

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.



Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

**Tri-State Oversight
Committee Report**



Tri-State Oversight Committee (TOC)



District of Columbia Department
of Transportation

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Presentation to the WMATA Board Safety & Security Committee

March 24, 2011



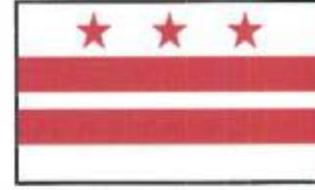
General TOC Assessment of Progress Since December 16th, 2010

- Overall trends are positive
- RWP training progressing appropriately
- Accident investigation progress is exemplary
- Many FTA audit concerns resolved
- Concerns over rule compliance in rail yards



CAP Progress is Moderate

- December, January progress marginal, February acceptable
- March progress very significant
 - Many stemmed from SSPP closure
 - Additional items from OIG, TRST, Safety
- Prioritization of CAP effort remains **critical**



Internal Audits

- TOC has reviewed WMATA's 2010 internal safety and security audit report
- TOC will issue a written approval shortly
- Overall, the internal safety audit and security audit program has made major strides, and annual audit report is strong
- WMATA needs to ensure the required TOC notification 30 days in advance of an audit



Development of RWP Program

- TOC members have taken RWP “bridge training” in recent months; current program a quantum leap over previous efforts
- TOC will monitor RWP implementation, re-assess when program matures
- TOC interested in Worker Ahead Warning System development (WAWS)
- RWP training is hitting targets, has even increased from originally planned levels
- Audit function key to long-term success



Elevator/Escalator Problems

- TOC members have attended ELES training and visited facilities
- TOC personnel responded to a recent escalator incident at Foggy Bottom/GWU
- WMATA has developed appropriate CAPs stemming from the VTX report
- TOC monitoring this issue; we noted SAFE assignment of a full-time escalator safety officer



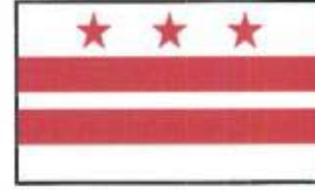
Rail Yard Compliance Concerns

- Recent low-speed collisions in rail yards emphasize a problem with rule compliance
- TOC and Safety are working with RTRA to better understand the problem
- TOC and Safety will be conducting site visits and evaluations in the next two weeks as part of this effort



Accident Investigation Recovery Efforts

- WMATA's accident investigation recovery efforts have been truly exemplary
- Most pre-2010 reports are complete; progress on remaining items continues
- Last year, WMATA had open investigations dating back as far as 2006
- 88 of 100 open investigations cited by the FTA have been completed



WMATA Communication, Access

- TOC and Safety continue to make progress in gaining access to various rail operations
- Participation in ATC, 7000-series stakeholder meetings
- An institutional apprehension over CAPs and audit findings still exists, and must be overcome



FTA Audit Progress

- As of 3/7/2011, FTA closed four WMATA recommendations and six TOC findings
- More expected in next 60 days
- TOC and WMATA will continue work on hazard management, documentation and accident investigation activities
- Closure of some items will require additional TOC assessments



WMATA Plan Updates & Reviews

- TOC approved WMATA's SSPP this January
- TOC has reviewed WMATA's SEPP, working with MTPD to address comments
- TOC is looking forward to reviewing WMATA's updated Accident Investigation Procedures
- Metro Safety Procedures Manual (separate from Rulebook) also needs updating to address FTA findings



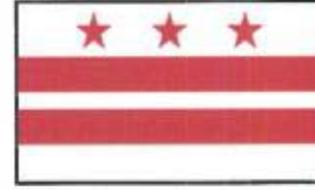
Governance Issues

- TOC internal and TOC-WMATA MOUs fully executed
- Partnering session in January helped to identify further areas for improvement
- TOC will participate in WMATA governance reform efforts per direction of the Executive Committee



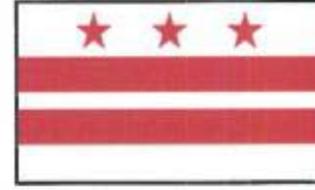
Safety Measurement System

- TOC members have taken SMS training
- WMATA has committed to providing SMS capability at TOC's JGB workstation
- WMATA still making progress in use of SMS to track non-reportable rail hazards like door incidents, overruns
- At FTA's request, TOC will conduct an SMS evaluation in the next 9-12 months



Program Management Notes

- SAFE has provided TOC with three “hotel” stations to facilitate on-site document review and data analysis
- TOC will be activating a 24-hour phone number in early April, # to be published on the website



Questions and Comments

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