconference)	FTA		
Sgt. Tiffany Washington	MTPD		
L.M.D.D. Biggs	MTPD		
Hercules Ballard	RTRA		
Dorsey Adams	SAFE		
Lou Brown	SAFE		
Chief Ron Pavlik	MTPD		

External Meeting - 14:00-15:30

The TOC reviewed minutes from March's monthly meetings. R. Maniuszko had two corrections, which will be incorporated into the final meeting minutes.

R. Maniuszko provided an update on the recent stranding of passengers on a train at Van Ness. He explained that SAFE will be helping to reintroduce training on a module related to evacuation procedures already implemented via SOP 1A, hopefully by mid-May. This will be followed by tabletop exercises and then a field drill. Such plans will be reflected as planned actions in the Anacostia self-evacuation final report, according to R. Maniuszko. He also noted that Chief Pavlik sent a bulletin stating that MTPD must be notified within 10 minutes of any incident of passengers being stranded on a train, since MTPD was not immediately notified.

J. Dougherty noted that the Brentwood Yard derailment preliminary report is considered working notes only.

L. Brown said that TOC's emergency intercom information request remains under investigation. He stated that the intercom system hardware is not failing, but that the volumes are typically not audible.

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J. Benton asked about the training/familiarization for ELES on the revised barrier procedure. R. Maniuszko said he will determine this information and get back to the TOC.

TOC members asked what SAFE does with hazard log items once they are added. R. Maniuszko said that crafting the process for dealing with information in the SMS is part of an existing CAP, regarding procedures guiding SMS.

J. Benton requested WMATA's monthly hazard log. D. McCoy said he will obtain the log soon, and that a new SMS version in late May should make it easier to compile the monthly log.

In response to TOC questions, J. Dougherty explained WMATA's new safety awareness campaign. He said it was developed by the CSMC (customer service) department and focuses on discouraging unsafe actions. TOC members emphasized that they would like to be informed of safety-related programs and occurrences from the outset, when possible.

The group discussed the status of a possible station lighting enhancement project.

Regarding Dulles meetings for which TOC personnel may not be allowed (due to contract discussion, etc.), L. Brown stated that TOC will receive invitations noting meeting times appropriate for TOC attendance.

TOC members asked about testing for the new portal warning devices. M. Eppler provided a status update and stated that although devices have been installed at some portals and use lasers, all remaining devices will be tied into the ATC track circuit because it is easier to install. Correspondence with the track circuit provides a 100% success rate compared to 99.7% for the lasers, he said. The devices using lasers are expected to remain.

B. Glenn said he outlined parts of the Rail Fleet Management Plan that he believes need to be revised and plans to have a meeting with WMATA to discuss it. B. Glenn said he will send this plan to the TOC.

K. Baryshev asked about SCIL verification items WMATA is reviewing, and whether MWAA's selection of items means WMATA's batch of items to review is too small. J. Dougherty said WMATA will verify the project according to its own criteria, regardless of the items MWAA chooses. L. Brown said he will set up a separate meeting for the TOC with S. Mischuk regarding this topic.

D. McCoy said NTSB-related recommendations in the capital budget are not new, even though they may be indicated differently than the recommendations as previously written.

R. Pavlik was present and stated he was sworn in as the official Chief of Police in late March. J. Benton said the TOC will send a letter requesting an introductory meeting.

T. Washington said Lt. Wigglesworth has been reviewing the Volpe TVA report for CAPs; once the CAPs are approved through the chain of command, they will be passed on to the TOC.

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C. Moses responded to TOC questions regarding CAPs from the IT ISSA.

B. Glenn asked whether amber warning lights, which are on the Dulles line, will be placed on the existing mainline. R. Maniuszko said they are being tested in certain locations on the existing system.

Next TOC External Meeting: Wednesday, May 15, at 2:00 pm, at JGB