

TRI-STATE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING
at the District Department of Transportation
Jackson Graham Building, 600 5th Street NW, Washington, DC 20001
Wednesday, June 19, 2013
External Meeting Minutes

Name	Agency	Phone	Email
James Benton	TOC/MDOT		
Sharmila Samarasinghe	TOC/DRPT		
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James Young	TRA/TOC		
James Dougherty	SAFE		
Robert Maniuszko	SAFE		
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Charles Briscoe	SAFE/CQAL		
Brian Glenn	FTA		
L.M.D.D. Biggs	MTPD		
Leslie Campbell	MTPD		
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Daryl Sensenig	MTPD/OEM		
Michael DiNatale	TIES/QAAW		
Richard Sarles	GM		
Darvin Kelly	TRST		
David Newman	SMNT		
Andy Off	CENI		
Hercules Ballard	RTRA		
Charles Novick	DHS/TSA		
Lou Brown	SAFE		

External Meeting - 2:30-3:30

The group reviewed and approved minutes from May's monthly meetings.

R. Sarles and J. Benton discussed the 6K/4K/1K series railcar PA intercom issues that prompted consist rearrangements and a public announcement earlier in the day. WMATA personnel stated they would still respond to the TOC's letter requesting an investigation.

In response to TOC questions, J. Dougherty said corrective actions that come from close-call reporting cases will be entered into the SMS hazard module; this will maintain confidentiality of the initial report.

Regarding the incident in which a train struck a platform-to-wayside staircase, no cause has yet been determined, according to R. Maniuszko.

The group discussed recent yard incidents and whether WMATA was considering looking at additional metrics regarding trends or problem spots. R. Maniuszko stated that the TOC's recent special study of rule compliance programs identified strong spots as well as areas WMATA could strengthen its processes regarding rule compliance assessments.

J. Benton asked WMATA what mitigations are being considered in response to the recent increase in red signal violations. R. Maniuszko stated that CBT training related to red signal violations is ongoing. He also stated there is a new targeted campaign regarding the new rule to keep doors open until a lunar signal is verified. He also noted that a SAFE officer may attend relevant training to determine whether it can be improved; J. Dougherty said WMATA would also consider new annual refresher training. H. Ballard said there does not appear to be a trend regarding timing or experience of personnel. In addition, H. Ballard said that there is a new focus on ensuring employees operating in yards have to follow the same rules as on the mainline (i.e. more formal communication; clamping switches at red signals, etc.)

R. Maniuszko explained that the 5/20 Metro Center carbon monoxide alarm was likely due to adjacent construction and did not involve the system; L. Campbell said more information can be provided to TOC (this was provided later in the meeting).

D. Newman explained that the cause of a recent system-wide radio outage was a master site controller.



The group discussed WMATA prioritization of ETS box work orders. R. Maniuszko said he and D. Newman will work on providing answers regarding progress on this issue since the last monthly meeting.

The group talked about a recent patron complaint to the TOC regarding unruly patrons. H. Ballard said that Station Managers are informed to contact ROCC / MTPD regarding unruly patrons. L. Campbell said 911 calls go to the MPD, which will inform MTPD and sometimes also dispatch its own officers.

S. Samarasinghe asked about passengers soliciting aboard trains. L. Campbell noted that panhandling is illegal; R. Sarles said passengers should use passenger intercoms to alert the Train Operator.

L. Brown stated he would need to follow-up on the report of WMATA rejecting Silver Line fire extinguishers with respect to specifications. The group also discussed TOC observations from the Start-Up Audit two weeks prior to this meeting. R. Sarles said WMATA is present during all testing for which its personnel have decided they want to be present. In addition, L. Campbell stated that the Silver Line TVA is ongoing. B. Glenn also noted that WMATA still needs to respond to the FTA or TOC's request for information on railcar count/fleet management plan that accounts for the current 7K procurement schedule.

D. Kelly and A. Off provided an update on progress with rail temperature monitoring:
- There are 29 high-priority areas

- Speed restrictions are based on monitored temperatures
- A new machine to measure rail temperature is being tested in high priority areas
- There are currently eight remote rail temperature monitoring devices
- A peer review of WMATA will be conducted next week to identify improvements to its rail temperature monitoring

A. Off stated he would provide a summary for the TOC that it can submit to the jurisdiction TOC Executives.

Next TOC External Meeting: Wednesday, July 17, at 2:00 pm, at JGB