



Inspection Form

Form WMSC-IR-1

Washington Metrorail Safety Commission

Agency/Department Information

Inspection Date	YYYY/MM/DD 2024/09/09	Report Number	20240909-WMSC-DLB-1
Rail Agency Name	Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority	Rail Agency Department	Name
Rail Agency Department	RWP	Contact Information	
Inspection Location	Branch Avenue Metro Station (F99) 4704 Old Soper Road, Suitland-Silver Hill, MD 20746		

Inspection Summary

Inspection Activity #	1
Activity Code	OBS-SAFE-TNG-QAI
Inspection Units	1
Inspection Subunits	0
Defects (Number)	4
Recommended Finding	No
Remedial Action Required¹	No
Recommended Reinspection	Yes

Activity Summaries

Inspection Activity #	1	Inspection Subject	RWP Safety Stand Down Training			Activity Code	OBS-SAFE-TNG-QAI				
Job Briefing Employee Name/Title	Yes	Accompanied Inspector?	No	Out Brief Conducted	Yes	Time	07:00 AM	Outside Shift	Yes		
Related Reports	WMSC- 2024 Roadway Worker Protection (RWP) Audit		Related CAPS / Findings		N/A.						
Related Rules, SOPs, Standards, or Other	Ref		Rule or SOP		Standard		Other / Title		Checklist Reference		
	N/A.		PO-24-08 - Application of RWP PO-24-10 - Transfer of Authority PO-24-25-Bulletin Orders & Required Documentation PO-24-09-Entrust Token		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	Branch Avenue Metro Station (F99) 4704 Old Soper Road, Suitland-Silver Hill, MD 20746			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>BACKGROUND: The WMSC became aware of Metrorail's creation and implementation of several Permanent Order(s) PO via its attendance at various Rail Safety Standard Committee (RSSC) meetings. The Safety Stand down training conducted by Metrorail is being effectuated throughout the Metrorail system. The training targets approximately 5600 frontline Metrorail employees whose duties involve working on the roadway. The training incorporates the following Permanent Orders: 1. PO-24-08 -Application of RWP. 2. PO-24-10 -Transfer of Authority. 3. PO-24-05 - Bulletin Orders & Required Documentation. 4. PO-24-09 -Entrust Token (additional CBT for Roadway Worker in Charge - RWIC). OBSERVATIONS: The training was based on a thirty-eight-slide power point presentation. It was instructed by a Metrorail Department of Safety representative with 12 years of experience with Metrorail. The total time allotted for the training was one hour. However, the training had a high degree of flexibility regarding instructional time. For example, the course could be potentially less than an hour depending on the audience and their job titles and experience with Metrorail's roadway. The class observed had a total of three participants - two Metrorail personnel and one WMSC Inspector. The instructor was going to focus on only PO-24-08 - Application of RWP if the two Metrorail personnel indicated that they were not level IV and using the RWIC functionalities like transfer of Authority and taking down and bringing up third rail power. The contents of permanent orders PO-24-10 -Transfer of Authority and PO-24-09 - Entrust Token covered the details of these actions to be performed by the RWIC. The instructor discussed the steps necessary to perform the transfer of authority between two RWIC(s) in brief because the participants indicated that they were not directly involved in this task when queried by the instructor. Additionally, the instructor went into more detail concerning PO-24-09 - Entrust Token & Code due to one person saying that he may be affected by it. The stand down session comprised of a level 2 and level 4 qualified Metrorail personnel. The course was predicated on Metrorail's statement in the context section of the training that they have a safe fully developed RWP program. Metrorail states per the quote, " Preventing roadway workers from being struck by a moving rail vehicle is a critical safety priority." The training mentions that Metrorail</p>	Number of Defects	4
		Recommended Finding?	No
		Remedial Action Required?	No
		Recommended Reinspection?	Yes



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	reviewed the current RWP program and Identified hazards.	
Remedial Action		

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 2024/09/09
Inspector in Charge's Name Darrell Braxton	Inspection Team N/A.	