



Inspection Form

Form WMSC-IR-1

Washington Metrorail Safety Commission

Agency/Department Information

Inspection Date	YYYY/MM/DD 2024/02/15	Report Number	20240215-WMSC-DLB-1
Rail Agency Name	Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority	Rail Agency Department	Name
Rail Agency Department	RTRA	Contact Information	
Inspection Location	Greenbelt Station Greenbelt Metro Dr., Greenbelt MD 20770 (and) Greenbelt Railyard 5801Sunnyside Ave, College Park, MD20740		

Inspection Summary

Inspection Activity #	1
Activity Code	OBS-RTRA-WI
Inspection Units	2
Inspection Subunits	
Defects (Number)	9
Recommended Finding	Yes
Remedial Action Required¹	Yes
Recommended Reinspection	Yes

Activity Summaries

Inspection Activity #	1	Inspection Subject	Station and Railyard Inspection				Activity Code	OBS-RTRA-WI			
Job Briefing Employee Name/Title	Station Manager Greenbelt Railyard and Superintendent Greenbelt Railyard.	Accompanied Inspector?	Yes	Out Brief Conducted	Yes	Time	06:00 AM	Outside Shift	No		
Related Reports	N/A.	Related CAPS / Findings		N/A							
Related Rules, SOPs, Standards, or Other	Ref	Rule or SOP		Standard		Other / Title		Checklist Reference			
		Metrorail Operating Rulebook (MOR)	Section 17.2 Roadway Worker Protection Cardinal Rules, number 4. Section 17.3 Defining the Roadway, 17.3.7. Section 17.11 Personal Protective Equipment Standard for On-Track Safety 17.11.3 Section 17.16 Individual Train Detection, Sections 17.16.1 and 17.16.2. Section 18.3 Clothing Personal Protective Equipment, Section 18.3.5.	N/A.		N/A.		N/A.			
Inspection Location	Main Track	Yard	Station	OCC	RTA Facility	WMSC Office	Track Type	At-grade	Tunnel	Elevated	N/A
		X	X								
Line(s) & Track Number	Greenbelt Station Greenbelt Metro Dr., Greenbelt MD 20770 (and) Greenbelt Railyard 5801Sunnyside Ave, College Park, MD20740		Chain Marker and/or Station(s)			From			To		
						N/A.			N/A.		
Vehicles	Head Car Number		Number of Cars		Equipment		N/A.				
	N/A.		N/A.								
Description	<p>The WMSC (Washington Metrorail Safety Commission) Safety Inspectors conducted an unannounced inspection at the Greenbelt Rail Station and the Greenbelt Rail Yard on Friday February 16, 2024. The main elements of the inspection were observations, questioning and verification of departmental checklists used to gauge their accuracy and functionality. A Metrorail Station Manager escorted the WMSC Inspectors during the inspection where applicable. OBSERVATIONS: The Greenbelt Station and Yard Inspection identified issues that require WMATA's immediate attention. OBSERVATIONS: 1. Radio communication problems included a lack of reliable reception in certain areas within the station platform. The WMSC spoke with the Terminal Supervisor working the Unit 18. 2. During the Station Inspection, it was identified that the Station Kiosk did not have a Bull Horn or a Wireless Microphone, compromising the ability of the Station Manager in the event of an emergency. Within the Station Manager's Kiosk an electrical condition is improperly repaired with Masking Tape. 3. Emergency Equipment Room 215 adjacent to the Terminal Supervisor workstation has access impeded by equipment storage. 4. A large gap between the metal panels was observed on escalator X01. X01 is currently in operation between the mezzanine and the Station Platform creating a pinch hazard for customers and employees. 5. The walkway between the Greenbelt Yard and the Greenbelt Station has only two functioning lights out of eight. The low lighting conditions present a Security and Safety concern. This condition, along with the damaged concrete hazard identified below is creating a compounding hazard. 6. The walkway between the Greenbelt Yard and the Greenbelt Station has a broken/missing section of the concrete step adjacent to the handrail creating a hazardous condition exacerbated by the lighting condition identified above. 7. At the Grade crossing adjacent</p>						Number of Defects		9		
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	<p>to the S & I shop closest doors six and seven, the signs to alert vehicles of the grade crossing and to stop to avoid collisions is not in place for vehicle traffic. This creates a hazard of vehicle to train collision putting employees and equipment at risk of injury or death and damage to WMATA equipment and employee vehicles. 8. An employee was observed during an Inspection not using the required PPE (Personal Protective Equipment). No hard hat or safety glasses were observed or in use. The safety shoes observed from a distance maybe be in violation rule 18.3.5 (Tennis shoes, sandals, or similar type shoes that resemble tennis shoes, are prohibited. 9. The Interlocking operator stated that personnel were inspecting the Greenbelt Yard 200 and 300 switches. Additionally, The WMSC observed the Interlocking Operator giving permission over the radio for additional Inspection activities. No RWP (Roadway Worker Protection) protection was observed.</p>		
Remedial Action	Require Metrorail to remedy all identified deficiencies and report mitigations to the WMSC. Perform reinspection to verify the implementations provided by Metrorail.		

¹ The rail transit agency must provide WMSC with the necessary evidence (e.g. maintenance work order system records, photos, documentation, records, data, or other evidence) to close out the Remedial Action. Closeout of Remedial Actions may also be subject to ongoing WMSC verification inspections to ensure corrections are sufficient and effective.

Inspector in Charge's Signature		Date 2024/02/15
Inspector in Charge's Name Darrell Braxton	Inspection Team Bruce Walker	