

**ORDER OF THE**  
**WASHINGTON METRORAIL SAFETY COMMISSION**

On this day, June 2, 2021, the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission (“WMSC”) issues the following order regarding the WMSC’s access to Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (“WMATA”) closed-circuit television (“CCTV”) cameras in the WMATA Rail System:

WHEREAS, the WMSC is the designated State Safety Oversight Agency for the WMATA Rail System, as required by 49 U.S.C. § 5329(e)(3)(C);

WHEREAS, the WMSC’s powers are established by the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission Interstate Compact (P.L. 115-54; 131 Stat. 1093) (“WMSC Compact”), passed into law by the Commonwealth of Virginia, State of Maryland, and District of Columbia and approved by Congress on August 22, 2017;

WHEREAS, any capitalized terms not defined in this Order are defined in the WMSC Compact;

WHEREAS, among the powers granted to the WMSC under the WMSC Compact is the authority to “[c]onduct, or cause to be conducted, inspections, investigations, examinations, and testing of WMATA personnel and contractors, property, equipment, facilities, rolling stock, and operations of the WMATA Rail System, including, without limitation, electronic information and databases through reasonable means. . . .” WMSC Compact § 31(a);

WHEREAS, the WMSC Compact defines the WMATA Rail System as “the rail fixed guideway public transportation system and all other real and personal property owned, leased, operated, or otherwise used by WMATA rail services and shall include WMATA rail projects under design or construction by owners other than WMATA.” WMSC Compact § 1(m);

WHEREAS, WMATA uses CCTV cameras for a variety of safety purposes, including such functions as monitoring station platforms for overcrowding, confirming reports of hazards, and determining if people or objects are in the operating right-of-way, the WMSC requires real-time access to CCTV cameras in the WMATA Rail System; and

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that WMATA will:

- 1) No later than June 10, 2021, provide the WMSC with continuous, real-time access to view the live stream from all CCTV cameras in the WMATA Rail System, except for specific devices, if any, used exclusively for security purposes and identified as of the date of this Order in a security program approved by the U.S. Department of Transportation or Department of Homeland Security as set forth at 49 C.F.R. part 1520; and
- 2) Provide the WMSC with such access to all additional CCTV cameras WMATA may install in the WMATA Rail System after the date of this Order.

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David Mayer, Chief Executive Officer  
Washington Metrorail Safety Commission