

WASHINGTON METRORAIL SAFETY COMMISSION

Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Location: This meeting was conducted remotely as a publicly-streamed video conference.

These minutes serve as a guide to the video recording of the meeting available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K_z3DSZAEe8. Commissioner questions and comments are fully captured in the video recording.

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Agenda Item #	Items
Attendance	Commissioners present: Chair Christopher Hart and Commissioners Robert Bobb, Debra Farrar-Dyke, Suhair Al Khatib, Greg Hull, and Michael Rush. Alternate Commissioner Robert Lauby was also present but did not vote.
1.	Call to Order. Hart. Hart called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Roll call was taken by WMSC Counsel Brackett Smith, and a quorum was achieved.
2.	Safety Message. Richard David, Emergency Management Specialist/Safety Officer. David discussed the importance of identifying and keeping clear emergency exits paths.
3.	Approval of the minutes of the April 12, 2022, Public Meeting. Farrar-Dyke. Farrar-Dyke moved a motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2022, Public Meeting. Rushseconded the motion. The minutes of the April 12, 2022, Public Meeting were unanimously approved, with Bobb not voting.
4.	Public Comments. Hart. Hart invited comments from members of the public who had joined the webinar audience. There were no public comments.
5.	Chair’s Remarks. Hart.

	<p>Hart previewed the day’s meeting, noting it would cover the WMSC’s ongoing safety oversight activities, consideration of final safety event investigation reports. He mentioned the WMSC continued to work with the National Transportation Safety Board on its investigation into the October 12 derailment and is continuing to work with Metrorail on returning 7000 Series railcars to passenger service and the WMSC’s role in the opening of Phase II of the Silver Line.</p>
6.	<p>CEO’s Remarks. David Mayer, WMSC Chief Executive Officer.</p> <p>Mayer covered in detail recent WMSC activities and Metrorail actions, including with respect to Metrorail’s Return to Service plan for its 7000-Series railcars and the WMSC’s issuance of its no-technical-objections determination on May 19, Metrorail’s decision to pull its uncertified train operators out of service following a WMSC audit, and the WMSC’s May 17 power desk order requiring Metrorail to address its improper power restoration.</p>
7.	<p>7000 Series Railcar Update. Sharmila Samarasinghe, WMSC Chief Operating Officer.</p> <p>Samarasinghe’s update discussed Metrorail’s Return to Service plan for its 7000-Series railcars, including how the plan comports with the WMSC’s December 29, 2021, Order to Metrorail and the specifics of what the plan does and does not include.</p>
8.	<p>Audits. Davis Rajtik, Audit Manager.</p> <p>Rajtik said the WMSC will be reviewing Metrorail’s technical comments to the WMSC’s draft Station Maintenance, Elevator and Escalator Audit report. He noted the final audit of the three-year cycle relates to Metrorail’s communications systems practices, and that the WMSC held an exit conference with Metrorail last month and is preparing a draft audit report for Metrorail’s technical review. Last, he said the next audit cycle will begin with an audit of Metrorail’s programs related to track maintenance and related infrastructure.</p>
9.	<p>Corrective Action Plans (CAPs). Ashley Rhodes, Program Coordination Specialist.</p> <p>Rhodes discussed the CAPs Metrorail has been working on and those that the WMSC has approved, including those relating to the Emergency Management and Fire and Life Safety Programs Audit, the Rail Operations Audit, and relating to the WMSC’s May 17, 2022, Power Desk Order.</p>
10.	<p>Silver Line Phase 2 Status Report. Tino Sahoo, Subject Matter Expert, Traction Power.</p> <p>Sahoo said Metrorail and the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) are progressing toward Metrorail declaring an Operational Readiness Date. Metrorail will then take provisional care, custody and control of the line. Metrorail has not set a specific timeline for that at this point. The WMSC plays no role in determining the Operational Readiness Date. The WMSC</p>

	<p>is tracking approximately 12 open items at this point in our Pre-Revenue Service Review Part 1, out of more than 100 items that that we have tracked over the course of this process. All of the items have agreed upon paths forward to be completed. Metrorail and the Airports Authority may complete some of these items after Metrorail declares the operational readiness date. The WMSC will continue to close these items when the work is completed.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Safety Event Investigations. Adam Quigley, Investigations Manager; Natalie Quiroz, Investigations Analyst; Jemayne Walker, Subject Matter Expert (SME) for Track & Structures; Bruce Walker, SME for Operations.</p> <p>Safety Event Investigation reports may be found at the following link: https://wmsc.gov/oversight/reports/.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Safety Event Investigation Report W-0161 – Improper Door Operation and Station Overruns at Twinbrook Station January 19, 2022. 2. Safety Event Investigation Report W-0162 – Improper Door Operation at Fort Totten Station January 7, 2022. 3. Safety Event Investigation Report W-0163 – Improper Movement in area of Suitland Station December 7, 2021. 4. Safety Event Investigation Report W-0164 Improper Roadway Worker Protection on Orange Line January 25, 2022. 5. Safety Event Investigation Report W-0165 – Collision at Potomac Avenue Station January 9, 2022. 6. Safety Event Investigation Report W-0166 – Collision at Bethesda Station January 29, 2022. 7. Safety Event Investigation Report W-0167 – Serious Injury at Carmen Turner Facility January 14, 2022. <p>Hull moved the adoption of the seven reports and Al Khatib seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>Resolutions and Reports. Hart.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. WMSC R-2022-01 – Resolution Adopting Updated Title VI Plan. Bobb moved for the adoption of the resolution with Al Khatib seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. 2. Annual Safety Report and Annual Operations Report – Reports required to be published annually by the WMSC pursuant to WMSC Interstate Compact sections 35 and 37. Rush moved for the adoption of the reports and Al Khatib seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. 3. WMSC R-2022-02 – Resolution Adopting Fiscal Year 2023 WMSC Work Program and Budget. Hull moved for the adoption of the reports and Bobb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

13.	<p>Adjournment and Executive Session. The Commissioners voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 5 USC 552b(c)(2), to address issues relating solely to internal personnel practices of the agency. Hart moved for the Executive Session and Al Khatib seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Hart adjourned the public portion of the meeting at 2:45 p.m.</p>
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