

WASHINGTON METRORAIL SAFETY COMMISSION
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RESOLUTION APPROVING TIME-CRITICAL REVISIONS TO THE
PROGRAM STANDARD REGARDING THE SAFETY EVENT NOTIFICATION MATRIX

WHEREAS, the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission (“WMSC”) is the state safety oversight authority for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (“WMATA”) Metrorail system, and oversight of WMATA’s investigative activities of safety events, including accidents, is critical to the mission of the WMSC;

WHEREAS, the legislation authorizing the formation of the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission (the “WMSC”) (also known P.L. 115-54 or the “Compact”) provides the WMSC with responsibility for investigations, including the power to “Conduct, or cause to be conducted, inspections, investigations, examinations, and testing of WMATA personnel and contractors” and to “[t]ake such other actions as the Commission may deem appropriate consistent with its purpose and powers”;

WHEREAS, 49 CFR 674.27(a)(6) requires that the WMSC’s Program Standard establish requirements for WMATA to provide notifications of accidents to the WMSC;

WHEREAS, the WMSC previously adopted the Safety Event Notification Matrix that was in use by the FTA during Federal oversight of WMATA and such Matrix currently appears in Appendix A of the WMSC’s Program Standard;

WHEREAS, the WMSC now has more than 15 months of experience with safety event notifications and WMSC staff have prepared the attached replacement matrix to better capture safety events and to provide more opportunities for meaningful data analysis;

WHEREAS, the WMSC believes that implementing this revised Safety Event Notification Matrix is a time-critical task so that the WMSC may effectively and properly carry out its mandate;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of the WMSC’s Program Standard, as adopted by the WMSC, provides a process through which the WMSC may make time-critical changes to the Program Standard; and

WHEREAS, the WMSC seeks to avail itself of the process for amending the Program Standard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE WASHINGTON METRORAIL SAFETY COMMISSION:
Approves the attached revised Safety Event Notification Matrix as a time-critical revision to the Program Standard. (The revised matrix will replace the one currently found in Appendix A of the Program Standard).

Adopted by the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission at its meeting on June 18, 2020.