

WASHINGTON METRORAIL SAFETY COMMISSION

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 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=xh-SZt1nolg>. Commissioner questions and comments are fully captured in the video recording.

MINUTES

Agenda Item #	Items
Attendance	Commissioners present: Chair Christopher Hart and Commissioners Robert Bobb (who joined after approval of the minutes), Debra Farrar-Dyke, Suhair Al Khatib, and Michael Rush. Alternate Commissioner Robert Lauby was participated as the second Virginia commissioner.
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 provided winter seasonal safety tips.
3.	Approval of the minutes of the November 15, 2022, Public Meeting. Farrar-Dyke. Farrar-Dyke moved for approval of the minutes of the November 15, 2022, Public Meeting. The minutes of the November 15, 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.

	Hart previewed the day’s meeting, noting it would cover the WMSC’s ongoing safety oversight activities and consideration of final safety event investigation reports.
6.	<p>CEO’s Remarks. David Mayer, Chief Executive Officer.</p> <p>Mayer told commissioners that the WMSC continues to oversee the 7000 Series Return to Service plan and activities related to the opening of Silver Line Phase II. He also told commissioners Metrorail has not implemented its station overrun standard operating procedure and discussed various ongoing WMSC investigations.</p>
7.	<p>7000 Series Railcar Update. Sharmila Samarasinghe, Deputy CEO and Chief Operating Officer</p> <p>Samarasinghe told the commissioners that Metrorail is in Phase II of its October 25, 2022, Return to Service Plan and running 20-30 trains per day. She noted that Metrorail established a Vehicle and Track Working Group at the WMSC’s suggestion under its September 2 Return to Service Plan but has not taken advantage of the interdisciplinary group to address known safety information.</p>
8.	<p>Audits. Davis Rajtik, Audits and CAPs Program Manager</p> <p>Rajtik said the WMSC has received Metrorail’s comments on the Track and is reviewing them. The second audit report of the WMSC’s triennial cycle will cover Metrorail’s Internal Safety Review program and associated corrective actions, and the report will be issued in the coming weeks. The audit team is completing on-site work and interviews for its Structures Audit. The team will then review follow-up documents. In the early 2023, the team will conduct on-site work and interviews for the WMSC’s audit of Metrorail’s Roadway Maintenance Machine Program.</p>
9.	<p>Corrective Action Plans (CAPs). Ashley Rhodes, Program Coordination Specialist.</p> <p>Rhodes noted the WMSC had closed five Metrorail caps since the November 15 meeting, and that there were 127 open CAPs as of December 13. Regarding the latest CAP proposals submitted by Metrorail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The WMSC has approved two Communications Audit CAPs for implementation. The WMSC’s feedback on the remaining CAPs will be sent to Metrorail this week. • Regarding the order the WMSC issued August 4th on Automatic Train Control room inspection, maintenance and cleaning, the WMSC is reviewing the latest version of the draft CAP.
10.	<p>Safety Certification Status Report. Tino Sahoo, Subject Matter Expert, Traction Power.</p> <p>Sahoo said the WMSC is continuing to monitor Metrorail’s implementation of interim safety restrictions and other mitigations designated as part of Metrorail’s Silver Line Phase 2 safety certification.</p>

	<p>Other projects that require WMSC concurrence prior to Metrorail activating them in passenger service include the new Potomac Yard Station and Metrorail’s possible initiation of automatic train operation or automatic door operation.</p> <p>Regarding Metrorail’s work on Automatic Train Operation and Automatic Door Operation, the WMSC has identified issues and communicated detailed questions for several years. This includes information prior to and within the ATC Audit issued in May 2021, additional gaps in Metrorail’s efforts including as it related to test plans and orders in late 2021 and early 2022, and specific safety questions the WMSC has continued to raise over the last several months.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Safety Event Investigations. Adam Quigley, Investigations Manager; Natalie Quiroz, Investigations Analyst.</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-0189 – Evacuation for Life Safety Reasons at Ballston-MU Station – August 11, 2022. 2. Safety Event Investigation Report W-0190 – Derailment near New Carrollton Station – August 29, 2022. 3. Safety Event Investigation Report W-0191 – Serious Injury at Largo Town Center Station – July 28, 2022. 4. Safety Event Investigation Report W-0192 – Evacuation for Life Safety Reasons at Greenbelt Yard – July 11, 2022, and July 12, 2022. 5. Safety Event Investigation Report W-0193 – Evacuation for Life Safety Reasons at Cleveland Park Station – July 29, 2022. 6. Safety Event Investigation Report W-0194 – Evacuation for Life Safety Reasons at Mount Vernon Square Station – July 18, 2022. <p>Bobb moved for the adoption of the six reports. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>Resolution. Hart.</p> <p>The commissioners considered WMSC R-2022-05, adopting the WMSC’s independent financial audit, as required by the WMSC Interstate Compact. Bobb moved for the adoption of the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>14.</p>	<p>Adjournment. Hart adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.</p>