

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Board Action/Information Summary

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TITLE:

Tri-State Oversight Briefing / Update

PURPOSE:

To provide a status report to the Safety & Security Committee from the Chairperson of the Tri-State Oversight Committee.

DESCRIPTION:

Continuation of open communication and reporting to the Safety & Security Committee to ensure safety issues, concerns, corrective actions and recommendations are transmitted at the highest level to Metro from the Tri-State Oversight Committee.

FUNDING IMPACT:

No impact on funding

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept Tri-State Oversight Committee updated briefing report.



Tri-State Oversight Committee Briefing

Safety & Security Committee
December 16, 2010



Tri-State Oversight Committee (TOC)



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Presentation to the WMATA Board Safety & Security Committee

December 16, 2010



TOC Triennial Review Update

- Final version transmitted to WMATA
10/7/2010
- WMATA proposed Corrective Action Plans
received 11/22/10
- TOC approval or rejection, with comments,
regarding each WMATA CAP to be sent
n/l/t 12/22/10



Internal Audits

- Internal audit program continues at appropriate pace
- Checklists submittals have been made on-time and reports have been thorough
- Corrective Action Plans need to be developed in a timely manner



Development of RWP Program

- WMATA's Roadway Worker Protection manual is complete, although one minor revision has been requested by NTSB
- TOC is concerned that training on the new program has not been well-attended
- If WMATA's training efforts reach adequate levels, TOC concurs with the current approach to implementing RWP Manual



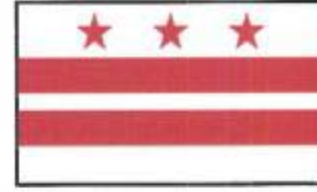
Accident Investigation Recovery Efforts

- Accident investigation recovery activities continue
- Progress has been substantial, but has not met WMATA's internal goals in the Recovery Plan
- Still, all outstanding 2006 and 2007 incidents have been closed



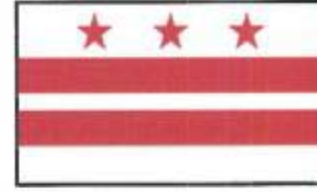
FTA Audit Response

- TOC participated in joint meeting on August 6th with WMATA and FTA
- Follow-up documentation shared on August 13th 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



Escalator Safety Concerns

- WMATA's VTX report reached similar conclusions to TOC's Triennial
- VTX report reinforced TOC's concern on preventive maintenance compliance
- TOC and SAFE personnel have participated in training and information sessions
- WMATA will need to submit Corrective Action Plans for escalator safety-related findings



Major Project TOC Participation

- 7000-series railcar stakeholder meetings have been productive but could use more technical data
- TOC members continue participation on safety & security certification committees for major WMATA projects and for the Dulles Metrorail extensions



WMATA Exec Safety Committee (ESC)

- WMATA's ESC (including recent 12/14 meeting) have fully achieved original objectives
- Participation from senior leadership remains robust and facilitates interdepartmental cooperation
- Results from ESC coordination are tangible
- Progress still must be sustained over the long run



Door Issues of Concern

- Continued wrong-side door incidents indicate problems with procedural adherence
- Manual door operations still remain necessary
- TOC members have been analyzing railcar reliability and safety data with CMNT assistance
- Efficiency checks and effective training are essential to preventing most of these incidents



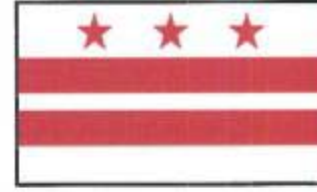
Automated Train Control (ATC) System Monitoring Efforts

- TOC and SAFE efforts to get involved were initially delayed
- WMATA management engagement provided access
- TOC satisfied with current development efforts
- Additional internal WMATA coordination may be necessary to link different program efforts



Other Activities

- TOC will establish a phone line accessible to the public
- TOC will set up a 24-hour answering service to simplify TOC-WMATA incident notification and communication
- TOC members are participating on the FTA's TRACS working group on safety oversight
- TOC continues our system security oversight work in partnership with MTPD and OEM



Questions and Comments

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