



## Tri-State Oversight Committee (TOC)

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# Presentation to the WMATA Board Customer Service, Operations & Safety Committee

September 16, 2010



# TOC Triennial Review Update

- On-site completed late June
- Draft report finished early August
- WMATA comments received 9/10
- TOC final report week of October 4<sup>th</sup>



# Significant Progress Made Since April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010

- Substantial additions to SAFE staff, available expertise, engagement
- RWP & MSRPH signed
- CAP closure goals have spurred major progress
- Internal audit & accident investigation program improvements



# Internal Audits

- WMATA's internal audit in late August was comprehensive, represented improvement
- Agency must ensure 30-day checklist submittal deadlines are made
- Training and experience for WMATA internal auditors vital to sustainable progress



# Development of RWP Program

- Signing of RWP manual a major success
- TOC has closed several RWP CAPs
- TOC will monitor RWP implementation and re-assess when program matures
- Resources for RWP training staff essential



# Accident Investigation Recovery Efforts

- WMATA submitted an aggressive Accident Investigation Recovery Plan on 7/30
- Planned WMATA submittals on 9/26
- TOC looks forward to reviewing



# TOC Internal MOU

- TOC Executive Committee signed a revised internal MOU on 9/13
- Includes additional authority for TOC Chair, formalizes communication lines
- Responds to many FTA & NTSB concerns
- Institutes additional enforcement authority for TOC



# TOC-WMATA MOU

- TOC members and TOC Executives continue to work with WMATA staff on MOU development
- Differences of opinion exist on a few remaining items
- Board participation will likely be necessary to facilitate compromise





# FTA Audit Response

- TOC participated in joint meeting on August 6<sup>th</sup> with WMATA and FTA
- Follow-up documentation shared on August 13<sup>th</sup> regarding actions since 3/4/10 audit issuance
- Additional TOC follow-up pending
- Documentation will eventually go to NTSB to address their recommendation to TOC



# Major Project TOC Participation

- TOC has begun attending stakeholder's meetings for the 7000-series railcars
- TOC has been invited but still needs logistical follow-through on loss-of-shunt/ATC backup regular meetings
- TOC members will receive regular loss-of-shunt data reports



# Capital Programs/ Safety Certification

- TOC members and consultants regularly attend Safety Certification Review Committee
- SCRC oversight role critical for capital projects
- TOC also participates in Dulles Corridor and Infrastructure Renewal Program safety certification activities



# WMATA Exec Safety Committee (ESC)

- WMATA's ESC has taken major steps forward in fulfilling its charter
- Participation from senior leadership robust
- Most recent meeting included accident investigation reviews, other key activities
- Progress needs to be sustained over the long run



# Door Issues of Concern

- Doors Off Platform/Station Overruns
- Wrong-side doors a significant concern
- Doors Open During Movement
- TOC is gathering data via SAFE & Rail Ops
- WMATA Investigation report from 8/25/2010 Mt. Vernon Square incident pending



## 4000-Series Fleet Removal: Information-Sharing Delays

- WMATA provided timely and helpful initial information and facilitated shop visits 7/2-7/5/10
- On 7/6 TOC requested follow-up info on fleet-removal decision process & maintenance procedures used
- Took 20 days to get copy of maintenance procedure, August 16<sup>th</sup> to answer process questions
- Significant disparities between initial info and answers
- WMATA must become comfortable “showing their work”



## Other Activities

- TOC web presence continues to grow (will include live chats, additional documents)
- TOC will be testifying before Congressional subcommittee with WMATA on 9/23
- TOC members attended first FTA TRACS meeting last week, will continue participation



# Questions and Comments

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