



## Inspection Form

Form WMSC-IR-1

Washington Metrorail Safety Commission

**Agency/Department Information**

<b>Inspection Date</b>	YYYY/MM/DD 2024/03/08	<b>Report Number</b>	20240308-WMSC-LBW-2
<b>Rail Agency Name</b>	Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority	<b>Rail Agency Department</b>	Name
<b>Rail Agency Department</b>	Emergency Management	<b>Contact Information</b>	
<b>Inspection Location</b>	Forest Glen Station		

**Inspection Summary**

<b>Inspection Activity #</b>	1
<b>Activity Code</b>	OBS-SAFE-QAI
<b>Inspection Units</b>	1
<b>Inspection Subunits</b>	0
<b>Defects (Number)</b>	4
<b>Recommended Finding</b>	Yes
<b>Remedial Action Required<sup>1</sup></b>	Yes
<b>Recommended Reinspection</b>	Yes

**Activity Summaries**

<b>Inspection Activity #</b>	1	<b>Inspection Subject</b>	Operations and fire life safety				<b>Activity Code</b>	OBS-SAFE-QAI				
<b>Job Briefing Employee Name/Title</b>	Darrell L. Braxton		<b>Accompanied Inspector?</b>	No	<b>Out Brief Conducted</b>	Yes	<b>Time</b>	08:00 AM	<b>Outside Shift</b>	Yes		
<b>Related Reports</b>	NA		<b>Related CAPS / Findings</b>			NA						
<b>Related Rules, SOPs, Standards, or Other</b>	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Rule or SOP</b>			<b>Standard</b>	<b>Other / Title</b>			<b>Checklist Reference</b>			
	NA	NA			NA	NA			NA			
<b>Inspection Location</b>	<b>Main Track</b>	<b>Yard</b>	<b>Station</b>	<b>OCC</b>	<b>RTA Facility</b>	<b>WMSC Office</b>	<b>Track Type</b>	<b>At-grade</b>	<b>Tunnel</b>	<b>Elevated</b>	<b>N/A</b>	
			X						X			
<b>Line(s) &amp; Track Number</b>	Forest Glen Station				<b>Chain Marker and/or Station(s)</b>	<b>From</b>			<b>To</b>			
						NA			NA			
<b>Vehicles</b>	<b>Head Car Number</b>		<b>Number of Cars</b>		<b>Equipment</b>	NA						
	NA		NA									
<b>Description</b>	<p>The WMSC Inspectors conducted an unannounced fire life safety inspection on the RED Line at the Forest Glen Station. The focus of the inspection was customer evacuation in the event of an emergency. The Forest Glen Station is 20 stories below grade and only uses elevators for customer access. In the event of an emergency, the Forest Glen station is unique in the way emergencies are handled. The WMSC team inspected the emergency egress paths and the two areas of refuge. In the event of an emergency and the fire gates are lowered, there are two emergency use only egress doors and hallway to allow customers to pass the fire gate. There is one egress door for each track. 1. Door and hallway C625 has a malfunctioning light fixture. The light is on, but barely illuminated. 2. Behind door C625, Metrorail is storing an expandable gate and 5-gallon container. The storage of these items could create a hazard in the event of an emergency. The inspection team identified Fan Room 612 with a malfunctioning door. Room 612 contains controls that should be locked and not accessible to the public. The inspection team unsuccessfully tried to secure the room. With the passing of rail vehicles, the door would continue to open. The WMSC team inspected the two (2) areas of refuge. The area of refuge is to be kept clean and available in the event of an emergency. There are signs posted stating that items are not to be stored in this location. Although there are signs posted, Metrorail employees have stored nine (9) four (4) inch cast iron pipes, an eight (8) foot ladder and a battery-operated Man Lift. Following the inspection, a notification was sent to Metrorail with the safety conditions listed and identifying the time to correct the items. The WMSC also requested that Metrorail immediately conduct a fire life safety inspection of the Forest Glen Station. A reinspection of the Forest Glen Station is recommend</p>										<b>Number of Defects</b>	4
											<b>Recommended Finding?</b>	Yes
											<b>Remedial Action Required?</b>	Yes
	<b>Recommended Reinspection?</b>	Yes										
<b>Remedial Action</b>	The WMSC sent Metrorail a requirement to address the defects and to conduct a fire life safety inspection of the Forest Glen Station by March 15, 2024											



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<sup>1</sup> 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 2024/03/08
Inspector in Charge's Name LeBon Bruce Walker	Inspection Team Darrell L. Braxton	