



### Inspection Form

Form WMSC-IR-1

Washington Metrorail Safety Commission

**Agency/Department Information**

<b>Inspection Date</b>	YYYY/MM/DD 2024/09/27	<b>Report Number</b>	20240927-WMSC-DLB-1
<b>Rail Agency Name</b>	Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority	<b>Rail Agency Department</b>	Name
<b>Rail Agency Department</b>	RWP	<b>Contact Information</b>	
<b>Inspection Location</b>	Branch Avenue Metro Station (F99) 4704 Old Soper Road, Suitland-Silver Hill, MD 20746		

**Inspection Summary**

<b>Inspection Activity #</b>	1
<b>Activity Code</b>	OBS-SAFE-TNG-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>	RWP Safety Stand Down Training			<b>Activity Code</b>	OBS-SAFE-TNG-QAI				
<b>Job Briefing Employee Name/Title</b>	Yes	<b>Accompanied Inspector?</b>	No	<b>Out Brief Conducted</b>	Yes	<b>Time</b>	07:00 AM	<b>Outside Shift</b>	Yes		
<b>Related Reports</b>	WMSC- 2024 Roadway Worker Protection (RWP) Audit 20240909-WMSC-DLB-1		<b>Related CAPS / Findings</b>			N/A.					
<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>		
	September 27, 2024: Order regarding Metrorail's future Roadway Worker Protection Program Revisions.		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.		
<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>	Branch Avenue Metro Station (F99) 4704 Old Soper Road, Suitland-Silver Hill, MD 20746			<b>Chain Marker and/or Station(s)</b>		<b>From</b>			<b>To</b>		
						N/A.			N/A.		
<b>Vehicles</b>	<b>Head Car Number</b>		<b>Number of Cars</b>		<b>Equipment</b>		N/A.				
	N/A.		N/A.								
<b>Description</b>	<p>BACKGROUND: A meeting was held between Metrorail and the WMSC on Thursday September 26, 2024. The meeting was conducted via Zoom and was in response to Metrorail's request. The meeting was predicated on the need to clarify the WMSCs concerns that were conveyed via an email response sent to the Rail Transit Agency (RTA) on Thursday September 19, 2024. The specific concerns were listed in report 20240909-WMSC-DLB-1. The WMSC met with the RTA to hear Metrorail's explanations on the following areas involving its Roadway Worker Protection (RWP) program. Below is a list of the areas: -Metrorail's Strategy for the RWP program -How proposed changes come about -How the proposed changes are considered against the overall RWP program &amp; Safety Assessment conducted for each proposed change Additionally, data and situations that led to the cited hazards mentioned in the recent RWP Safety Stand Down) list: 1. Workers Utilizing RWP when there is no risk 2. Diverted attention of the Rail Traffic Controllers (RTC(s)) 3. Devaluation of the RWP when hazards are not present RESULTS OF THE MEETING: Information that was discussed during the meeting minimally provided clarification for the areas listed earlier in this report. Consequently, the WMSC issued an order to Metrorail on Friday September 27, 2024. The order permitted Metrorail to put into effect on Tuesday October 1, 2024, all permanent orders discussed during the Safety Stand Down Training. The 2024 RWP Audit that the WMSC conducted of the Metrorail system resulted in 13 findings. During the audit, WMSC Inspectors observed unsafe implementation, contradictory procedures and policies at all sites inspected during the RWP Audit. As a result, 13 corrective action plans are being developed to mitigate the safety concerns identified by the WMSC. Additionally, the order is further connected to the 2024 RWP Audit as it addresses the frequent changes made to RWP rules that creates unique problems for Metrorail's RWP program. The goal of the order is to ensure that Metrorail administers changes to its RWP rules, procedures, and policies in an annual and comprehensive fashion. In addition, permission and approval must be granted from the WMSC after a thorough review before new RWP rule changes can be enacted by Metrorail.</p>						<b>Number of Defects</b>		4		
							<b>Recommended Finding?</b>		Yes		
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<b>Remedial Action</b>	The WMSC issued an order to ensure that Metrorail administers changes to its RWP rules, procedures, and policies in an annual and comprehensive fashion. In addition, permission and approval must be granted from the WMSC after a thorough review before new RWP rule changes can be enacted by Metrorail.
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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.

<b>Inspector in Charge's Signature</b>		<b>Date</b> 2024/09/27
<b>Inspector in Charge's Name</b> Darrell Braxton	<b>Inspection Team</b> N/A.	