



WMSC Inspection Report 20241227

ISSUED 12/30/24

Inspection Details

Title: Observation of WMATA Track Inspection Union Station to Farragut North

Location: Track 1 B03 (Union Station) to A02 (Farragut North)

Date: 12/27/2024

Time: 10:00am to 12:00pm

Announced by email on December 23, 2024

Non-Risk Based

Overview

The WMSC accompanied a Track and Structures (TRST) track inspection from B03 (Union Station) to A02 (Farragut North). The TRST inspection team included one roadway worker in charge (RWIC), two advance mobile flaggers (AMF), two track inspectors, and one TRST superintendent.

The RWIC provided the job safety briefing on the platform at Union Station.



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WMATA Roadway Job Safety Briefing Form

This form must be completed legibly and accurately and be retained and made available for inspectors for a period of 90 days.

Part 1: General Job Briefing

1	Date: 12/27/24	Time: 10:36	RWIC: [Redacted]
2	RWIC Call #: 6521	RWIC Cell Phone #: [Redacted]	
3	Safety Contact: 15.3.6	RWP Rule: 169	
4	Work Location: B03-004	Job Task(s): Track Inspection	
5	Worksite: Electrical, Chemical or Environmental Hazards	PPE Inspected: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Device Policy Reviewed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6	RWP Stickers Inspected: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tools and Equipment Inspected: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Radio Certification Date Inspected: 3x
7	What Specialized PPE Will Be Used?		
8	Emergency Response Plan		

Part 2: RWP Briefing: This section must be filled out before any Roadway Workers enter the Alleyway.

Track Time On/Off: 0:38

9	Rail Line: S, P	Track Number(s): 1	Track Access Guide (TAG) Speed
10	Working Limits Chain Markers: B03-004	OPS Radio Channel: 1	OPS Phone Number: 703962-1546
11	Place of Safety: <i>outside catwalk</i>	Time Needed to Reach Place of Safety:	
12	Are There Red Hot Spots Within Your Working Limits? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Red Hot Spot Hazard(s):	
13	Red Hot Spot Chain Markers: 1400 to 3300	curve	
14	Form of RWP: FT <input type="checkbox"/> ETD Authority <input type="checkbox"/> Local Signal Control <input type="checkbox"/> AMT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RWP Notes:	
15	Advanced Mobile Flagger Call # (s) or Last Name(s): 6086 - Mekens - Jan-23	Advanced Mobile Flagger Placement: 800 marker	
16	Watchman/lookout Placement:	Required Site Distance:	
17	Watchman/lookout Rotation Schedule:	Will There Be a Speed Restriction on the Adjacent Track? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
18	How Will the Speed Restriction be Implemented?	Will Class 2 Vehicles be Part of the Working Limits? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
19	Ref Class 2 Vehicles:	Type of Class 2 Vehicles:	

Figure 1 Front page of job safety briefing form

The track inspection team complied with WMATA RWP requirements with the RWIC acting as watchman/lookout. This inspection was part of the revised TRST track inspection procedures with two inspectors on one track. No new track defects were observed by the TRST track inspection team.

Defects and Corrective Actions

WMSC Inspections identify safety issues that may be classified as defects, findings, or recommendations. Findings and recommendations are defined by Program Standard Section 5.E.2 and 5.E.3 respectively. Ordinarily, issues identified in a WMSC inspection report are classified as defects. Defects are specific safety issues of non-conformance/non-compliance that are identified and that require remedial action.

This inspection did not identify any findings or recommendations and therefore does not require a WMSC Corrective Action Plan in accordance with Program Standard Section 5.E.4.

This inspection did not identify any defects and therefore it is only required that WMATA acknowledge receipt by January 2, 2024.

Additional Observations

ETS Boxes



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All the Emergency Trip Stations (ETS) observed during this inspection seemed to be working.

Lighting

Metrorail TRST track inspectors reported that the lighting between A03 (Dupont Circle) and A04 (Woodley Park) is inadequate. WMSC encourages Metrorail to inspect the lighting between A03 and A04.

Next Steps

Please respond by Thursday, January 2, 2024, to acknowledge receipt.