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**Subject: State Safety Oversight (SSO) Program Audit Tracking Closeout**

Dear Dr. Mayer,

This letter is to formally acknowledge the closing of all findings associated with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) State Safety Oversight (SSO) audit of the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission (WMSC) conducted on April 26, 2021.

During the audit, FTA identified instances where the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission's oversight program was found to be in "Non-Compliance" with specific 49 CFR Part 674 rule requirements. Based on the Final Audit Report dated January 11, 2022, the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission was required to address 11 findings.

Washington Metrorail Safety Commission worked with FTA's SSO Program Office in the recent months to gain approval of Correction Actions and timeframes and by submitting documentation to demonstrate all findings were adequately addressed. As a result of WMSC's submissions, the FTA's SSO Program Office is satisfied with the WMSC's Corrective Actions and relevant documentation and closed all Findings of Non-Compliance from FTA's SSO Triennial Audit (findings closed on July 7, 2022).

**Conclusion**

We appreciate your cooperation and assistance in working with FTA to support this audit. Your actions to address our recommendations will contribute significantly to the goal of improved safety for WMSC's rail transit passengers and employees.



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If you have any questions concerning the audit, or if we can be of assistance, please contact Ruth Lyons, Program Manager, TSO, at [ruth.lyons@dot.gov](mailto:ruth.lyons@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

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